

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

June 25, 2007

7:00 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Craig Elementary School Library.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mr. Truitt 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 Melissa May, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Candis Haskell, Jill Cord, Elizabeth T. Jones, Fred Ross, Nancy Peters, and Gerry Peters.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meeting of May 21, 2007 with two changes which were made prior to posting on the school corporation's website. Mr. Roberts made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Waltz seconded.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Cole moved to table the fund report as submitted. Mrs. Swango seconded. The board's vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS:

Claims #34068 through 34248 were presented for approval in a motion by Mrs. Swango, seconded by Mr. McKay. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Roberts to approve the adoption of Business Textbooks and Software programs which had been tabled at a previous board meeting so that a textbook committee could review the recommendation. The community members serving on the committee were Renee Dixon and Sara J. Rodgers. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The board unanimously approved the adoption as follows:

Software:

Microsoft Office 2007 – Business Labs – 100 computers		
	51.56 per computer x 100	\$5,156.00
SAM 2007 Assessment and Training 2-year Site License		\$1,650.00
Total \$6806.00/140 students/5 years=\$9.73 Fee		

Textbooks:

Computer Applications

Microsoft Office 2007: Introductory Concepts and Techniques, Windows XP Edition (ISBN#978-1-4188-4327-4) (Shelly, Cashman, Vermaat)	61.25 x 35	\$2,143.75
MS Publisher 2007: (3001.25 x .25 x /125 students = 6.00 Book Rental + fee = 15.73) ISBN# 1418843843482	24.50 x 35	\$ 857.50

Advanced Computer Applications

Microsoft Office 2007: Advanced Concepts and Techniques, Windows XP Edition (ISBN# 978-1-4188-4333-5) Shelly, Cashman, Vermaat	68.25 x 25	\$1,706.25
(1706.25 x .25 / 18 = 23.70 Book Rental + fee = 33.43)		

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McKay moved to approved a donation of \$2,801 to be used for an additional workstation for the Waterford Early Reading program. The donation was provided through the fundraising efforts of Denise Crawford. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to table the elimination of the present policy of requiring sports physicals for elementary school children in a motion made by Mr. Waltz. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The school board attorney, Ron Hocker, will investigate and Superintendent Caddell will check with other schools to see if they have similar policies.

Mr. Cole moved to table the changes to the support staff handbook as this was the first reading. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve a new policy for credit checks on bonded personnel. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mr. Caddell said that the policy had been

reviewed by himself and Ron Hocker. Mr. Cole asked if the school corporation would assume this cost. Mr. Caddell said that would probably be the case. Mr. Hocker said that if the person would give their consent when hired, there should be no legal issue.

Mr. Mckay moved to approve a resolution to adjust the fund report. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. AYES: McKay, Roberts, Waltz, Swango, Truitt, Cole. NAYS: Phipps.

Mr. Cole moved to appoint Joy Briggs to the Switzerland County Public Library Board. Mrs. Swango seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the Agreement between the school corporation and the Kings Daughter's Hospital for Certified Athletic Trainer coverage for the school's athletes. Mr. Waltz made the motion to approve, with Mr. Cole seconding.

Endowment Requests were presented for the board's approval.

Mr. Phipps said that he wanted to see figures from the Endowment on what has been spent so far, and what amounts are left.

Mr. Ross and Dr. Jones presented a request for a new Gym floor and Gym lights for Switzerland County Elementary School. Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the floor replacement, but table the lights project. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the sanding, sealing, painting and refinishing of the floors by Haflich Floors in the amount of \$12,781.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve the request from Dr. Jones for landscaping at the main entrance, around the flagpole and front sign, and at the two back entrances of the building at Switzerland County Elementary School in the amount of \$5,895. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cole moved to approve the request from Mr. Caddell to remove plaster, clean brick and paint at the Old Gym in the amount of \$10,300. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A request from Mrs. Haskell and Janet Splain for new bleachers at the High School in the amount of \$177,976 was presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Waltz. The motion did not pass with the vote as follows: AYES – Swango, Phipps, Waltz. NAYS – Truitt, McKay, Cole, Roberts.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Nancy Peters said she was concerned and wanted some information regarding the corporation's embezzlement policies and procedures and the employment policies and procedures. She said the trust in the superintendent's and the board members' ability to handle money was damaged. She wanted to know the extent of the Superintendent's

responsibility and accountability for things that occurred within the corporation. She said she hoped that there would be a different format for the public to be better informed.

PERSONNEL:

The board voted unanimously to approve several recommendations regarding personnel in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Cole. They are as follows:

- Resignation of Joe Creager
- Employment of Michelle Brett as MS volleyball coach
- Employment of Casie Campbell as MS cheerleader sponsor.
- Assignment of Melissa May to serve as acting treasurer
- Employment of Sue Briggs for SCES Cafeteria for 2007-2008
- Resolution authorizing Melissa May to accept pension liability on behalf of SCSC (PERF account to replace Ann Geyman)

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The Board unanimously approved several field trips and professional leaves. Mr. Cole motioned to approve the requests with Mr. McKay seconding. They are as follows:

- Curlin/Weaver: FFA in Jasper, June 6
- Curlin/Weaver: FFA @ Purdue, June 17-21
- Bowen/Dennis/Boggs: BB Camp in Bloomington, June 29 – July 18, 2007
- Gerth: Cheerleading safety certification at Noblesville, June 12
- Crawford: Kindergarten conference, June 18-19
- Caddell: AASA conference in Tampa, Florida on Feb. 14-17, 2008

USE OF FACILITIES:

Mr. Waltz moved to approve two request for the use of school facilities. Mr. Cole seconded and the board's vote was unanimous. They are as follows:

- HS Cafeteria on July 24 for Community Foundation Workshop
- HS Baseball field on June 17 by Chancey May.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Caddell said that he would like to congratulate Greg Curlin on the Fish project. He said that he was extremely pleased that student Matthew Wegman won the Indiana STATE STAR award for the Agri-Science project.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Board President, Truitt, asked that the other board members stay after the adjournment of the public meeting so that the Executive Session of the board meeting could be reconvened.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Andy Truitt, President

James Phipps, Vice President

William Roberts, Secretary

Duane Cole, Member

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Virgil McKay, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member