

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**May 05, 2008**

**7:00 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.

**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. Cole, 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, Elizabeth T. Jones, Nancy Stearns, Thomas Conroy, Myron Browning, K.C. Banta, Colleen Lay, Ron Gregory, Brian Bowen, Shaun Holliday, Nicole Berg, Sally Weales, Tom Scott, Brian E. Grigsby, Greg Curlin, Denise Loaring, John Sieglitz and Jill Cord.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of the adoption of the JC school improvement plan; the first reading of the school improvement plans for SCES, SCHS, and SCMS; and the hiring of the new school Superintendent. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**ADOPTION OF REVISED ADMINISTRATION POLICY:**

The board voted unanimously to approve a revised Administrative Benefits Policy. The motion to approve the policy was made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

**HIRING OF SUPERINTENDENT:**

The board voted unanimously to hire Dr. Elizabeth Jones as the Corporation's new School Superintendent in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Waltz. In a statement to the board president and his fellow board members, Vice President Phipps cited reasons for his nomination of Dr. Jones to the position. He mentioned that as a long time educator in our school corporation, Dr. Jones has served in many capacities. She

has been a learning disability teacher in the elementary, junior and senior high school, as well as Grant Writer, Curriculum Coordinator, and Assistant Principal and Principal at our middle school and Principal in both of our elementary schools. He went on to say that she is a team player and a dedicated educator of our children. “This is the next step in her career and a great choice not only for our school system but for our community as well. She and her husband, Lary, are community-minded individuals who reside in Switzerland County.” Mr. Phipps said that he looked forward to the future of our school corporation and working with Dr. Jones. Dr. Jones’s duties will officially begin on July 1, 2008. Mr. Gullion has been the Interim Superintendent for the corporation since Dr. Caddell left Switzerland County in January, 2008, to take another position.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Twenty-three Endowment Requests were presented to the board for their consideration. Each request was presented by someone identified on the request or a representative in order for them to answer questions that members of the board asked. There was a motion by Mr. Cole to table all of the requests until the next board meeting in order to give careful consideration to each of them. Mr. Waltz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent Gullion congratulated Dr. Jones on her new appointment. He went on to say that there had been nine good applicants and felt it was great to have had that many quality people apply for the position.

Mr. Gullion announced that the next Regular Board Meeting was scheduled for Monday, May 19, 2008, and that the next Endowment Meeting would be on Tuesday, May 27, 2008.

#### **BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

Mr. Daugherty said that he appreciated the people who come to the meetings, especially ones like this one, that are very long. He said that too often you hear that people just don’t care about what happens in the school system and these people who come to the meetings show that this is just not true.

Mr. Waltz said that he also wanted to say congratulations to Dr. Jones. He said that the board had taken their time to make their decision. He said that he appreciated the Endowment Board members for taking the time to attend the meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

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

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Andy Truitt, President

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James Phipps, Vice President

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William Roberts, Secretary

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Duane Cole, Member

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Wayne Daugherty, Member

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Virgil McKay, Member

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Vernon Waltz, Member