

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
February 18, 2008
7:15 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session from 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. at the Switzerland County Administration Building, followed by a fifteen minute Open Working Session regarding the financial statements for the month.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others in attendance were Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Pat Lanman, Candis Haskell, Michael Jones, George Adams, Darrell Compton, Elizabeth Jones, Adam Kaczmarek, Myron Browning, Gerry Peters, David Grenat, Christina Grenat, Brandon Grenat, Sue O'Banion, Nancy Stearns, Lisa Johnson, Emma Johnson, Valerie Smith, Lolia McCarty, Shelby McCarty, J. McCarty, Morgan Kimmel, Kacie Kimmel, Marty Hankins, and Mr. and Mrs. Ossman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the agenda. 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 meeting of January 14, 2008. Mr. Roberts made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Daugherty seconded.

FUND REPORT:

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

CLAIMS:

Claims #35329 through 35492 and Payroll claims for 1/18/08, 1/31/08, 2/01/08, and 2/15/08 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Daugherty. 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.: Kacie Kimmel, gr. 5, nominated by Mrs. Padgett
Switz. Co. Elem.: Shelby McCarty, gr. 4, nominated by Mrs. Scudder
Switz. Co. Middle School: Branden Grenat, gr. 7, nominated by B. Grigsby
Switz. Co. High School: Emma Johnson, gr. 9, nominated by Mrs. V. Smith

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

One Endowment Request was presented for the board's approval.

A request from Mr. Gullion to pay \$20,000 in expenses for a fire alarm system associated with architect services for Switzerland County Elementary School was unanimously approved in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Waltz.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve a \$937 Think Smart - Stay Safe Grant presented by Dr. Jones, from the Switzerland County Awareness Team. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve a product and service agreement between the corporation and Star Solutions Water Treatment in a motion by Mr. Phipps and seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve the Orkin Pest Control Commercial Services Agreement. Mr. Daugherty seconded and the board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve a Resolution for program software updates regarding Extra Curricular Accounts with Komputrol. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve a Resolution to establish a Rainy Day fund with monies recovered through various means from the Geyman embezzlement in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. McKay.

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve Sandra Penick Whitham to the Public Library Board. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion and the board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the Crossman Fire and Safety, Inc. agreement for LSS4 Alarm System at Switzerland County School Corporation. Mr. Waltz seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the agreement.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: (The board does not have to respond, but will take any questions and/or comments into consideration.)

George Adams wanted to let the board know that he was aware that a convicted rapist was attending the Switzerland County High School. He said that the kids knew it too. He said that the kids are afraid to walk the halls of the school. He said that he was concerned about the safety of the kids. He said that he also had some questions he felt needed to be addressed: Do all of the teachers know the history of this student? Do they know what to look for in this student? Do the students know? Is this student being supervised in any way?

Marty Hankins said that he wanted the board to know that he was extremely disappointed in the actions of the High School principal regarding the queen contest his daughter was in. She was nominated on January 18th and was crowned queen on January 25th. He said she was very happy to have had the chance to be in the contest. When she was crowned queen, she was ecstatic. He said Mrs. Haskell's reaction to the event was very hurtful to his daughter. He said that certain comments and omissions on her part were very unprofessional and he wondered what the board was going to do about it.

Pat Lanman said that regarding the queen contest, there were two sides to every story. He said that he appreciated what Mrs. Haskell does for the school and its students.

PERSONNEL:

The board voted unanimously to approve several Extra Curricular Activities recommendations in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Waltz. They are as follows:

- Peggy Eckerty for Little Hoosiers, SCES
- Travis Martin for Summer Baseball & Volunteer
- Casie Compbell for SADD at SCHS
- Casie Campbell for Asst. B/G Track at SCHS
- Steve Konkle for Summer Softball
- Alan Konkle as Volunteer Asst. Softball Coach
- Branden Reoder for Boys Summer Soccer
- Roy Leap for Girls Summer Soccer
- Donna Turner for Flag Corp
- Kyle Weaver for MS Asst. Track Coach

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Mr. Phipps made a motion to approve a professional leave for Cafeteria Director, Gayla Bullock, to go to a Commodity Meeting at Fishers High School on January 21 and 29, 2008 and for Business Teachers, Travis Martin and Debbie Seaver, to go to business contests in Indianapolis March 16, 17 and 18. Fifteen students will also be competing in the business contests, so Mr. Martin and Mrs. Seaver also submitted a field trip request. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion to approve the aforementioned requests. Mr. Daugherty mentioned that on the forms, the number of days used for these purposes had not been completed. He said he was concerned about the number of days staff members were out of the classrooms and that someone else must have felt similarly to have included that information request on the form. The board voted unanimously to approve the requests as presented.

USE OF FACILITIES:

Switzerland County Democrat Party Chairman, Michael Jones, submitted a Use of Facilities application for the High School Cafeteria on May 3, 2008 from 5:00pm to 9:00pm for a "Meet the Candidates" dinner. The application was approved by a unanimous vote in a motion made by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. McKay.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

None.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

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