

August 18, 2008

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Minutes of the
August 18, 2008
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING
5:30 P.M.
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
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 to discuss I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(3) and I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(8) .

The board members present were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cole, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mr. Waltz. Also in attendance were Wilma Swango, Candis Haskell, and Denise Loaring.

The board discussed no subject matter in the Executive Session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

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. Cole, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Superintendent, Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Candis Haskell, Michael Jones, Ruth Lohide, Eric Cole, Gerry Peters, Nancy Peters, Amy McAllister, Colleen Lay, Wayne Ellegood, Fred Ross, Greg Curlin, Melissa Andrew, Brian Bowen, and Shannon Hoffman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Cole 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 July 21, 2008 with some wording changed regarding meeting times and acceptance of Endowment donations for completed projects. Mr. Phipps made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McKay seconded.

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FUND 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 #36217 through 36324 and Payroll Claims for 08/01/08 and 08/15/08 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Cole. Mr. McKay said that in claim #36276 to HP, the tables that were purchased through a special grant were awfully pricey. He wanted to know if they were a special kind of table. Treasurer, Wilma Swango said that they were. Mr. McKay also asked if the corporation had gotten other quotes for claim #36262. Mrs. Swango said that she could not say that other quotes were received. Mr. McKay said that he felt more than one quote should have been acquired and that somehow Mrs. Swango be informed. Mr. Daugherty asked about the expenses paid for in claim #36263. He asked if that was an approved trip and was our gasoline and our vehicle used. Mrs. Swango said that she would check to see if it had been approved and that the school van was used for the trip. Mr. Phipps asked what the amount paid to Switzerland County Court in claim #36236 was for. Mrs. Swango said that it was for payroll deductions. Mr. Phipps also asked what mower was being repaired in the payment to Brown's Implement. Mrs. Swango said it was for the mower that is currently being used at Switzerland County Elementary School. Wayne asked what the description of cleaning of hoods in claim #36303 meant. Mrs. Swango explained that it was for the oven hood cleaning and inspection that is required for the school cafeterias. Mr. Phipps asked about the claim #36300 to Premier School Agendas. Mrs. Swango said that the Endowment actually reimburses the school for them through the book bills and then the general fund is paid back. Mr. Phipps asked about the claim to J&N Electric for an installed radio. Mrs. Swango said that it was for reattaching wires to the radio. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Virgil McKay moved to approve the snow removal bid from Lyn Works Excavating which was tabled at the last meeting in order to acquire clarifications of equipment and services. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the donation from Switzerland County Elementary's P.T.O. of a memorial bench and a tree planting for the school. The memorial bench would commemorate the passing of James and Charlene May, deceased bus drivers for the corporation. P.T. O. President, Amy McAlister, said that on September 12, 2008, their organization plans to sponsor a Walkathon Fund Raiser to help pay for the bench and tree. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the donations.

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Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the 2008-2009 YMCA contract and Endowment Request for \$32,500 presented by Eric Cole. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The board voted unanimously to approve the contract, pending the Endowment Committee's approval of the funds.

The board unanimously approved a consulting agreement between the corporation and Mr. Darrell Hansel for Title 1 services. Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the agreement. Mr. Waltz seconded.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve Wilma Swango as the contact person for the insurance company, Liberty Agency Underwriters. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Brian Bowen and Wayne Ellegood presented an Endowment Request to the board in the amount of \$13,707.70 for collectable practice uniforms. Mr. McKay moved to approve the request. Mr. Cole seconded. The vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Candis Haskell presented a G/T High Ability Education Plan to the board. No vote was taken to approve the grant as this was the first reading.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

The board unanimously approved the resignation of Mr. Kyle Weaver in a motion by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Roberts.

The employment of Melissa Andrew as the new Ag. Teacher was approved unanimously by the board in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. McKay.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the temporary employment of Consumer Education Teacher, Sunshine Hartwell. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

The board unanimously approved a Leave of Absence request from Brenda Godsey in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the employment of Angie Grubbs, as the High School's A+ Technology class teacher. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Cole moved to approve the resignation of Michael Crussel. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

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PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The board unanimously approved a Field Trip Request from Bonnie Fancher for her AP Environment class to visit ORSANCO floating classroom in Cincinnati. Mr. Cole made the motion to approve the trip with Mr. Waltz seconding.

USE OF FACILITIES:

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve a Use of Facilities request from Gayla Bullock to use the High School Cafeteria ovens in order to prepare food for the Vevay High School Alumni Dinner on 8/23/08. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the Switzerland County FFA Chapter was in the Top Ten in the nation for which we should be very proud. They will be in Indianapolis on October 22nd and 23rd where they will have a ten minute question and answer session.

Dr. Jones let the board members know that the unofficial ADM count at this time was 1507.

Dr. Jones said that the next endowment meeting would be held on August 26, 2008; the next special board meeting to review the budget would be on September 4, 2008; and the next regular school board meeting would be held on Monday, September 15, 2008.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty said that he would like to see the corporation's policy on mileage at the next board meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Waltz 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