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SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Minutes of the
September 15, 2008
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
7:00 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met for a regular public meeting at 7:00 p.m. at the Jefferson Craig Fire Station due to power outages at the downtown Vevay school facilities.

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. Roberts, Mr. Daugherty, and Mr. Mckay.

Others in attendance were Superintendent, Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Candis Haskell, Michael Jones, David Todd, John Sieglitz, Gary Wentworth, George Adams, Eric Cole, and Mikhail Cole.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The agenda was changed to omit the consideration of the minutes and fund report and to add an item under New Business. The vote was unanimous.

CLAIMS:

Vendor Claims #36325 through 36468 and Payroll Claims for 8/22/08 and 9/25/08 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Roberts. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Roberts moved to approve the adoption of the Capital Projects Plan. Mr. McKay seconded. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the adoption of the Bus Replacement Plan in a motion by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. McKay.

The Budget was adopted by a unanimous vote in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

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Mr. McKay moved to approve the adoption of a Resolution for CPF Interest. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve a request for permission to publish a Notice of Adoption of the Capital Projects Fund Plan. Mr. McKay seconded. The vote was unanimous.

In a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Roberts, the board unanimously voted to approve the High Ability Education Plan. The plan was submitted for the first reading at the August 18, 2008 board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Endowment Requests were presented for the board's approval.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve an Endowment request for Dillard Electric Heating and Cooling to put in a new air conditioning system for Jefferson-Craig Elementary in the amount of \$130,000. Mr. McKay seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the request for sidewalk replacement at the east entrance of the High School, due to safety issues. The motion to approve the \$2800 Endowment project was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. McKay. Quotes were obtained from Josh Harrell and McAlister Excavating Co., Inc.

The High School's \$23,460 Endowment project for a new hot water heater, tank assembly and storage tank, including the removal of asbestos and the removal and disposal of the old storage tank was approved unanimously by the board in a motion by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

Mr. Roberts moved to approve a \$7,775 request for the Endowment committee to purchase some playground equipment to replace others that need to be removed due to safety regulations. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the hiring of John E. Crawford & Sons, Inc. to do the wiring for 30 computers in a new lab and also for the phone UPS backup units that need special high current wiring in a motion by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Roberts. Systems Administrator, John Sieglitz, made the Endowment request in the amount of \$6,150. Mr. Daugherty said that we need to advertise in the paper when we need this type of work done. Mr. Sieglitz said that he would do that.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve a request from Coach David Todd for \$51,000 in order to upgrade the outdoor athletic facilities at the High School. The upgrade would include restructuring the softball dugouts in order to solve water-retention problems in the outfield; underground irrigation system for the soccer field and for the baseball field; re-sodding of the baseball field; a flag pole and flag for soccer and track areas; water meters for the irrigation system; and water lines to the softball and concession stand.

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After considerable discussion, the request was reduced to \$20,000. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The vote to approve the Endowment Request was unanimous.

Dr. Jones asked that the board make a declaration that an emergency exists at Jefferson-Craig due to wind damage to the roof on September 14, 2008 and, accordingly, under I.C.36-1-12-9, to allow her to proceed with replacement or repair of the roof based upon the solicitation of proposals from CountryTown Builders, Errol Judy Construction and J.A.M. Construction and to approve it as an Endowment request. The motion to declare the emergency status and to approve the Endowment request was made by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Superintendent Jones asked for Gary Wentworth to report on the status of the electricity outages. Mr. Wentworth said that he had just gotten an update from Duke Energy. He said that 1100 residences were still without power. REMC has reported 40% of their customers without power. Mr. Daugherty asked about the building structures and if someone needed to inspect them before the kids could return to the facilities. Mr. Wentworth said that Marc Archer would be the person to contact to okay the students to come back to school. Dr. Jones reported that the Jefferson-Craig and East Enterprise Fire Departments have put tarps up on the roof at Jefferson-Craig. John Sieglitz said that servers with backup generators were needed for just this type of situation. There was more discussion regarding the status of power outages and possible associated problems. The consensus was that Thursday would be the earliest that school could be reconvened.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

George Adams said that he would like to thank the school board members for allowing him to have the benefit for the Daugherty family at the school. He said that they had been able to raise \$10,000 at the benefit for the family.

PERSONNEL:

None.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The board unanimously approved several requests in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. McKay. They are as follows:

- Dana Kidwell to attend K-12 Open Minds Conf. in Indianapolis , 9/25-26
- Mike Jones to attend IASP Fall Conf. in Indianapolis, 11/24-25
- Greg Curlin for FFA to attend SOAR Conf. in Trafalgar, 10/10-12
- Greg Curlin for FFA to attend Top Ten Program in Indianapolis, 10/20-25

USE OF FACILITIES:

In a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. McKay, the board unanimously approved two requests for use of school facilities. They are as follows:

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- HS Cafeteria-Oct. 14, 4:00-9:00p.m., for Farm Bureau Annual Mtg. by Chester Meisberger
- HS Cafeteria Equipment – for catered dinners on 9/20 (class reunion); Oct. 14 (Farm Bureau mtg.); Nov. 1 (Democrat mtg.), by Cafeteria Director, Gayla Bullock

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that so far only one bid had been received on the portables buildings. She said that she had not heard the current status on the bleachers.

Dr. Jones said that she wanted to thank the Jefferson-Craig Fire Department for allowing the board meeting to take place at their facilities. She said there were matters that were time-sensitive that needed to be handled and that they sincerely appreciated their willingness to help out.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty thanked Dr. Jones for her work so far.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts 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