

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE May 18, 2009
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING
5:30 P.M.
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
6:30 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 Middle School to discuss I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

The board members present were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore, and Mr. Waltz. Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Superintendent, and School Board Attorney, Ron Hocker, 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. 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. Daugherty, Mr. Mckay, Mrs. Moore, and Mr. Waltz. Due to a family emergency, Mr. Truitt was unable to attend. Mr. Roberts was also not in attendance.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Candis Haskell, Michael Jones, Mark Lohide, Darin Gullion, Greg Curlin, John Crawford, Stacy Mathews, Makenzie Mathews, Jack Mathews, Allie Mathews, Ron Gregory, Ann Roller, Pam Jones, Bonnie Fancher, Daniel Noel, Oliver Nelson, David Todd, Mikayla Sebree, Rita Sebree, Steve Sebree, Rachel Gurley, Beth Abbott, Shelly Cole, Lora Cole, Mikhail Cole, Connie Ingels, Lynda McKenzie, Larry Monjar, Nancy Stearns, Bruce Bennett, Logan Bennett, LuAnn Bennett, Sally Weales, Paul Jones, Annie James, Charmin Brooks, David Martin, Madison Smith, Crystal Hall, Jason Hall, Kayla Hall, Lyn Hall, Volina South, Lauren Smith, Lois Workman, and Gerald Workman.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the agenda. Mrs. Moore 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 April 20, 2009 and May 4, 2009 with a typographical error correction. Mrs. Moore made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McKay 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 #37510 through 37657 and Payroll Claims for May 01, 2009 and May 15, 2009 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Waltz. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS:

In the Celebrate Success part of the meeting, the school board recognized the nominees for each of the schools. All of the students recognized at this meeting were nominated because of their "Green" efforts. Board President, Phipps, congratulated each student with a medallion and certificate. The nominees are as follows:

Jefferson Craig Elem.: Courtney Gullion, Courtney Hall, Makenzie Mathews, Shelby Cole, Andrew Powers, Lauren Smith, Charmin Brooks, gr. 5,
nominated by Mrs. Ingels

Switz. Co. Elem.: Logan Bennett, gr. 1, nominated by Mrs. Weales

Switz. Co. Middle School: Emily Bush, Mikayla Sebree, Jami Sebree, Lori Lozier,
gr. 8, nominated by Mr. Spoore, WISE Committee

Switz. Co. High School: Elizabeth Abbott, Rachel Gurley, Emily Lanman, gr. 12,
nominated by Bonnie Fancher

Mrs. Swango, head of the Energy Savings Committee, said that she appreciated the support of Dr. Jones and the school board for their approval of their committee and their projects. She went on to say that students and staff members have gotten on board with some energy savings procedures such turning off lights and computers each day, recycling, and using both sides of copy paper which she believes will result in a significant cost savings to the corporation. Mrs. Swango said that they have applied for a grant with Dow Corning Corporation and are now applying for a grant with the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation to purchase an Energy Took Kit for each building which will be used for such things as measuring the light, enabling the students to see the scientific aspects of their efforts. Mrs. Swango said that she was extremely proud and excited that a member of Indiana Need, a statewide committee, said that ours was the best committee she had ever met with.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Roller, Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Fancher gave a trimester scheduling report/overview. Mr. Todd and Mrs. Haskell both made comments that said the consensus was that the majority of the teachers as well as the students liked the scheduling.

Mr. Gullion gave a presentation regarding the Jefferson-Craig RFP. Mr. Gullion said he wished to express his thanks to those who spent time reviewing proposals for this Endowment project. He extended a special thanks Mrs. Swango and to Mr. Phipps and Mr. Todd for pouring over every word of the documents.

Mr. Waltz made a motion to accept ESG for Jefferson-Craig's Guaranteed Energy Savings contract and for the board to grant Mr. Phipps the authority to sign a contract with ESG when final contract language has been completed in accordance with the current working documents. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty to approve a revised 2009-2010 calendar as presented. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The vote to approve the new calendar was unanimous. The calendar was revised in order to incorporate more days into the calendar after the State Superintendent of Education, Dr. Bennett, announced that there would be no waivers given for inclement weather days, parent-teacher conferences, or professional development days during the next school year.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the 2009-2010 student handbooks as presented for the first reading at the May 4th meeting, with the addition of cell phone restrictions added to the handbooks. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. After some discussion about student cell phone usage and current laws and procedures concerning them, the vote to approve the handbooks was unanimous.

Endowment Requests, which were reviewed at a previous meeting, were presented for the board's approval.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve an Endowment request for \$135,000 for the Switzerland County Elementary School parking lot and lights, requested by Principal, Mike Jones. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve an Endowment request for \$23,938.00 for the reseeding and irrigation of the soccer field. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. After some discussion with Athletic Director, David Todd, Mr. Daugherty withdrew his original motion and made a motion to approve the request for \$43,538.09 for sod and for irrigation of the soccer field. The vote to approve the request was unanimous.

The board's vote was unanimous to approve the Endowment request from Mr. Todd for \$2,122.80 to purchase a baseball pitching machine for the hitting facility. The motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Waltz and seconded by Mrs. Moore.

An Endowment request for \$250,000 by Mr. Gullion for the Jefferson-Craig Guaranteed Energy Savings Program was unanimously approved by the board in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

The State Board of Accounts Audit Report was presented to the board for review by Treasurer, Wilma Swango. Mrs. Swango said that one of the changes that the corporation needs to implement is a revision of the Endowment Request forms to include that if the Endowment Committee approves a request, the board will accept the donation. Mention was made that any non-certified personnel working athletic events, need to be paid from payroll and not the ECA accounts. Problems arise when these individuals end up with overtime. Another issue that needs to be addressed is the deficit in the Textbook Rental Fund. In June, Mrs. Swango said she wants to bring a resolution to the board in hopes that they will approve a threshold of \$5000 for Fixed Assets items. There were no findings for the elementary schools. Any left over funds in the senior class account should have the permission from one of the class officers before transferring those funds into another account. Mrs. Swango said that Board President, Mr. Phipps, had attended the meeting and might want to add comments of his own. Mr. Phipps said that the auditors had mentioned that most of the errors found were minor and were very complimentary of the work that was being done and for the cooperation they received from the staff. Mr. McKay mentioned that the corporation should send the auditors a notice of actions taken to correct existing problems.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the advertisement of Capital Projects Fund Plan and Hearing. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. and the vote was unanimous. At this time, the date of the meeting is June 15, 2009 and the place will be at Switzerland County Elementary School and the time is assumed to be 7:00 p.m. The purpose of the hearing is to amend the resolution to include additional appropriations for the construction of a new Administration Building; conducting and operations of Jefferson-Craig's Maintenance and Feasibility Study; and to begin a Traffic and Safety Improvement Project. The board voted unanimously to approve the advertisement.

Mr. McKay moved to approve the revision of the Rainy Day Fund Resolution to include the use of part of the funds to cover losses in the textbook rental fund. Mrs. Moore seconded. Mr. Waltz asked what safeguards the corporation could put into place in order to protect itself from the same thing happening in the future. Dr. Jones said that she would work on a solution to the problem. The board's vote to approve the revision was unanimous.

A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty to approve a resolution to Close Out the Switzerland County Elementary Bond Issue. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

The board unanimously voted to approve the Title 1 Administrator/ISTEP+ Coordinator consulting agreement with Darrell Hansel as presented in a motion by Mr. Waltz , seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

In a unanimous decision, the board voted to approve the 8th grade Job Shadowing Grant Agreement with Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation as presented. The VSCF agreed to provide Mr. Jesop's class with \$ 1050 for their project. The motion to approve the agreement was made by Mr. Waltz and seconded by Mrs. Moore.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

A retirement request from Velma Jean Rose was approved unanimously in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. Mckay.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve a retirement request from Lawrence "Doc" Brown. Mr. McKay seconded. The vote was unanimous.

A resignation request from Darin Gullion was approved unanimously by the board in a motion by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. McKay.

A request for the ECA position of Senior Class Sponsor was tabled in a motion by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mr. Waltz. The vote to table the request was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The board voted unanimously to approve one field trip and one professional leave in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mrs. Moore. The trips are as follows:

- 12 students to Boys Basketball games at Ben Davis HS, June 21-21, requested by Brian Bowen
- High Ability curriculum workshop in French Lick, June 15-17 by Shellie Fowler

USE OF FACILITIES:

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve two requests for the Use of School Facilities with the fees waived which was seconded by Mrs. Moore. The board's vote was unanimous to approve the following requests:

- HS Cafe.: Friday, June 26 by Katie Collier for 4-H Queen Pageant
- HS Cafe.: Saturday, Oct. 3 for Gideon's Pastor Banquet

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the next Endowment meeting would be on Tuesday, May 26, 2009 and that the next regular board meeting would be held on Monday, June 15, 2009.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Moore thanked the principals for coming to the meeting and for all of their hard work.

Mr. Waltz said that there were some wonderful people retiring. He wished them good luck. Mr. Waltz said that Darin Gullion will be greatly missed.

Mr. Daugherty said that it was an exciting time to be on the board right now. He thanked Mr. Gullion for his work on many different projects. He also mentioned that he is still waiting on good job descriptions for school personnel.

Mr. McKay expressed his thanks to Darin and wished everyone leaving all the best.

Mrs. Moore wanted to make mention that she had been a substitute teacher in a class that Darin was in when he was in the 6th grade and she knew he was a special young man even then and she wished him the best of luck.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. McKay moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Waltz seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned.

James Phipps, President

Wayne Daugherty, Vice President

William Roberts, Secretary

Virgil Mckay, Member

Tonya Moore, Member

Andy Truitt, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member