

May 4, 2009

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**Minutes of the May 04, 2009**  
**SPECIAL OPEN WORKING SESSION**  
*(Principal Interviews)*  
**12:00 – 5:00 P.M.**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION**  
**6:00-7:00 P.M.**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC SESSION**  
**7:00 P.M.**

The School Board of Trustees met a Special Open Working Session beginning at 12:00 noon until 5:00 pm at the Jack Sullivan Senior Citizen Center for the purpose of interviewing High School Principal Applicants.

The board members present were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz. Mr. Daugherty was unable to attend the meeting. Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Lowell Reynolds, Doug Hagist, Kim Deffenbaugh, Barbara Coy, Janet Hendricks, Ron Hocker, Mona Crabtree, Connie Nobbe, Daniel Noel, and Ginny Reeves.

The School Board of Trustees met at 6:00 pm for an Executive Session before the public session to discuss I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

The board members present were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz. Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Superintendent, 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. 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. McKay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Pat Lanman, Candis Haskell, Michael Jones, Oliver Nelson, Glen S. Keller, Jerry Firestone, Darin Gullion, Greg Curlin, John Sieglitz, Pat Lanman, Melissa Reynolds, Lowell Reynolds, David Todd, and John E. Crawford.

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**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the selection of RQAW as an architect for the construction of a new Administration Office Building. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Possible revisions to the 2009-2010 Calendar were discussed. Dr. Bennett, Indiana's Superintendent of Public Instruction said that no school days will be waived next year. The last student day will be May 21 on the newly presented calendar. There were also more possible make up days for snow or other emergencies built in to allow for the elimination of waivers.

Board President, James Phipps, called Darin Gullion to give an update on the progress of the Jefferson Craig Vendor status. Mr. Gullion said that so far, he has received quotes from two vendors. He said that he would like to bring both vendors to the May 18<sup>th</sup> board meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Four Endowment Requests were presented for the board's consideration. No votes were taken. The requests presented are as follows:

- M. Browning: Energy Savings Units on the roof at the High School- \$39,560
- M. Jones: Parking Lot with lighting - \$135,000
- D. Todd: Irrigation for soccer field - \$23,938 to re-seed, \$43,538 for sod
- D. Todd: Baseball pitching machine for the hitting facility - \$2,122.80

Dr. Jones gave a presentation regarding the Federal Stimulus Report. She explained that 1.3 million dollars of state funds would have to be divided up to schools throughout the state and for Title 1, Part A program, and IDEA, Part B program, which is Special Education. Dr. Jones said the Title 1 monies are in addition to our regular Title 1 grant money. She said they are one-time monies to be used over a two-year period for teachers, instructional assistants, professional development, parent involvement, school improvement, and equipment and supplies. She said the part B, Special Education monies will go to SSU for distribution and they will send money to the schools and that there will be strict accountability for the stimulus funds.

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**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**PERSONNEL:**

The board unanimously approved Dr. Jones' recommendation to employ Daniel Noel as the High School Principal for the 2009-2010 school year in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. McKay.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to table the Cheerleader sponsor ECA recommendations until the next meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve the retirement request from Vonda Downing as presented in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mrs. Moore.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve a resignation request from Gary Jessup. Mr. McKay seconded the motion, and the vote was unanimous.

**PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the professional leave requests from Mrs. Paige and Mrs. Beitzel to attend a Fine Arts Academic Super Bowl at Purdue on May 8-May 9, 2009. Mr. Waltz seconded. The vote was unanimous.

**USE OF FACILITIES:**

None.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent Jones announced that the next Regular Board Meeting would be held on Monday, May 18, 2009. She also announced that the next Endowment meeting would be held on Tuesday, May 26, 2009.

**BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

Mr. Waltz said that he wanted to welcome Mr. Noel and hoped he would have a happy experience with our school corporation. He said that he also wished Mr. Jessup well and appreciated his services.

Mrs. Moore said that she felt Mrs. Downing exemplified Team Teaching and that she was a fine lady. She said that Mrs. Downing would be missed.

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**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned.

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James Phipps, President

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Wayne Daugherty, Vice President

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William Roberts, Secretary

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Virgil Mckay, Member

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Tonya Moore, Member

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Andy Truitt, Member

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Vernon Waltz, Member