

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

August 21, 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 Switzerland County Administration Building.

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 Ann Geyman, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Bud Acton, Pam Acton, Phyllis Weaver, Susana Reyes-Trejo, Elizabeth Tharp Jones, Michael Splain, Angela Splain, Diana Edwards, Darrell Hansel, Greg Curlin, Candis Haskell, Erin Gerth, Dave Ziegler, David Todd, Angela Todd, Logan Todd, Brooke Todd, Nancy Stearns, Joanne Gaudin, Jonathan Rupp, Patty Hildebrand, George Hildebrand, Jeremy Hildebrand, S. Leanne Repper, Casie Campbell, Steven Konkle, Janie Konkle, Lesa McGarvey, Debi Sefton, Beverly Stoops, and Brian Bowen.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda with an addition of a fuel modification Clause to be added under New Business, and under Personnel, a recommendation to hire a new business teacher at the High School.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to table approval of the July 24th minutes of the regular school board meeting in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mrs. See.

FUND REPORT:

Mrs. See moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Truitt seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the report.

CLAIMS:

Claims # 32665 through 32796 were presented for approval in a motion by Mrs. See and seconded by Mr. Cole. Mrs. Swango asked if the Greenhouse would be continuing to be

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run as a business. Mr. Curlin said that they would probably be doing some seasonal business, such as in the Spring. Mrs. Swango asked what kinds of books were being purchased from Harcourt in claim#32739 in the amount of \$8,107.59. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said they were mostly Math workbooks and gave a breakdown of what was purchased on each grade level. The board voted to approve the claims in a unanimous decision.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS:

In the Celebrate Success part of the meeting, the school board recognized the nominees for each of the schools. Board President, Ranz, congratulated each student with a pin and a handshake. The nominees are as follows:

Switz. Co. High School: Jeremy Hildebrand, gr. 11, nominated by Erin Gerth
Jefferson Craig Elem.: Colton Splain, gr. 4, nominated by Kathy Williams
Switz. Co. Elem.: Susana Reves-Trejo, gr. 5, nominated by Dr. Jones
Switz. Co. Middle School: Tiffany Edward, gr. Lesa McGarvey

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Three Endowment Requests were presented for approval to the board. The first request was from Mr. Caddell for \$581,000 for 2007's Debt Service. Mr. Truitt moved to approve the request. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the Endowment Request from Danny DeBaun for two air compressors in the amount of \$30,168. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion. The board's vote to approve the request was unanimous.

Janet Splain requested replacement showers for the High School. Mr. Phipps moved to approve the request up to the amount of \$33,474. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve a series of professional days with an early release to be used for professional development as well as a parent teacher conference day during Fall Break for the 2006-2007 school year. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The recommended days are 10/12/06, 12/13/06, 2/13/07, 4/3/07, and 5/1/06. Mrs. See asked about the colored lens workshop being suggested for one of the days. Mrs. Haskell explained that some of the students need special glasses with colored lenses to discern letters and shapes which tend to fade into the background, causing reading difficulties. The workshop would educate the teachers about the problems the students face, as well

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as how to identify signs that a student might need them. The board voted unanimously to approve the recommended days.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve an amended non-certified evaluation form. Mrs. See seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango asked for a clarification of the changes. Mr. Caddell said that he was recommending two changes. The first change was the recommendation that the same formula be used for salaried, non-certified employees. The second change dealt with allowing the superintendent to recommend the annual cost of living increase based on the corporation's budget and expected revenue for the upcoming year in response to budget restraints as well as a change in the point scale for the evaluation. The vote was as follows: AYES: Swango, See, Truitt, Cole, Ranz. NAYS: Roberts, Phipps.

A Fuel Modification Clause was unanimously approved by the board in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Roberts. The clause replaced the current Gas Modification clause, retroactive to August 1, 2006. The \$1.00 per day provision of the current clause will not be applied for the 2006-2007 school year. The base price is set at \$1.529 per gallon. The base price is the price the corporation paid for fuel on or near July 1, 2004. The current price is the price the corporation paid for fuel on or near January 1, or July 1 for the recalculation period. The July 1, 2006 current price is set at \$2.594. The price difference is the current price minus the base price. The formula adds the official mileage of route and the extensions at seven miles per gallon multiplied by the price difference. The formula amount is per day and will be paid each pay period. The formula can result in either an increase or decrease per day for the driver.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

Several plaques were presented by board president Ranz to honor staff and community members for their dedicated services to the school corporation and its students. David Todd was honored for his past six years as Varsity Coach. Steven Konkle was honored for 14 years of service as Junior Varsity coach. Larry Buck of Belterra was honored for his generosity to the school corporation through Endowment Fund donations as well as grant funding. Pam Acton was honored for her services in helping make the Dolly Parton's Imagination Library a reality for Switzerland County's youngest residents and future students.

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The board voted unanimously to approve several personnel requests in a motion made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Cole. They are as follows:

- FMLA leave from Richard McClellan
- Retirement request from Shirley Scott
- Resignation request from Angie Satterfield
- Employment of Sally Leann Repper at the Middle School
- Employment of Jonathon Rupp at the High School
- Resignation request from Jeff Mersmann
- ECA recommendations from all schools (listed below)

High School: Varsity Volleyball, Michelle Brett/ Assistant Volleyball, Lesa McGarvey/ Cross Country, Mark Boggs/ Girls Golf, Mike McClure, Boys Soccer, Tony Spoores; Volunteer Soccer Assistants, Brandon Roeder and Chris Main/ Girls Soccer, Kevin Craig/ Volunteer Soccer Assistant, Roy Leap/ Boys Varsity Basketball, Brian Bowen/ Assistant Boys Varsity Basketball, Adam Dennis/ Boys Junior Varsity Basketball, Mark Boggs/ Freshman Boys Basketball, Sean McGarvey/ Girls Varsity Basketball, Wayne Ellegood/ Assistant Girls Varsity Basketball, Fred Ross/ Junior Varsity Girls Basketball, Denny Bowling/ Freshman Girls Basketball, VACANT/ Varsity Cheerleader, Jennifer Hon/ Reserve Varsity Cheerleader, Casey Campbell/ Volunteer Freshman Cheerleader, Lisa Arnoldy/ Varsity Baseball, Shannon Barger/ Assistant Baseball, VACANT/ Varsity Boys' Track, Sean McGarvey/ Varsity Girls' Track, Adam Dennis/ Assistant Track, Joe Creager/ Boys Golf, Mike McClure/ Varsity Softball, Steven Konkle/ Assistant Softball, Rob Daugherty/ Greg Curlin: Junior Class Sponsor, Concessions, FFA, Department Head, Voc/ Bonnie Fancher: Academic Science Team, Interdisciplinary Academic Team, Science Club/ Brian Ford, Freshman Sponsor/ Erin Gerth: Newspaper/ Shaun Holliday: English Department Head/ Janet Hendricks: Jr. Historical Society, Academic Team Coordinator, English Academic Team, Academic Team Spell Bowl, Interdisciplinary Academic Team/ Denny Jackson: Soc. Studies Department Head/ Mike Jones: Key Club/ Pam Jones: Math Dept. Head, Student Council, Math Academic Team, Interdisciplinary Academic Team/ Tammy Beitzel: 6-12 Band, Summer Band/ Denise Loaring: Sr. Class Sponsor, Guidance Department Head/ Mike McClure: FCA, P.E. Department Head/ Meagan Meadors: French Club, For. Lang. Dept. Head, Soc. Studies Academic Team, Interdisciplinary Academic Team/ Virginia Reeves: National Honor Society/ Ann Roller: Sophomore class Sponsor, Science Dept. Head/ Debra Seaver: Yearbook, Business Dept. Head/ Michelle Fox, Special Education Department Head. **Middle School:** Mark Boggs: Boys Junior Varsity Basketball, Boys Summer Basketball, Boys Cross Country, Girls Varsity Cross Country/ Larry Gault: Boys gr. 7 Basketball, Boys Cross Country, Girls gr. 8 Basketball, Girls Cross Country/ Sheila Gault: ½ gr. 7 Class Sponsor/ Tara Justice: Spell Bowl, Volleyball/ Lesa McGarvey: Math Academic Team, Asst. Volleyball/ Rebecca Meyerhoff: Drama Club/ Sean McGarvey: ½ gr. 7 Class Sponsor, Boys Freshman Basketball, Boys Summer Basketball, Boys Varsity Track/ Tony Spoores: Varsity Soccer, Boys Track/ Kim Temple: Gr. 6 Class Sponsor/ Kathy Williams: Show Choir, Vocals/ Kyle Weaver: FFA, Soccer/ Phyllis Weaver: Student Council, Jr. National Honor Society/ Pam Yates: ½ Gr. 8 Class Sponsor/ Brooke Level: Volleyball/ Paul

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Hewitt:1/2 Gr. 8 Class Sponsor. **SCES:** Drama Club, Becky Curlin and Michael Berg.
JC: Math Bowl: Kathy Williams/ Spell Bowl: Kathy Williams/ Drama Club: Jacquita Lanman/ Volleyball: Kathy Daugherty/ Student Council: Sara Pavey and Joanne Gaudin.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the attendance of Elizabeth Jones, Sara Pavey and Amy Bovard as presenters at a State School Board Association annual convention to be held on September 25, 2006. The motion was seconded by Andy Truitt and the vote was unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES:

The board voted unanimously to approve two Use of Facilities applications, in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mrs. See. They are as follows:

Middle School: Aug. 6, 8a.m. to 6p.m. by Sheriff Nathan Hughes for police training
High School Cafe.: Oct. 3, 6:30 to 8:30 by Barb Fletcher, President of Prevent Child Abuse for Meth Lab Recognition training

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Caddell announced that there would be an Endowment meeting on Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 6:30 at the Administration Office. He also announced that a budget hearing would be held there on September 7, 2006.

Mr. Caddell said he wanted to extend his congratulations to Mrs. Lanman and Mrs. Gault for their awards as American Legion Educators of the Year.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Ranz complimented coach Konkle for his years of service to the school corporation. He said he was great with the kids and appreciated the time and care he took with them.

Mr. Cole said that the coaches should be commended for their excellence, as well as their wives, Janie Konkle and Angie Todd, for their patience and support.

Mr. Truitt welcomed the new teachers. He also said that he wanted to mention that David Todd and Steven Konkle were professionals about their whole lives, not just as coaches.

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ADJOURNMENT:

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