

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JUNE 20, 2006
7:30 P.M.**

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an open working session from 6:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Administration Office of the Switzerland County School Corporation.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

President Ranz called the meeting to order and lead the group in the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE:

Board members in attendance were Mr. Ranz, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Truitt, Mrs. See, Mr. Cole, Mr. Phipps, Mrs. Swango, and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance were Melissa May, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Elizabeth Tharp Jones, Susan Jill Cord, Brandon Roeder, Candis Haskell, Virgil McKay, Gayla Bullock, Marietta Crandell, Pansy Covington, Glo Asbury, Pam Acton, Larry Monjar, Roger Christman and Debi Sefton.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mrs. See made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with additional items. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting held on May 15, 2006 in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Cole seconded. Mr. Phipps said that he had questions regarding the amount in the cafeteria fund. He said that he would like to know what steps had been taken to get to that point, since the amount had been in the red for so long. He said he would like to go over it in depth when the price increases are discussed. The board voted unanimously to approve the fund report as submitted.

CLAIMS:

Claims #32405 through 32522 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mrs. Swango. Mr. Ranz asked the length of the Florida BPA conference

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described in claim #32421 to Scott Stewart. Deputy Treasurer, Melissa May, said the conference was for one week. Mrs. Swango asked what kind of insurance was paid to Broker's National in the amount of \$393.80 in claim #32418. Ms. May said this was for May's Vision Insurance. Mrs. Swango asked if SSU had a Capital Projects allocation to take care of claim #32511. Mr. Caddell said there was. She said she noticed that the fund number indicated the monies to be taken out of the General Fund. Mr. Caddell said the correction would be made. Mrs. Swango also asked if it would be possible to get an appropriations report that showed how much was spent from each fund by the end of June. Mr. Caddell said that he could go over those figures right now, if she liked. She said that she just wanted to look at it.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three Endowment Requests were presented to the board for approval. A request for the tinting of the windows for an amount up to \$21,800 at the High School was presented to the board for approval to take to the Endowment Committee. This was something that needed to be done for a Freshman student with health issues regarding light sensitivity. The vote to approve the request was approved unanimously in a motion by Mrs. See, seconded by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the Endowment Request for paving the back parking lot at the High School, submitted by Mr. Marshall. Two bids were received, the lowest being Dave O'Mara in the amount of \$59,700, the amount to be taken to the committee for approval. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. Mr. Ranz abstained from the vote, as he is an employee of the O'Mara company. All other board members voted to approve the request.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the request for \$10,000 per year in cooperation with the Switzerland County Community Foundation for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library Reading Program presented by the Foundation's president, Pam Acton; school Superintendent, Caddell; and the Elementary school principals, Dr. Jones and Mr. Hansel. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. Mrs. Acton said the goal of this request is to get pledges for the program for at least five years. The premise of the program is that each child born in Switzerland County is eligible to receive one age appropriate book each month until the child reaches Kindergarten age, delivered in their name, at their home address. So far, there are 100 children signed up for the program. Mrs. Swango asked what would happen if the Endowment did not approve the funding. Mr. Caddell said that if that were to happen, it would be brought back to the school board to decide the next step. The board voted unanimously to approve the request.

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Mr. Caddell said that he would like the board members to appoint a committee to open bread, milk, trash, and fuel bids on the afternoon of July 17, 2006 so that tabulations can be done and a recommendation at the board meeting later that evening. Bill Roberts and Laurice See were nominated and approved unanimously in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Cole.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the recommended salary/pay increases for non-certified personnel to take effect on July 1st for the 2006-2007 school year. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

A \$1000 Teacher Innovation grant donation from Dow Corning for a Science project to be implemented by Tony Spoores and Lesa McGarvey was approved unanimously by the board in a motion made by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Cole moved to approve a contract King's Daughter's Hospital and Health Services Rehabilitation Department and the Switzerland County School Corporation for Certified Athletic Trainer coverage for its athletes. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Cafeteria Director, Gayla Bullock presented a 10 cent lunch price increase recommendation to the board for approval. The increase is being recommended due to the requirements of the new Wellness Policy going into effect. The new price would be as follows:

Jefferson-Craig and Switzerland County Elementary Schools:	\$1.80
Switzerland County Middle School:	\$1.90
Switzerland County High School:	\$2.00
All Staff / Adults:	\$2.65

Mr. Phipps asked if the entire cafeteria staff was paid from the cafeteria fund. Mr. Caddell said all of them, except Mrs. Bullock's, were being paid from that fund. Mr. Phipps said that the current balance, then, was actually showing a profit. Mr. Caddell said that because the fund was not showing a negative amount did not mean that a profit was being made. Mr. Phipps was unsure that raising the lunch prices, when the cafeteria fund was already showing an improvement was such a good thing. Mr. Caddell said that because of the cost of foods increasing as a result of higher gas prices and such, as well as new guidelines that needed to be met with the new Wellness Policy, it was their belief that the increase would be necessary. Mr. Truitt asked Mrs. Bullock where the cafeteria would be without the dime increase. Mrs. Bullock said she could not answer that question due to all of the unknown variables, such as how many of the students would eat the lunches with the new requirements, how much the cost of the foods were actually going to go up, and how much reimbursement would be allocated from the state. Mrs. See asked if the ten cents was going to be enough. Mrs. Bullock said she thought it would. Mrs. Swango asked where we were with uncollected meal money. Mrs. Bullock said that thanks to the new system being utilized, it is around \$150 for each school, compared to

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several years ago when one school had five to six thousand dollars. Mrs. See motioned to approve the new lunch prices. Mr. Truitt seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the Letter of Agreement between the school corporation and the Indiana Department of Education for the School Nutrition Program for the 2006-2007 school year. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Roger Christman said that he noticed the agenda was lacking any information regarding revisiting the fuel clause. He asked if this was something they would be willing to discuss at this time. Mr. Caddell said they had been discussing it. He said that if Mr. Christman had any additional information, they would be glad to consider it. Mr. Christman gave each board member some calculations for them to review before a decision was made.

Jill Cord presented the board with a list of meetings and responses between her and the Superintendent's Office during the past few weeks.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve several personnel requests as listed below:

- Acceptance of retirement of corporation bus driver, Marietta Crandell
- Employment of Brandon Roeder as Middle School Language Arts teacher
- Acceptance of retirement of High School teacher, Glenda White
- Acceptance of resignation of High School principal, Derek Marshall
- Acceptance of resignation of Elementary Volleyball Coach, Kathy Keith
- Acceptance of resignation of High School Math teacher, Ryan Cummings
- Employment of Tammy Cole as corporation bus driver

The motion was seconded by Mrs. See. Mr. Cole abstained from the vote, while all other board members voted to approve the requests.

Mr. Ranz presented a plaque to retiring bus driver, Marietta Crandell, for her years of service to the school corporation.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Two requests for workshops were approved unanimously by the board in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mrs. See. Ryan Jesop was approved to attend Roger Taylor Writing Workshop in Clarksville on June 12th through the 16th, which was approved by the Superintendent prior to the board meeting due to the late notice from DOE. Also, Kathy Williams will be attending a music workshop in Minneapolis on July 17th and 18th and asked that the board pay only the cost of the registration.

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USE OF FACILITIES:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve two requests for the use of school facilities. Mr. Cole seconded and the vote was unanimous. They are as follows:

- H.S. baseball field for Pony League, requested by Jamie Hayes and Shannon Barger
- H.S. softball field for summer girl's softball by Rick Daugherty and Steve Konkle

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Caddell announced the next Endowment meeting on Tuesday, June 27, 2006.

Mr. Caddell also announced that the next board meeting would be held on July 17, 2006.

Mr. Caddell wanted to extend his best wishes to Mr. Marshall, Mrs. Haskell, and Mr. Cummings.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Cole wanted to thank Roger Christman and Larry Monjar for providing the facts and figures regarding fuel costs. He said he knew it took some time and effort on their part to research.

Mrs. See welcomed the new Language Arts teacher, Brandon Roeder, to the staff and hoped that he would enjoy his employment with our school corporation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned.

Jack Ranz, President

Andy Truitt, Vice President

Laurice See, Secretary

Duane Cole, Member

James Phipps, Member

William Roberts, Member

Wilma Swango, Member