

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**March 19, 2007**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an open working session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson-Craig Elementary School Library. The regular meeting began at 7:00 and was held in the school's cafeteria.

**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, Nancy Stearns, Candis Haskell, Darrell Hansel, Steve Turner, Louise Turner, Sharon Turner, Jamie Lay, Colleen Lay, Colleen Walton, Mary Lay, Chester Lay, Kristal Scott, Lindsay Scott, Sherri Whitham, Blake Whitham, Chelsea Whitham, Matthew levell, Denise Loaring, Ragina Poling, Ashley Poling, Wes Poling, Kathy Keith, Jordan Lay, Heilee Lay, Myron Browning, Elizabeth T. Jones, Robin Rickett, Shannon Rickett, Roy Duckworth, Brian Bowen, Janet Hendricks, Katie South, Diana South, and Dave Ziegler.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda as presented with changes including a Use of Facilities Application, an 8<sup>th</sup> grade field Trip request, and the omission of a dress code proposal. Mr. Cole seconded the motion to approve the agenda. The vote was unanimous.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of February 19, 2007. Mrs. Swango made the motion for approval. Mr. Roberts seconded.

**FUND REPORT:**

Mr. Cole moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Phipps seconded. Mr. Phipps asked if the money from the sale of buses was put back into the transportation fund. Corporation Treasurer, Ann Geyman, said that was correct. She said the buses

were paid for and picked up on March 9, 2007. There being no further questions, the board voted unanimously to approve the report.

### **CLAIMS:**

Claims #33605 through 336747 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. McKay. Mr. McKay asked about the energy bill from REMC. He said it seemed really high. He said that the claim didn't explain the amount of voltage that was being charged for. Mrs. Geyman said that REMC was higher than Duke Energy but she thought the amount was about average. She said she would check the readings and let him know. Mrs. Swango asked to see the paperwork for claim #33697 to Angel Howlett for the amount of \$179.14. Mr. Truitt asked about claim #33645 to Webster's Concrete in the amount of \$5,743.00. Mr. Caddell said that was our part of the payment on an Endowment Request for the Pole Barn at the High School. Mr. Phipps asked if there were spreadsheets or other records keeping track of what was spent by the corporation for Endowment Projects. Mr. Caddell said that they were keeping track of expenditures. There being no further questions, the board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

### **CELEBRATE SUCCESS:**

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

Jefferson Craig Elem.: Ethan Cunningham, gr. 2, nominated by Mrs. Edwards

Switz. Co. Elem.: Jordan Lay, gr. 2, nominated by Kathy Keith

Switz. Co. Middle School: Student was unable to attend; will be honored in April

Switz. Co. High School: Student was unable to attend; will be honored in April

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The request for bids for the sale of the old greenhouse in February went unanswered. In March, however, two bids were received, as well as a proposal for the cost of the destruction and removal of the greenhouse. As the initial requirements were not met, Mr. Caddell opened the bids in his office on the days they were received. Mr. Caddell's recommendation to the board was to waive the bid requirements and accept the higher bid from James Dummich in the amount of \$3,301. Richard Gabbard submitted a bid in the amount of \$300. Mr. Bovard's fee proposal for the removal of the greenhouse was \$2,000. The board voted unanimously to approve Mr. Dummich's bid in a motion by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Waltz.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the summer school program and staff as presented by the Superintendent with the understanding that changes may be made depending upon the first day enrollment figures. The classes would need approximately 15 per class with grades 1 through 5 with the focus being on Math, Language Arts and Science. The focus

at the middle school would also be Language Arts, Math and Science. The High School's main program would be eligible for High School graduation US History, English and Mr. Curlin's Agriculture program. Tentatively, the summer school program would be held from June 4 through June 29, 2007, depending on the response from the state to the request for waiver of the days missed due to weather and other situations. Mr. Cole seconded the motion to approve the request. Mrs. Swango asked if there was going to be a summer music program. Mr. Caddell said that he would have to check on that. He said he thought it might just be an oversight. He said that there would be summer band just as there has been in the past. The approved summer school staff are as follows:

**Certified Personnel:**

Rob Banta  
Sharon Barbour  
Nicole Berg  
Amy Bovard  
Becky Bunner – 2 wks  
Becky Curlin  
Greg Curlin  
Vonda Downing – 2 wks  
Erin Gerth  
Janet Hendricks  
Kathy Keith  
Chris Mattox  
Lesa McGarvey  
Missy Morris  
Sally Weales  
Kathy William – 4 wks

**Non-Certified Personnel:**

Jo-Kay Beatty  
Cleo Detmer  
Marilyn Devers  
Bonnie Duckworth  
Connie Ingels  
Lee Jaye Lohide  
Sue O'Banion  
Tina Scudder  
Connie Thies  
Nancy Turner  
Nancy Wilson

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the 2007-2008 student and parent handbooks for Jefferson Craig Elementary and Switzerland County Elementary schools. No changes were made since the previous year, so the schools requested the approval based on last year's handbooks. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Changes for the 2007-2008 Middle School handbooks were requested by Middle School Principal, Nancy Stearns. Mr. Roberts said that the handbooks should include corporal punishment to the list of disciplinary measures that have been approved by the school board. Mrs. Stearns, said that she would include this information. Mr. Cole moved to approve the Middle School Handbook with the changes presented. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

High School Principal, Mrs. Haskell, and Guidance Counselor, Denise Loaring, presented their requests for changes to the High School Student Parent Handbooks for the 2007-2008 school year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Two new Endowment Requests were presented for the board's approval.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve a request from Myron Browning for the purchase of a new mower up to the amount of \$31,600. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve a request from Brian Bowen for rebounding machine and for a DVD duplicator to be used for athletic purposes up to \$5462. The motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Waltz and seconded by Mr. McKay.

In a motion made by Mrs. Swango and seconded by Mr. Cole, the board voted unanimously to approve the 2007-2008 Textbook adoption as follows:

**TEXTBOOK ADOPTION  
2007**

**Switzerland County Middle School**

**Literature**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Proposed Text</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>ISBN #</u>	<u>Cost</u>
6	Reading w/ Purpose-1	Glencoe	0-07-876428-9	\$66.99
7	Reading w/ Purpose-2	Glencoe	0-07-876429-7	\$66.99
8	Reading w/ Purpose-3	Glencoe	0-07-876430-0	\$66.99

**Elementary Adoptions**

**Reading**

<u>Grade</u>	<u>Proposed Text</u>	<u>Company</u>	<u>ISBN #</u>	<u>Cost</u>
K	Treasures –IN K System	MacMillan	0-02-197904-9	\$2418.
1	Treasures Unit 1	MacMillan	0-02-194632-9	\$25.50
	Treasures Unit 2	MacMillan	0-02-194633-7	\$25.50
	Treasures Unit 3	MacMillan	0-02-194634-5	\$25.50
	Treasures Unit 4	MacMillan	0-02-194635-3	\$25.50
	Treasures Units 5-6	MacMillan	0-02-194636-1	\$26.70
2	Treasures Units 1-3	MacMillan	0-02-194637-X	\$37.17
	Treasures Units 4-6	MacMillan	0-02-194638-8	\$37.17
3	Treasures Units 1-3	MacMillan	0-02-194639-6	\$39.24
	Treasures Units 4-6	MacMillan	0-02-194641-8	\$39.24
4	Treasures- IN Edition	MacMillan	0-02-194642-6	\$53.40
5	Treasures- IN Edition	MacMillan	0-02-194643-4	\$53.40

**Handwriting**

**(This adoption will require a waiver from the State.)**

Grades K – 3 - Grade appropriate books  
Proposed Company – Universal Publishing

<u>Book</u>	<u>ISBN#</u>	<u>Cost</u>
Book A – Pre-K	1-931181-57-8	\$4.50
Book B – K	1-931181-58-6	\$4.50
Book C – Manuscript Enrichment	1-931181-59-4	\$4.50
Book M	1-931181-60-8	\$4.50
Book MC – Manuscript/Cursive	1-931181-61-6	\$4.50
Book D – Cursive	1-931181-62-4	\$4.50

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**PERSONNEL:**

Mrs. Swango moved to approve the recommendation for non-renewal of Jonathan Rupp’s contract for the 2007-2008 due to a decreased number of teaching positions at the Middle School. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The board’s vote was unanimous. The corporation will follow the reduction in force agreement in the master contract.

Two Extra-Curricular recommendations, a retirement request, and an employee’s resignation was considered for approval by the board in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Waltz. They are as follows:

- Elementary school teacher, Marilyn Goodner, request for retirement
- Kent Dunning’s resignation from the Assistant Principal/AD position
- Recommendation of Tara Justice as MS Assistant Track Coach
- Recommendation of Ryan Jesop as MS Golf Coach

**PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve a field trip and Professional leaves as follows:

- Mr. Green and Mr. Gullion to attend STAI Conf. in Indianapolis on 4/25-4/27/07
- Eighth Gr. Trip to Michigan on May 10,11, &12, requested by Paul Hewitt and Kathy Williams

Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the trips.

**USE OF FACILITIES:**

Mr. Phipps moved to approve several Use of Facilities applications. Mr. Roberts seconded. The board’s vote was unanimous. They are as follows:

- HS Cafeteria by Vevay Alumni on 8/25/07
- HS Cafeteria by Class of 1953 for reunion on 9/15/07
- SCES Cafeteria by Cub Scout Pack 777 on 3/17

- HS Cafeteria/Track for Relay For Life on June 15 and 16
- HS Cafeteria by Sw. Co. Fairboard for 4H Queen Contest on 7/23/07
- HS Cafeteria for Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner on 4/14/07
- HS Cafeteria for After Prom on 4/14-15
- MS Cafeteria for Drug Prevention Program 4/16/07 – 5/23/07, M,W, & F's.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent Caddell wanted everyone to give a round of applause for Jefferson Craig Elementary School's achievement of being named an Indiana Four Star School.

Mr. Caddell also wanted to congratulate Mr. Dunning for his appointment to a Principal's position at another school.

Mr. Caddell announced that there would be an Endowment Meeting on Tuesday, March 20, 2007 at 6:30 at Mr. Todd's room at the High School.

**BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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