

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**December 19, 2006**  
**7:30 P.M.**

**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, Pat Lanman, Tammy Beitzel, Aaron Deacon, Darrell Hansel, Tammy Meli, Briana Meli, Michael Berg, Elizabeth Tharp Jones, Rebecca Meyerhoff, Candis Haskell, Nancy Stearns, Michael D. Stearns, Sr., Shauna Wiley, and Mark Hall.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a request to approve the employment of a high school custodian under Personnel Items. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of November 20, 2006 with a change to the Celebrating Success items. The Middle School and High School students were listed incorrectly. Mr. Cole moved to approve the minutes with the suggested changes. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion.

**FUND REPORT:**

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the fund reports for October and November, as submitted. Mr. Truitt seconded. Mrs. Swango asked about the bus replacement. Mrs. Geyman said that there were two more busses encumbered in that fund amount. Mrs. Swango asked if the final dollar amount for the Textbooks had been approved by the Endowment. Mr. Caddell said that we had not received final payment from the Endowment as yet. Mrs. Geyman mentioned that the Federal Government was \$66,000 behind in their cafeteria reimbursements to the corporation. There being no more discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the report.

## **CLAIMS:**

Claims #33234 through 33350 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Truitt. Claim #33284 to American Sound & Electric for \$284 was questioned. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said that the switch used to warn the school of a tornado had to be repaired. Mrs. Swango asked if the person named in claim #33295 was an employee of the corporation, and if so, which school. Mrs. Geyman said that the person was a certified staff member at Switzerland County Elementary. Mrs. Swango also asked about claim #33251 to Schmidt Associates for \$3,056.64. Mrs. Geyman said this amount went toward the roof project at Switzerland County Elementary. The board members voted unanimously to approve all claims, excluding claim #33246 to the Dairy Queen, from which Mrs. See abstained.

## **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: Aaron Deacon, nominated by Mrs. Beitzel and Mrs. Williams  
Jefferson Craig Elem.: Mark Hall, gr. 4, nominated by Michael Berg  
Switz. Co. Elem.: Briana Meli, gr. 5, nominated by Michael Berg

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve a bus idling policy as presented. Mrs. Swango seconded. The policy was presented at the previous meeting for a first reading. The policy was designed to try to reduce harmful emissions into the atmosphere. Mr. Caddell said that he realized the policy would be a hard one to enforce but that the message needed to be stated. The vote was as follows: AYES: Ranz, Cole, Phipps, Swango, See. NAYS: Truitt, Roberts.

A web page contract was unanimously approved by the board in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Phipps. The contract is between the school corporation and Palomino Solutions, Inc. for the website to be redesigned for the sum of \$6100.00.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Phipps moved to approve three Endowment requests, with Mr. Cole seconding. The vote to approve the requests was unanimous. They are as follows:

Request from Mr. Caddell to replace the boiler in the Old Gym for up to \$27,000.  
Request from Elizabeth Jones to enhance new doors at SCES with closer arms and kick plates and a keyless entry for a total of \$7,230.  
Request from Nancy Stearns to replace office and library furniture at the Middle School up to the amount of \$13,041.00.

The board voted unanimously to approve a resolution to transfer 2006 appropriations as presented in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mrs. See moved to approve the Indiana Bond Bank's 2007 Advance Funding Program Resolution. Mr. Phipps seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Truitt to approve the property and casualty insurance as presented. The bid was accepted from Cole-Bakes Insurance Company's Mac McLaughlin. Mrs. See seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Three student's names were submitted for approval for midterm graduation. Samantha Eldridge, Allison Miller, and Christopher Randolph were unanimously approved for early graduation in a motion by Mrs. See, seconded by Mr. Truitt.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**PERSONNEL:**

Mrs. See moved to approve the resignation of Carol Banta as the corporation's head nurse. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The employment of Kevin Kelly as a custodian at the high school was unanimously approved by the board in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. See.

**PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

None.

**USE OF FACILITIES:**

The board voted unanimously to approve the request for use of the Jefferson-Craig Elementary School for Cub Scout meetings on Thursdays from 7 to 8 p.m. by Casey Jones and Mike Kenworthy. Mr. Truitt made the motion which was seconded by Mrs. See.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Mr. Caddell presented a plaque to President, Jack Ranz and Secretary, Laurice See, and thanked them for their years of service on the School Board of Trustees.

**BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

Other board members expressed their appreciation for the outgoing board member's services.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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