

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

July 23, 2007

7:00 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an executive session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Craig Elementary 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, Mr. Waltz and Superintendent Caddell.

Others in attendance were Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin Gullion, Eric Cole, Lora Cole, Stacey J. Walke, Michael Crussel, Candis Haskell, Gerry Peters, Nancy Peters, Michael Jones, Marlene Jones, Tom Conroy, and Steven Konkle.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of three Resolutions. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the regular school board meetings of June 25 and July 09, 2007. Mr. Phipps made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Roberts seconded.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Cole moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. McKay seconded. There being no further questions, the board voted unanimously to approve the report.

CLAIMS:

Claims #34262 through 34378 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Waltz. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the elimination of the requirement of elementary sports physicals for extra curricular activities in grades 1-5 from the present policy with the exception of those children in grade 5 who will be participating in Middle School activities. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. A letter will be sent home at the beginning of the school year encouraging, but not requiring, parents to have physicals for their children should they choose to participate in ECA activities. The vote to approve the policy change was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Endowment Requests were presented for the board's approval.

Myron Browning's request from the Endowment for \$50,000 for the continuation of the Heat Pump replacements from Nading Mechanical was approved unanimously by the board in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Waltz.

Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the High Jump Expansion request from Athletic Director, David Todd, for the High School in the amount of \$7,285. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phipps and the board voted unanimously to approve the request.

A request from Steve Konkle and Shannon Barger for \$9,961 to \$12,414 was presented for a licensed electric contractor to set up the electric service for the Activity Barn. Mr. Waltz moved to approve the request, with Mr. Roberts seconding. Mr. Phipps said he thought there were companies that were supposed to be pledging money toward the barn in exchange for advertisements. Mr. Caddell responded that some of the companies that pledged money did not follow through. Mr. Phipps wanted to know which companies they were. Mr. Caddell said that he was not comfortable giving out the names of those companies in a public session, as they were not there to respond. Mr. Caddell said that some of the monies already pledged and received, had been used toward other aspects of the barn. The board's vote was as follows: AYES-Truitt, Cole, Roberts, McKay, Waltz. NAYS-Phipps.

A YMCA agreement was recommended by Superintendent Caddell with the exception of the approval of a MS and HS swim team. Mr. Caddell recommended that a cost analysis study and survey be completed prior to its approval. He went on to point out that the agreement is also contingent upon the approval by the school Endowment Corporation. A motion was made by Mr. Phipps to approve the agreement as recommended. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cole moved to approve a policy on the use of cellular devices during the transportation of students. The motion was seconded by Mr. Waltz and the board's vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve three Resolutions presented for approval regarding the finances of the corporation. Mr. Phipps made the motion to approve the resolutions, while Mr. Cole seconded. The first resolution involved withdrawing the

name of past Treasurer, Ann Geyman, from the USDA's Farm Service Agency records and adding the name of the new Treasurer, Wilma Swango as the authorized agent for the school corporation. The second resolution authorized the current Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to open accounts at the bank and transfer funds and authorize other appointed school personnel, excluding the Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer, to have access to the safety deposit box there. Another resolution authorized the current school corporation Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to utilize internet banking to transfer funds from the lead account to the payroll account for the purpose of making payroll deposits. Mrs. Swango explained that one of the two CD's the corporation owned was at Main Source Bank and the other was at Friendship State Bank. She said that Friendship Bank was willing to accept the minutes of the meeting approving similar resolutions as the authorization for the current Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer to sign any transactions. Mrs. Swango noted that any transactions regarding a CD would require two signatures.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the recommendation to employ Michael Crussell and Stacy Walke as High School Math teachers. The motion was seconded by Mr. Phipps. The board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. McKay moved to approve Mike Jones to fill the principal position at Switzerland County Elementary School. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. It was recommended that Mr. Jones have an initial 2 year contract and be placed on the administrative salary formula with 215 days each year. The vote was as follows: AYES: Cole, McKay, Roberts, Phipps, Waltz. NAYS: Truitt.

Superintendent Caddell recommended the nomination of at least one board member to the Negotiations team which would have its first meeting on August 29, 2007. Mr. Cole nominated Vern Waltz and Virgil McKay. Mr. Phipps seconded the nomination. The board's vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

None.

USE OF FACILITIES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Caddell announced that 5 patrons attended the first “Coffee and Conversation With the Superintendent”, which was held at 10:00 a.m. on Monday morning at the Jefferson Craig Elementary Library. Items discussed were the theft by Ann Geyman and the corporation dress code.

Mr. Caddell also reported that members of a committee consisting of Andy Truitt, Virgil McKay, Wilma Swango, Darin Gullion, Travis Martin and himself met on Tuesday, July 17th. The committee was formed to improve and evaluate the internal financial controls of the corporation. The next meeting will be on July 30th. The committee’s charge is to bring internal control policies to the board for their consideration during a public board meeting.

Mr. Caddell announced that the next Endowment meeting would be held on July 31, 2007. He also announced that the board would be conducting interviews beginning at 4:00 p.m. on the July 30th at an Open Working Session with a Special Public Meeting at 7:00.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Waltz said that he would like to mention that every time he has visited the Activity Barn, Steve Konkle and his brother, Allen, have been working with little or no help and they needed to be commended for their work and dedication.

ADJOURNMENT:

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