

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

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an executive 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, Virgil McKay, Ann McCarty, David McCarty, Gwen Hite, Joey Hite, Wilma Cole, Kayla Nay, Luann Nay, Laura Nay, Roger Nay, Peggy Eckerty, Joel Hite, Vern Waltz, Monica Hensley, Kathy Daugherty, Michael K. Berg, Candis Haskell, Nancy Stearns, Sheila Gault, Greg Curlin, Bonnie Fancher, Crystal Bevis, Jerry Firestone, Jerry Gibson, and Pat Lanman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of Personnel item #4 to hire Dana Kidwell for a technology position. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of October 16, 2006 with a couple of requested corrections, in a motion made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mrs. See.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Truitt moved to table the fund report until the next school board meeting, as the report board members received in their review packets was incomplete. Mr. Cole asked if the board could have a copy this evening. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said that she would make copies to give each board member before the meeting was over. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion to table the report. The board's vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS:

Claims #33054 through #33233 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Ranz. Mrs. Swango asked if claim #33072 to the Dairy Queen for \$308.17 should be charged to the extra-curricular fund, as it indicates that it was for the cross country team. Mr. Caddell said that the treats were actually a congratulatory gesture from him to the cross country team for a victory and to the employees for a job well done during a few very stressful days. Mrs. See abstained from voting on claim #33072, while approving all other claims. Ranz, Roberts, Cole, Swango, Truitt, and Phipps voted to approve all claims presented.

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: Crystal Bevis, nominated by Bonnie Fancher
Jefferson Craig Elem.: Jacqueline Hensley, nominated by Mrs. Earls and Daugherty
Switz. Co. Elem.: Joey Hite, gr. 5, nominated by Dr. Jones
Switz. Co. Middle School: Laura Nay, nominated by Mrs. Gault and other 7th grade teachers.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

An Endowment Request from Dr. Jones for closer arms and kick plates and keyless entry for the new doors at Switzerland County Elementary School was tabled by the board until such time as Technology Director, Darin Gullion could review. The motion to table the request was made by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Cole. The vote was as follows: AYES: Ranz, See, Roberts, Phipps, Cole, Swango. NAYS: Truitt.

Mrs. See moved to approve a memorandum of understanding with the health department to use the school facilities in the event of a major disaster or any emergency deemed a threat to the life, health, or welfare of the citizens of Switzerland County. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to table a school bus idling policy until the next board meeting, in a motion by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mrs. See.

Mr. Phipps moved to declare the portable Classroom at Switzerland County Elementary School as a surplus item to be sold by sealed bids. Mr. Truitt seconded. Mr. Phipps asked if there were wheels on the portable. He said his reason for asking the question was that he did not want the buyer to think it would be our responsibility for its transportation. Mr. Caddell said that he would work with Mr. Hocker on that issue. The vote to approve the motion was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to declare the old greenhouse at the High School as a surplus item to be sold by sealed bids. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the motion.

The board voted unanimously to approve an increase in the corporation share of health insurance premiums by \$19,054 for non-certified personnel, in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. Caddell mentioned to Mrs. Geyman that the board members wanted to see a breakdown of the insurance premiums.

Mrs. See moved to table a contract between the school corporation and Palomino Solutions, Inc. to redesign the school corporation's web site until the school board's legal representative, Ron Hocker, could review the document. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to declare 5 school buses as surplus items and sell by sealed bid. Mrs. See seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Cole had questions about the items to be sold because of how the list was written. Mr. Caddell explained that there were some engines that were being considered for trade-in. Two 1985 International/Blue Birds, a 1990 Chevrolet/Blue Bird and a 1993 International/Thomas, all 66 passenger busses, were approved for sale, as well as a 36 passenger, 1993 International/Amtran.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Caddell introduced Wilma Cole as a retiree from the Switzerland County Elementary School. A plaque from the school corporation honoring her years of service was not available for presentation but will be delivered to Mrs. Cole at a later time.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve a 3.21% pay raise for Mr. Jessup. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the recommendation of Casie Campbell by athletic director, John Druba, for the position of 6th grade cheer sponsor. Mrs. See seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve Dana Kidwell as a technology assistant through the Cape Grant, in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Cole.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

None.

USE OF FACILITIES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the two following requests for Use of School Facilities, in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Truitt.

SCES Cafet. by Janice Meadors on 5/26/07 from 3-9pm for Patriot Alum. Assoc.

SCHS Cafet. by Sheriff Hughes on 12/09/06 from 9am-4pm for officer Training

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Caddell announced that the next board meeting would be held on Tuesday, December 19, rather than the regularly scheduled Monday. He said that there would be an Endowment meeting at 6:30, prior to the meeting.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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