

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2009
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 Middle School to discuss I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

The board members present were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz. Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Ronald Hocker, Matt Hocker, Carrie Truax, and Larry Truax 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. Roberts, Mr. Mckay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Matt Hocker, Eric Cole, Lesa McGarvey, Greg Curlin, Terry Lancer, Tony Spoores, John Druba, Tara Justice, BreeLynn Justice, Kathy Williams, Kim Temple, Melissa Andrews, Paul Hewitt, Dan Noel, Ginny Reeves, and Rhonda Pennington.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the agenda to include a swim team report and an explanation of the QZAB process. Mr. McKay 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 August 17, 2009. Mr. McKay made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Moore seconded.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the August 31, 2009 fund report as submitted. Mr. Daugherty seconded. Mrs. Swango mentioned that the escrow account funds will be transferred to the Rainy Day Fund this month. Mr. Waltz asked about the Stimulus Fund. Mrs. Swango said that there were several stimulus funds. She said that #7950, was a stimulus fund that came in June and was expended in July. She said that fund #7951 was set up for additional stimulus money from which we are paying Title 1 Aide salary, among other things. She said that 7953 and 7954 are Special Education stimulus funds that won't get used because the monies will probably go directly to the Special Services Unit. Mr. McKay asked about the Technology Grant, (3780). Mrs. Swango said that it is an inactive fund. There being no further questions, the board voted unanimously to approve the report.

CLAIMS:

Vendor Claims # 38088 through 38233, with the exclusion of duplicate claim #38232, and Payroll Claims for 8/21/2009 & 9/4/2009, were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Daugherty. Mr. Phipps asked about claim #38219 to Southern Roofing. Mrs. Swango said that it was for the repair of a leak in the Middle School Cafeteria. Mr. Phipps asked about claim #38190 to Lewis & Kappes for \$577.50. Mrs. Swango said that it was for attorney's fees associated with the Geyman suit. Mr. McKay asked about claim #38209 to RQAW. Mrs. Swango said that \$7,432.43 was being paid to RQAW for the \$15,000 road construction; \$7.43 for copies; \$1,720.59 of a \$45,000 contract for the Administration Office; \$5,784 for the Preliminary Design of the building, \$32,437.54 for other construction documents; and other reimbursable expenses were \$122.21. RQAW's Terry Lancer said that there would be monthly billing on the amounts owed to the company. Mr. Daugherty asked about claim #38173 to John Haskell. Mrs. Swango said that the actual dates of service were August 15 through September 8. Mr. Daugherty said that he would like to see some kind of report to see how much it is actually costing the corporation for the service. Mr. Daugherty asked about water payouts. He asked if water and sewage were paid on the same bill. Mrs. Swango said that all the schools were like that except for Switzerland County Elementary, and their bills for water and sewage were separate. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims.

PUBLIC HEARING:

Mr. Phipps announced that at this time, Mrs. Swango had the floor and that at the end of her presentation, anyone who wished to make a public comment could do so at that time.

Mrs. Swango presented the Capital Projects Plan, Bus Replacement Plan, and the 2010 Budget to the board and those in attendance. Mrs. Swango made mention that all of the items listed in these plans were advertised in the Vevay Newspaper, as required by law.

There being no public comments, the regular meeting resumed.

OLD BUSINESS:

A new Student Transfer Policy was presented at the August 17 board meeting for the first reading. The policy was revised to incorporate new guidelines developed by the Indiana Department of Education. Mr. Truitt moved to approve the policy, with Mr. Daugherty seconding. The board's vote was unanimous.

An Endowment Request was presented to the board by Melissa Andrew and Greg Curlin for Plant and Animal Case Models for a total of \$58,703.03. Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve, while Mr. Waltz seconded. Mr. Daugherty asked how many students would be using the models. Mr. Curlin said that, easily, 100 students a day would have the class. The board unanimously approved the request.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve an Endowment Request for Robot additions for Advanced Manufacturing/ Engineering Classes in the amount of \$47,036.05, presented by Mrs. Reeves. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. Mr. Daugherty asked how many students would use the equipment. Mrs. Reeves said that right now, there were 12 students per class, but she felt that more students would be taking the class, once others got involved. Mr. Daugherty asked who was teaching the classes. Mrs. Reeves said that Barry Smith was teaching students during the day and Rob Banta was teaching adult classes in the evening. Mr. Daugherty asked if more staffing was needed. Mrs. Reeves said that for the numbers they had right now, the staffing was adequate, but additional staffing might be needed if the interest in the classes grew. The board's vote to approve the request was unanimous.

Bids were opened during an open meeting at the Jack Sullivan Senior Center on September 16, 2009 for the construction of the new Administration Building with Terry Lancer, of RQAW, opening the bids. Mr. Lancer said that he was happy to announce that the low bidder for the construction of the new Administration Building was Maxwell Construction and that his research had showed that the company was a responsible, qualified company. Mr. Lancer went on to explain about the base bid and the other items bids that could be added on if the board accepted them. He said that he recommended accepting Maxwell's base bid, as well as the other items bids, with the exclusion of the security system, for the construction of the new building. Maxwell Corporation's base bid was for \$759,800.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to accept Maxwell as the lowest responsible bidder for the construction of the new Administration Building and to approve all of the company's bids excluding that of the security system. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The total of all the bids, excluding the security system, came to \$768,870.00. Mr. Waltz said that Maxwell had done some bathroom construction at the High School and that they had done a very good job. Mr. Daugherty asked how far back from the road the building would sit. Mr. Lancer said that he believed it to be around 800 lineal feet. He said that

there was room behind the building for future plans such as a bus or transportation garage. Mr. Daugherty said that in the past there have been drainage issues in that area and wanted to know if that was being considered. Mr. Lancer said that he knew there was an area that would have to be raised and that he believed there would be enough dirt on-site that could be moved for that purpose. Mr. Roberts asked if sod and other landscaping were being considered in this bid. Mr. Lancer said that the bid included the driveway, the parking lot, lighting, drainage, and application of sod, but was uncertain as to the amount of landscaping involved. The board voted to approve Maxwell Corporation for the construction of the new building with Mr. Roberts casting a Nay vote, and all other board members voting Aye.

Mr. Druba gave a report on the Swim Team. He said that for a first year program, he felt it was very successful. Mr. Druba said there were 15 students in the program. Mr. Truitt asked what will be done differently. Mr. Druba said that he knew that this coming year, they would be adding meets. Mr. Phipps asked if the teams were co-ed. Mr. Druba said that they were. Mr. Cole said that at the meets, the relays were co-ed. He said the main reason for doing this was numbers. He said that there has been a good response for interest in the swim team this year. He said it was becoming more of a popular sport and was very optimistic about it.

Ron Hocker explained that the application for the bond process has been approved by the state. He said that what this would mean is that they have allocated \$1.4 million for us. He went on to say that it was not guaranteed that the corporation would get the money. The QZAB process would guarantee that when the bonds are sold, the corporation would repay the principal, but at no interest. The incentive for someone to buy the bonds is a tax credit. One of the local banks has expressed interest in buying the bonds. Mr. Hocker said that outside council, IceMiller, and the outside accounting firm of Umbaugh have been contacted. He said the reason for this is that someone has to come up with the opinion that in the hands of the holders these bonds will be legal, exempt bonds in order for the buyers to get their tax credit. Mr. Hocker said that IceMiller and Umbaugh are specialists in their fields. He said that now, hearings needed to be scheduled. And then, after the hearings, the bonds would be offered to an advertising campaign to the general public. He said that one of the bidders will likely be a local bank. Mr. Hocker said the number of bidders will depend on the economy and that the money will be used to pay off the ESG loan. He said that a quarter of a million dollars of the \$1.4 million had already been received from the Foundation. He went on to say that the \$750,000 loan from Friendship Bank was at 4%, but if this were repaid when the bonds were sold, the corporation would actually not be paying any interest and that the other \$650,000 is for Playground Equipment, and Technology.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve holding a 1028 hearing on October 5, 2009 regarding Qualified Zone Academy Bonds and Additional Appropriations. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mrs. Moore to approve the eighth grade field trip to Washington, DC on April 14 through April 18, 2010, as requested by Mr. Druba, Mrs. Williams, and Mr. Hewitt. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. Mrs. Williams said that some of the student activities included visiting the Smithsonian, the holocaust museum, and Mt. Vernon, and taking a Potomac boat ride. Mrs. Williams said the cost for each student would be \$500. Mr. Druba said that three fundraisers were being planned for the event. Mr. Waltz asked if there would be sponsors for those students who could not pay. Mrs. Williams said that most students who wanted to go in the past were able to do so. Mrs. Moore asked how long the students had to get their money in. Mrs. Williams said they start in September and go all the way through March and it is kept in an account until it was needed. The board's vote to approve the trip was unanimous.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve a sixth grade trip to Camp Livingston on May 12-14, 2010 as requested by Mr. Druba, Mrs. Justice, and Mrs. Temple. Mr. Truitt seconded. Mr. Druba said that 110 to 112 students would be attending. Mrs. Moore said that her concern about the trip to Camp Livingston was that every year they go, it rains and rains and suggested going on the trip in the fall. Mr. Druba said that it was an incentive trip and he didn't think that timing would work. Mr. Truitt said that he had wondered about the value of the trip and had gone as a chaperone last year to see for himself, and he was very supportive of it. The board's vote to approve the trip was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve a 1992 blue Chevy van and a white, 1997 Dodge van as surplus items and to accept the highest bids as presented. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The board's vote was as follows: AYES: Daugherty, Roberts, Truitt, Waltz. NAYS: Moore, Phipps, McKay. The motion carried. The accepted bids are as follows:

1997 Dodge:	\$1,150 by Robbin Works (highest of 2 bids)
1992 Chevy:	\$50 by Donna Brubaker (only bidder)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kathy Williams asked about the procedure for having something declared surplus. Dr. Jones told her she needed to turn in any item that would not be needed by her or anyone else in the corporation to Dawn Powell and that she would add it to her list and it would be sold at auction.

PERSONNEL:

The board voted unanimously to approve the employment of Ron Paradise as a Computer Technician as recommended by Systems Administrator, John Sieglitz. Mr. Waltz made the motion to approve the employment, with Mr. Truitt seconding. Mr. Sieglitz said that the CAPE grant will come to an end next year and when that happens, Ron would no longer be employed and that he was aware of that. Mr. Sieglitz said that he had talked with Pam Acton and that there was a possibility that the corporation could apply for and

be granted an extension to the grant. Dr. Jones said that in that case, Ron's employment would continue until such time as the extension expired.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the employment of Janett Boling for 2 periods of English for the first Trimester, as recommended by High School Principal, Dan Noel. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. The board's vote to approve the employment was unanimous.

Several recommendations for ECA positions were approved by the board. The positions and the board members' motions, seconds, and votes were as follows:

<u>ECA Position Recommendations:</u>	<u>Motioned by/Seconded by:</u>	<u>Vote:</u>
Tina Scudder- SCES Student Council Co-Sponsor	Waltz / Truitt	Unanimous
Shannon Barger-HS Soc. St. Academic. Tm.	Moore / Waltz	Unanimous
Brian Ford-M.S. Science Academic Team	McKay / Waltz	Unanimous
Kathy Williams-M.S. Soc. Stud. & Lang. Arts Acad. Tm.	Daugherty / Moore	Unanimous
Brianne Dayadharum- Gr. 6 Cheerleading Sponsor	Waltz / Truitt	Unanimous
Brian Ford-M.S. Swim Coach	Daugherty / Waltz	Ayes: Daugherty, Truitt, McKay, Roberts, Phipps, Waltz/Nays: Moore

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

In a motion by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Truitt, several professional leaves were approved by the board. All board members voted in favor of the leaves, with the exception of Mr. Phipps who abstained from the vote. They are as follows:

- Tony Spoores and David Todd: School Safety Specialist Advanced Training in Indianapolis on October 26 & 27, 2009
- Dr. Jones, Dan Noel & Greg Curlin: National Convention of the Association of Agriculture Educators in Nashville, Tennessee on November 19 & 20, 2009
- Tammy Beitzel: Percussive Arts Society Convention in Indianapolis on November 12 & 13, 2009
- Janet Hendricks & Shellie Fowler: High Ability Conference at Spring Mill State Park on September 30 & October 1, 2009
- John Sieglitz: HECC Conference on November 12 & 13, 2009
- Jim Phipps: ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference in Indianapolis on Sept. 28 & 29, 2009
- Dan Noel: North Central Association Conference in Indianapolis, Oct. 5 & 6, 2009

USE OF FACILITIES:

Board members voted unanimously to approve several Use of Facilities Applications in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mrs. Moore. They are as follows:

- HS Cafeteria: Mike Jones, Switz. Co. Democrat Fish Fry, Nov. 17, 5:00p.m. to 9:00p.m.
- HS Cafeteria: Bonnie Fancher, Switz. Co. Steering Committee, Zoning Ordinance Public Meeting, Oct. 3, 2009, 10:00a.m. to 12:00a.m.

- SCES: Cheri Gilliam, 2009-2010 Girl Scout Meetings on Thursdays, 3:30 to 5:30p.m.
- HS Kitchen: Gayla Bullock, Gideons Dinner on October 3 and Farm Bureau Dinner on October 6, 2009
- JC: Debra Turner for Good News Club Mtgs, Oct. 1, 8, 15, 29 and Nov. 5, & 12
- SCES: Debra Turner for Good News Club Mtgs., Oct. 7,14,28 and Nov. 4,11 & 18, 2009

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the next Endowment Meeting will be held on September 29, 2009.

Dr. Jones also said that the next board meeting would be held on October 5th and that the next regular board meeting would be held on October 19, 2009.

Dr. Jones said that she was going to delay the October 8th walk-through of Jefferson-Craig Elementary. She asked Principal, Rhonda Pennington, if most of the work had been done. Mrs. Pennington said that all of the essential things have been done. She said that the front safety door and the office area have not been completed as yet. Dr. Jones said that she wanted to wait until all of those things had been completed.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty said that he wanted to address the article in the paper that said the board would not accept memorabilia that was presented to the corporation. Dr. Jones explained that there was memorabilia that the Vevay Alumni wanted to put into the old Administration Building for viewing. Dr. Jones said she asked them if they were interested in purchasing the old building and they had said no, they just wanted the corporation to maintain it so that the memorabilia could be housed there. She said she had suggested to them that they contact the Switzerland County Historical Society to see if they might, in the future, want to take the items and display them somewhere.

Mr. Daugherty also asked about the old technology equipment. He wanted to know how much of it we had and where it was. Dr. Jones said that there was a lot of it and it was pretty well scattered out, but that Dawn Powell was working on taking all of the information from it and getting it ready for sale at an auction.

Mr. Phipps asked about an update on the bus accident.

Dr. Jones said that she believed all of the students have come back to school. Mrs. Swango said that bus driver, Jerry Monjar, was working, although he was taking off from time to time for doctor visits and that a sub was being called in for those days.

Mrs. Moore said that she was proud of Jerry Monjar and his ability to keep his wits about him and maneuver the bus to keep the children from any more harm that what they did incur.

Mr. Phipps suggested inviting the 2 students who assisted other students in exiting the wrecked bus to the board meeting so they could be recognized, and to also commend Mr. Monjar for his actions.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. (9:35p.m.)

James Phipps, President

Wayne Daugherty, Vice President

William Roberts, Secretary

Virgil Mckay, Member

Tonya Moore, Member

Andy Truitt, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member