

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Minutes of the December 01, 2008**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING**  
**6:00 P.M.**  
**SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**  
**7:30 P.M.**

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 6:00 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. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, and Mr. Waltz. Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Ron Hocker, and Wilma Swango were 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. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, and Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Superintendent, Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Pat Lanman, Candis Haskell, Darin Gullion, Melissa Reynolds, Lowell Reynolds, and Melody Smith.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of consideration of a preventative maintenance agreement under Old Business; an ECA request; and the consideration of naming Denise Loaring as the Department Head of Guidance. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mr. Waltz moved to approve a preventative Maintenance Agreement with Dillard Electric for the High School roof units. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. Mr. Truitt said that for the record, four or five people were asked for quotes. The vote to approve the agreement was unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The board voted unanimously to approve two grants from the Vevay Switzerland County Foundation in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Phipps. They are as follows:

- \$1,000 for M.S. play, poem books, and costumes, submitted by Jill Cord
- \$1,000 for M.S. Reading Rewards program, submitted by Jill Cord

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve an Amended and Restated Operation Agreement with Southeastern Indiana Area Vocational School as presented. Mr. Waltz seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Four Endowment Requests were presented to the board for approval.

Mr. Phipps moved to approve a request from Myron Browning for \$7550 for a Kubota bucket and pallet forks. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. Mr. Daugherty asked if the tractor was 4-Wheel drive. He said that he would like to see the tractor used more. He asked if Switzerland County Elementary School couldn't use the tractor there for mowing. Dr. Jones said that the school has sent her a request for a nice mower for next year, but it has been put on hold, since there wasn't a need for it right now. The board's vote was as follows: AYES: McKay, Phipps, Waltz. NAYS: Truitt, Roberts, Daugherty. The motion did not pass due to a tie vote.

A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty to table a request from Adam Dennis for \$8175 for HS varsity track warm-ups and tent. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. AYES: McKay, Waltz, Truitt, Roberts, Daugherty. NAY: Phipps

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the \$9,100 Endowment request from the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for the Middle School incentive trip to Camp Livingston. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The trip is planned for May 13-15, 2009. The PTO has offered to pay \$700 towards the trip and can possibly give more. The vote was as follows: AYES: Waltz, Truitt, Roberts, Daugherty, Phipps. NAYS: McKay

An Endowment request for \$33,359 from Mike Jones for Smart Board Technology at Switzerland County Elementary was approved in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Waltz. Mr. Daugherty asked if this was something everyone wants to use. Mr. Sieglitz said that it was. Mr. Daugherty asked if every teacher has one. Mr. Sieglitz said eventually this was the goal, but it would take time. The vote to approve the request was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lowell Reynolds said that he knew there was a second fundraiser for the 6<sup>th</sup> grade dance. Mr. Reynolds asked why the corporation was hiring out all of the maintenance jobs. He said that changing filters in equipment was not that complicated. He went on to say that he felt that they were wise in not approving the tractor attachments. He said he thought

maintaining a relationship with local businesses such as West Main Supply was a good practice and that equipment was not necessary.

Pat Lanman said that he wanted to relay something just for their information. He said that the school board where his brother lived was allowing local businesses to advertise on their school busses. He said this helped put monies into their transportation funds. He said that it might be something that this school board could consider.

#### **PERSONNEL:**

In a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Phipps, the board unanimously voted to eliminate the position of Assistant Superintendent to become effective on July 1, 2010.

The board unanimously approved the elimination of rollover contracts for all administrators to become effective immediately in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. Daugherty. The length of current contracts will remain in effect, but will not extend beyond the contract end. All renewals or non-renewals of administrator contracts will be handled in accordance with applicable Indiana laws.

The 2008-2009 Administrator's Salary Schedule was unanimously approved in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Waltz.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the resignation of Janet Splain as Pep Club sponsor. Mr. McKay seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Denise Loaring was named as the Department Head of Guidance by a unanimous decision in a motion by Mr. Phipps, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

#### **PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

Mr. Waltz moved to approve a Business/BPA Field Trip to Nashville, Indiana on January 16 and to Bloomington, Indiana on January 17, 2009. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion. The vote to approve the trip was unanimous.

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

Superintendent Jones announced that the Executive Session meeting would resume immediately following the adjournment of the public meeting.

Other announcements from Dr. Jones included the next regular board meeting to be held on December 15, 2008; the next Endowment meeting to be held on December 16, 2008; and the next regular January meeting to be on the second Monday, January 12, 2009, instead of the third Monday.

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

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