

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Minutes of the November 17, 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 beginning at 5:30 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. Roberts, Mr. Cole, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mr. Waltz. Mr. Hocker was also in attendance.

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. 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. Cole, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Mckay, and Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Superintendent, Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Pat Lanman, Darin Gullion, Candis Haskell, Michael Jones, Marlene Jones, Nancy Stearns, Louis Bullock, Vicki Koons, Tanya Curry, Jackie Murray, Kamryn Murray, Kaleigh Murray, Kassidy Murray, Melissa Reynolds, Lowell Reynolds, Larry Truax, Carrie Truax, Shannon Phipps, Jamie Phipps, John Sieglitz, David Todd, Angela Todd, Brooke Todd, Melissa Andrew and Greg Curlin.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Cole made a motion to approve the agenda as amended with the additions of consideration of a maintenance agreement for High School roof units, the appointment of a board member to a construction committee and the consideration of an express route contract, and the ratification of a proposed 2-year teachers' contract. Mr. Roberts 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 October 20, 2008. Mr. McKay made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Waltz seconded.

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 # 36620 through 36768 and Payroll Claims for 10/31/08 and 11/04/08 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Cole. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

The board considered a maintenance agreement for the High School roof units with Dillard Electric. Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve, with Mr. Cole seconding. After some discussion regarding gathering proposals from local vendors, Mr. Waltz withdrew his motion. No vote was taken.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve an accounting software maintenance agreement with Komputrol, with an addendum to the originally proposed agreement. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS:

In the Celebrate Success part of the meeting, the school board recognized the nominees for each of the schools. Board President, Truitt, congratulated each student with a pin and a handshake. The nominees are as follows:

- Jefferson Craig Elem.: Brook Todd, gr. 5, nominated by M. Blodgett, K. Padgett
- Switz. Co. Elem.: Student was unable to attend meeting
- Switz. Co. Middle School: Student was unable to attend meeting
- Switz. Co. High School: Carrie Truax and Jamie Phipps, nominated by G. Curlin

NEW BUSINESS:

The presentation of a plaque was made to retiree, Vicki Koons, by Board President, Andy Truitt for her service to the school corporation. Mrs. Koons had been a valued instructional assistant for 20 years. She received a standing ovation.

FFA Officers, Carrie Truax and Jamie Phipps reenacted their presentation at the FFA National Convention in which Switzerland County's Chapter won the 2008 National Title.

Mr. Cole made a motion to appoint Mr. Waltz to serve as a board representative on the Construction Committee. Mr. Daugherty seconded. The vote was as follows: AYES: Roberts, Daugherty, Cole, Mckay, Truitt. ABSTAIN: Waltz.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the revision of the policy on High School credits received for 8th grade classes. Mr. Cole seconded the motion. Mr. Daugherty said that he felt strongly that any High School class should count on their High School GPA. The vote to approve the revision was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Cole to approve the agreement with ClaimAid Consulting Corporation regarding the billing and follow-up of school based services eligible for reimbursement under Medicaid. Mr. Daugherty seconded. The board's vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve an agreement with Education Services Company to provide a financial review for the corporation by consultant Jerry Moore in a motion by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Waltz.

Mr. McKay moved to approve an Endowment request from Myron Browning for \$7,550 for equipment to aid in grounds work and the unloading of supplies. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. Mr. Daugherty said that he was not against the purchase, he just thought they needed to talk about it a little more. Mr. McKay withdrew his motion and no vote was taken.

The board unanimously approved a contract for Roger Christman for an As-Needed Express Route at \$20 per day for the 2008-2009 school year in a motion by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the ratification of a proposed 2-Year teachers' contract. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

The board voted unanimously to approve the following ECA recommendations in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. McKay:

- James Martin: Volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach assignment
- Shaun Holliday: HS Ski / Outdoor Recreation Coach assignment
- Tammy Martin: Head Varsity Volleyball Coach resignation

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the employment of Melissa Reynolds as M.S. Instructional Assistant. Mr. Cole seconded the motion and the board's vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The board unanimously approved three leave requests in a motion by Mr. Cole, seconded by Mr. McKay. They are as follows:

- Becky Curlin- 2 personal/2 professional days to attend National Conf. for Ag. Teachers on Dec. 2-5, 2008 in Indianapolis, to assist Ag. Teacher, Greg Curlin
- Mike McClure – professional days to attend Marine Educator's Workshop at Parris Island, S.C., Jan. 20-23, 2009
- Denny Jackson – professional days to attend Marine Educator's Workshop at Parris Island, S.C., Jan. 20-23, 2009

USE OF FACILITIES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the next Endowment Meeting would be held on Tuesday, Nov. 25, 2008.

Dr. Jones also announced that there would be a special board meeting on Monday, December 1, 2008, and the next regular board meeting would be held Monday, December 15, 2008.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Cole said he wanted to give the FFA group a "Hats Off" for a fine, outstanding job. He said that they had always made the corporation proud, but they had obviously outdone themselves this time.

Mr. Daugherty said that he was very pleased that contract negotiations between the corporation and the Certified Teacher's Association were handled in such a congenial manner. He said that he was also happy to see Melissa Reynolds at the meeting, as it helped to meet new employees.

Mr. Truitt said that the FFA had done a fantastic job. He also welcomed Melissa Reynolds to the staff. Mr. Truitt also stated that he attended the negotiations and that it took cooperation and respect from both sides to come to the final agreement. He felt that everyone acted in a very professional manner and that he was very proud.

Mr. Waltz said that when he heard negotiations were over after just one meeting, he couldn't believe it. He said that everyone had done a great job and that he couldn't be happier.

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