

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 15, 2007
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:

Mr. Caddell called the meeting to order and lead the group in the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others in attendance were Ann Geyman, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Darrell Hansel, Nancy Stearns, Michael Stearns, Candis Haskell, Mark Lohide, Kenny Griffin, Amy Bovard, Elizabeth T. Jones, Lesa McGarvey, Tara Justice, Tony Spoores, Kim Temple, Sara Pavey, Jack Ranz, Wayne Daugherty, and Pat Lanman.

SWEARING IN OF NEW SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS:

The Switzerland County School Board Attorney, Ron Hocker, officiated over the swearing in of elected board members, Virgil McKay, Vernon Waltz, and Andy Truitt. After taking their oath of office, the three members took their seats on the board.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a FMLA Leave of Absence request from Deb Archer. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES:

Mr. Phipps moved to nominate Andy Truitt as President of the board. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to nominate Mr. Phipps as Vice President of the board. Mr. Cole seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts was nominated as Secretary of the board in a motion by Mr. Cole. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps moved to nominate Ann Geyman as the school corporation's Treasurer. Mr. Cole seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Melissa May was unanimously voted in as the school corporation's Assistant Treasurer. A motion to nominate her for the position was made by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. Phipps.

Mrs. Swango moved to nominate Ron Hocker as the school board's Attorney. Mr. Waltz seconded. The board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to conduct the regular school board meetings every third Monday of the month with the executive sessions to begin at 6:00 p.m. and the regular public sessions to begin at 7:00 p.m. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion, with the board's vote being unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to keep the school board salaries the same as that of the previous year in a motion by Mrs. Swango, seconded by Mr. McKay.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the bonding of several school personnel. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the board's vote was unanimous. They are as listed:

Kim Stout, Extra-Curricular Treas., SCHS,:	\$ 10,000
Donita Cole, Extra-Curricular Treas., SCMS:	\$ 5,000
Melody Smith, Extra-Curricular Treas., JCES:	\$ 5,000
Marilyn Devers, Extra-Curricular Treas., SCES:	\$ 5,000
Ann Geyman, Corporation Treasurer, C.O.:	\$100,000
Melissa May, Deputy Treasurer, C.O.:	\$ 75,000

In a unanimous decision, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz were appointed to represent the board for Negotiations. The two were nominated in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mrs. Swango.

Conflict of Interest Statements from Mr. Roberts, Mr. Mckay, and Mr. Cole were signed and accepted by the board. Mr. Hocker said that during the year if any of the board members had a situation to develop, causing a conflict of interest, they should contact the Superintendent who would provide them with a conflict of interest form. These signed documents are then sent in to the State Board of Accounts.

Mr. Waltz moved to nominate Board President Truitt to the school Endowment committee. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the appointment.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of December 19, 2006 with the omission of the listing of one of the Celebrating Success

students who was not present at the meeting. The motion to approve the minutes with the stipulated correction was made by Mrs. Swango. Mr. McKay seconded the motion.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mrs. Swango seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the report. Mrs. Swango requested a copy of the 2006 Final Appropriations Report. Mr. Caddell said that he did want to point out that the General Fund was down from last year. It started out at 2.8 million and is now down to 2.5 million. He said that this was due to the rise in Health Insurance Premiums as well as the fact that the revenue has remained steady. This year's revenue is almost the same as it was five years ago. State Funding will likely be down \$52,000 to \$55,000 from last year.

CLAIMS:

Claims #33351 through #33461 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Waltz. Mrs. Swango asked if claim #33456 to the Vevay Newspaper for \$87.84 for the sale of warrants and report was in reference to Bond Bank information. Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said that was correct. The board's vote to approve the claims as submitted was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mrs. Swango moved to nominate Board President Truitt and Secretary Roberts to serve on the Board of Finance. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The board unanimously approved the Depository Certificate of Balances in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. McKay. Main Source Bank and Friendship Banks were named as principal depositories.

Board President Truitt introduced Endowment Committee member, Mark Lohide, who presented a plaque to outgoing committee members, Jack Ranz and Kenny Griffin. He thanked them for their services. He said that they have both done a wonderful job as members of the committee. Mr. Truitt personally thanked each of them for all the things they have done for the community and for all they have taught him.

An Endowment Request from the Sixth Grade Teaching Team was approved unanimously in a motion made by Mr. Roberts, seconded Mr. Phipps. The request was for a two night, three day educationally filled incentive trip to Camp Livingston on May 16,17, and 18. The cost is \$60 per student for a total of \$7,260.

A second Endowment Request was presented for approval from custodian Janet Splain and athletic director, Kent Dunning to refinish the gymnasium floors at the High School in the amount of \$6,500. Mr. Cole moved to approve the request. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

An Endowment request from Head Custodian, Danny DeBaun, to replace the boiler at the Old Gym in the amount of \$27,890 was also presented for approval. Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the request. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The principal at each of Switzerland County's four schools made a presentation showing the relationships between some of the classes and special programs to the actual ISTEP test scores and outlined plans to improve the outcome of next year's scores.

A grant, written by Science Teacher, Bonnie Fancher, from the Dow Corning Corporation was presented for approval by the board. The vote to accept the grant was made by Mr. Waltz and seconded by Mr. McKay.

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the 2007-2008 school year calendar. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The teachers were given three options for the calendar. Option #3 was the preferred calendar for recommendation to the board. Mr. Truitt voiced an objection to the calendar. He said that he would like to see the students off for the local Wine Festival. There being no further discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the calendar as presented.

The board unanimously voted to approve a Resolution and Actions Taken Adopted by Consent of the Board of Trustees of the Switzerland County School Corporation in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mrs. Swango. The resolution is as follows:

The undersigned, being all of the members of the Board of Directors of Switzerland County School Corporation (the "Employer"), hereby adopt the following Resolution by unanimous consent and direct that this Consent Resolution be entered in the minute books of the Employer.

WHEREAS, the Employer previously adopted a Code Section 125 plan and a Code Section 105 Medical Care Reimbursement Plan ("URM"), collectively referred to as the Flexible Benefits Plan (the "Plan");

WHEREAS, the Internal Revenue Service issued Notice 2005-42, which permits employers to amend the Plan to allow a grace period (the "Grace Period"), not to exceed two (2) months and fifteen (15) days following the end of the Plan Year during which Plan participants may use all or a portion of their unused URM salary reduction amounts from the prior year for eligible expenses incurred during the Grace Period; and

WHEREAS, effective December 31, 2006 the Employer desires to amend the Plan as set forth in the attached amendment and Summary of Material of Modifications to establish a Grace Period that is consistent with the requirements set forth in 2005-42; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Directors has hereby reviewed the attached amendment and Summary of Material Modifications and does hereby approve the adoption of the Grace Period as set forth therein;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the officers of the Employer are authorized and directed to take any and all action as may be necessary to effectuate this Resolution.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

Jefferson Craig Elementary teacher, Deb Archer requested a Leave of Absence under the Family and Medical Leave Act, from January 12, 2007, until February 23, 2007. The board voted unanimously to approve the request in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Waltz.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the recommended employment of Jean Thurnall as Director of Health Services. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Shannon Barger requested a professional leave for January 18 and 19, 2007 to attend a State Baseball Clinic in Indianapolis. The board's vote to approve the request was unanimous, after a motion from Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. Phipps.

USE OF FACILITIES:

The board voted unanimously to approve a Use of Facilities request from the Great River Girl Scout Troup in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. McKay. The Troup requested the use of the Jefferson Craig Elementary Cafeteria on January 16 from 6pm to 7pm.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Caddell announced that the next Endowment meeting was scheduled for January 30, 2007.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Cole welcomed the new board members, Virgil McKay and Vern Waltz.

ADJOURNMENT:

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