

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
March 17, 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 an Open Working Session until 7:15.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others in attendance were Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Pat Lanman, Candis Haskell, Michael Jones, Kevin Kelly, Adam Kaczmarek, Lisa Johnson, Emma Johnson, Shellie Fowler, Eric Cole, Mikhail Cole, Gerry Peters, Nancy Peters, Chantel Ballard, Janelle Ballard, Regina Ballard, Clinton Meyer, Bob Meyer, Jerry Monjar, Pansy Covington, Roger Christman, Glo Asbury, Doug McNeely, Sr., Lawrence Monjar, Denise Loaring, Nancy Stearns, Elizabeth T. Jones, Brody Splain, Janet Splain, and Bill Splain.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the agenda with three additional requests for Use of Facilities. 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 2008. Mr. McKay made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Cole seconded.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

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

CLAIMS:

Vendor Claims # 35493 through 35639, and Payroll Claims for 3/08 and 3/13 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Cole and seconded by Mr. McKay. Mr. Cole said he noticed that the bill for the snow clearing was doubled from previous bills and he

just wanted to check to see why. Mrs. Swango said that the previous bill was only for snow clearing, but that this time it was for salt, which was an extra charge, as well as snow clearing. 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 Secretary, Roberts, congratulated each student with a pin and a handshake. The nominees are as follows:

Jefferson Craig Elem.: Brody Splain, nominated by Sandy Jones

Switz. Co. Elem.: Chantel Ballard, nominated by Shellie Fowler

Switz. Co. Middle School: nominated student was unable to attend

Switz. Co. High School: Adam Kaczmarek, nominated by Janet Hendricks

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McKay moved to approve one board member's trip to Orlando, Florida on 3/29, 30, 31 and 4/1/08 to represent the school board at the annual National School Board Association meeting. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

An agreement between the Switzerland County School Corporation and Educational Services Company was unanimously approved in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. McKay. The company is an Indiana Corporation located in Indianapolis which will provide consulting services for the school corporation by providing a qualified individual to review the 2008 General Fund budget to determine the necessity to reduce expenditures.

There was a lack of motion on a request for an appeal to an expulsion hearing decision, thus no vote taken.

Mr. Daugherty moved to table the revised 2008-2009 High School Student Handbook, as this was the first reading. Mr. McKay seconded and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Cole pointed out some wording that might need to be changed regarding the trimesters to High School Principal, Candis Haskell. Mr. Daugherty also had questions regarding the definition of "shoes" pertaining to acceptable dress. Mrs. Haskell said it meant that soles had to be worn.

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the bus bids as recommended by the Transportation Committee for the 2008-2009 to 2011-2012 school year. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. The routes were awarded as follows:

- Route 1 Roger Christman \$216 1999 bus

• Route 4	Roger Christman	\$218	1999 bus
• Route 9 (includes Voc.)	Roger Christman	\$355	1997 bus
• Route 10 (plus Express)	Roger Christman	\$240	1997 bus
• Route 14 (plus Express)	Roger Christman	\$239	1999 bus
• Route 20	Roger Christman	\$218	1999 bus
• Route 23	Pansy Covington	\$192.63	1997-00 bus
• Route 26	Glo Asbury	\$239.99	1997-00 bus
• Route 29	Roger Christman	\$221	1999 bus
• Route 32	Roger Christman	\$220	1999 bus
• Route C41	Roger Christman	\$226	1997 bus
• Route 63	Doug McNeely	\$240	1998 bus

The board waived the irregularity of bidder, Roger Christman, for failure to properly file a required affidavit, which has since been done. In awarding the bids, the committee took into consideration the fact that the corporation did not wish to reduce the number of routes it presently operates; Mr. Christman has been cited for failure to maintain his buses; and the other three bidders were the lowest responsive and responsible bidders for a particular route. The reduction of Mr. Christman's routes from 12 to 9 will allow him to be more responsible for his contracted fleet.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

The board unanimously approved a request from Cynthia Griffith for retirement from the School Corporation at the end of this school year in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Cole.

The board approved a request from Kathy Daugherty for two personal days and 2 & ½ days without pay to attend her daughter's golf championship in Iowa, May 12th through the 16th. The motion to approve the request was made by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Cole. The vote was as follows: Ayes: McKay, Cole, Roberts. Abstained: Daugherty.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Mr. Cole moved to approve a request from S. Leanne Repper to attend the grade 6 through 8 Business Information Technology Workshop at IUPUI, July 28th through the 31st. Mr. Daugherty seconded. The vote was unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES:

The board unanimously approved six requests for the Use of Facilities in a motion by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Daugherty. They are as follows:

- SCES: Boy Scouts of America for recruitment on April 3, 2008 by Mahorian Albaerez
- SCHS Cafe. and Old Gym for Relay for Life on June 14, 3pm – overnight by Roy Duckworth
- SCHS Cafe. for Republican Party Lincoln Day Dinner, April 19, 3-9pm, by Kirk Works
- SCES for Good News Club meetings on 4/3, 4/9, 4/16, 4/23, 4/30, from 3:30 to 5:00, by Bridgett of Child Evangelism Fellowship
- JC for Good News Club meetings on 4/3, 4/10, 4/17, 4/24, from 3:30 to 4:45 by Kathy Daugherty of Child Evangelism Fellowship
- HS gym for After Prom on April 12 from 9pm to 6am by Diana South

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Gullion announced that the next Endowment meeting would be held on Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at 6:30pm.

Mr. Gullion also announced that there would be an Executive Session for Personnel on April 3, 2008 beginning at 10:00am.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

None.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Cole moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. McKay 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