

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
JANUARY 02, 2008  
7:30 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session from 6:00 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. at the Switzerland County Administration Building.

**CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:**

Mr. Phipps called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge to the flag.

**ATTENDANCE:**

Board members in attendance were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mr. Waltz, and Superintendent Gullion.

Others in attendance were Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Pansy Covington, Agloria Asbury, and Elizabeth Tharp Jones.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the agenda with the exclusion of a previously approved professional leave. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Waltz moved to approve a request from Tully Anderson for the Lady Scots soccer team to practice in the Middle School Gym in the evenings from December to February with the stipulation that the newly approved form with the inclusion of a signature line be filled out by Mr. Anderson. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango explained that the insurance company is okay with signatures of the applicants on the form which serves to provide confirmation that they have read and understood all of the form's stipulations regarding liability. The board voted unanimously to approve the application.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the Bus Bid Document as presented. Mr. Waltz seconded. There was much discussion regarding the document's stipulation of the allowable age of the busses. Mr. Roberts felt like we should made it 12 years at the awarding of the contract, which would drop the age of the bus to 1996 instead of a 1998 as it reads now. Mr. Gullion said that he felt comfortable with 14 years. He said that the last four-year contract read 18 years and the last 1-year contract said 16. Mr. Roberts said that safety is not directly related to the age of equipment, but to the care and maintenance of the equipment. He also said that he felt the board did not want to be in

the bus business. Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Waltz voted to approve the bus bid document as presented. Mr. Robert's vote was NAY.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. McKay moved to approve the Experience Works Contract as recommended to the board for services at the Administration Office. Mr. Daugherty seconded. Mrs. Swango said that there is no cost to the corporation for the worker's services. She would be doing daily cleaning and some light clerical work such as shredding and would not be sent on errands off the grounds. The vote to approve the contract was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**PERSONNEL:**

The board unanimously approved a Sick Leave Request from Brenda Godsey for the second semester in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

**PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the professional leave from Ann Roller to attend the Hoosier Association of Science Teachers to be held in Indianapolis on February 6-8, 2008. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. Discussion ensued after Mr. Daugherty asked if Mrs. Swango could provide something that showed how many days a teacher had gone on a trip of their own request and how many the corporation had sent them on. Mrs. Swango said that she could provide a tracking sheet for the board members that would show this information. He said he would like to have something on the form that would show this information so that they would know at the time they approved the request. Mrs. Swango said that she would work with Mr. Gullion and see what they could do. The board voted unanimously to approve the request.

**USE OF FACILITIES:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent Gullion announced that the next board meeting would be on January 14, 2008. He said this meeting would include reorganization of the board. Board Officers need to be appointed as well as the Board of Finance.

Mr. Gullion announced that the next Endowment Meeting will be held on the 29<sup>th</sup> of January at the usual time and place.

Mr. Gullion also said he wanted to make the board aware of the public auction to be held on February 9, 2008 in Madison.

**BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

Mr. Daugherty said that he would like to thank Mr. Gullion for everything he is doing. He said that he was doing a great job.

Mr. Daugherty also mentioned that he would like to go over all of the job descriptions so that some informed decisions could be made. Mr. Gullion said that he would get copies for all of the board members to review.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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