

September 4, 2008

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Minutes of the
September 04, 2008
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING
5:30 P.M.
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
and BUDGET HEARING
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)(9).

The board members present were Mr. Truitt, Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Cole, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mr. Waltz. Also in attendance were Wilma Swango and Ron Hocker.

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, and Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Superintendent, Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Darin K. Gullion, Barry H. Smith, Michael Jones, and Greg Curlin.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of a request under New Business for the declaration of an emergency at Jefferson-Craig and to pursue a new AC system. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC HEARING: Capital Projects, Bus Replacement Plan, Budget. (This is a public session in which public comments will be considered.)

Public Hearing on Capital Projects Plan: Corporation Treasurer, Wilma Swango, presented the Capital Projects Plan to the public. No public comments were made.

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Public Hearing on Bus Replacement Plan: Wilma Swango presented Bus Replacement Plan, which extends from 2009 to 2020. There were no comments from the public.

Public Hearing on Budget: Treasurer, Wilma Swango, presented the Budget to the public. There were no public comments.

NEW BUSINESS:

A joint transportation program fund agreement with the Indiana School for the Deaf and Blind for 2008-2009 was unanimously approved in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the 2008-2009 Cooperative Agreement with Madison Special Services Unit. Mr. McKay seconded and the vote was unanimous.

In a motion by Mr. Waltz and seconded by Mr. Cole, the board unanimously approved the donation of playground equipment to Switzerland County Elementary School from the school's P.T.O.

Mr. Roberts moved to declare an emergency at Jefferson-Craig Elementary School due to extreme heat and to approve the pursuance a new air conditioning system. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. Holding classes at the YMCA or at the Old Gym were discussed. Mr. Daugherty said that there was air conditioning in the rooms at the Baptist Church and perhaps some of the Jefferson-Craig Elementary students could go there for classes. Mr. Roberts had concerns about the project being cost prohibitive. Dr. Jones said that there had only been one quote so far which was from Larry Dillard but that if the board approved, she would present an Endowment Request for funds. The board's vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Cole moved to approve Barry Smith for the position of High School Math Teacher. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Smith will be on the 0 step of the salary schedule for the 2008-2009 school year, according to a memorandum of understanding signed by Mr. Smith, Greg Curlin of the S.C.C.T.A., High School Principal, Elizabeth Jones, and School Board President, Andy Truitt.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Mr. McKay moved to approve the professional leave request from the Ed. Tech Team to attend a National Council Teachers of English Conference in San Antonio, Texas on November 20th through the 23rd, which would be fully funded by the Ed. Tech Grant.

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The motion died due to lack of a second to the motion. Concerns were expressed regarding the number of teachers absent from the building during those days. Mr. Roberts asked if the grant paid for the subs for the teachers who were not present. Mr. McKay amended his motion to include the stipulation that substitutes hired for that day and all other expenses incurred be paid for from the grant. Mr. Waltz seconded and the vote was unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES:

Mr. Waltz moved to approve a request from George Adams of the Spring Branch Baptist Church to use the High School Cafeteria on September 13, 2008 from 11:a.m. to 8:00p.m. for a benefit for the Daugherty family at no charge to the church. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the next regular board meeting would be held on Monday, September 15, 2008.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty said that he would like reports on the bleachers, the open house request, valedictorian / salutatorian question, and board retreat. He said that he was happy to see the information in his board packet about the four-day a week school days.

Mr. Phipps said that he wanted to remind the board to think about the Director of Maintenance position.

Mr. Daugherty thanked Dr. Jones for all of the work she has done in her position as Superintendent. He said he knows that she has inherited a lot.

Mr. Waltz said that the retreat is a nice because it gives everyone a chance to get together and discuss all of the things that we and other schools are facing.

ADJOURNMENT:

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