

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
OCTOBER 19, 2009 MINUTES OF THE  
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING  
5:30 P.M.  
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING  
6:00 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. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore, and Mr. Waltz. Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Superintendent, and Board Attorney, Ron Hocker and Matt 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. Mr. Roberts was unable to attend due to having surgery and Mr. Truitt was not present due to illness.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Matt Hocker, Dan Noel, Karen Noel, Ginny Reeves, David Todd, Tony Spoopes, John Druba, Rhonda Pennington, John Sieglitz, Michael Jones, William Morgan, Savannah M. Henderson, Amy Bovard, Tye Sullivan, Gayla Bullock, Pat Lanman, Justin Otter, Allen Otter, Shane Otter, Janet Scott, Jerry Monjar, Shelby Prince, Jacob Messang, Robert Owens, Ruth Hoberle, Eric Engle, Rose Weaver, David Cox, Robbie Smith, Peggy Smith, Larry Monjar, Rosemary Bovard, Joe Parham, Ivan Green, Roy Leap, Chris See, Richard Lay, Chris Bolton, Dennis Cole, Jeremy Harsin, Tom Scott, Tony Peelman, Dusty Higgins, and others.

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA:**

Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the agenda. 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 September 21, 2009 with the correction to a typographical error noted by Mr. Waltz. Mr. Daugherty made the motion to approve the minutes. Mrs. Moore seconded.

**CLAIMS:**

Vendor Claims #38242 through 38248 and Payroll Claims for 10/16/2009 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mrs. Moore. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve a Resolution Authorizing Amendment & Restatement of Retirement Plan via Adoption of Valic Retirement Services Company Governmental Volume Submitter Plan. This occurs every six years as part of an IRS plan. Mr. McKay seconded the motion. The board's vote was unanimous.

There was a first reading of an Endowment Request for transportation costs for the 8<sup>th</sup> Grade's trip to Washington. No action was taken. It will be voted on at a later meeting.

The principals gave ISTEP Reports for each of their buildings. The general consensus was that the scores were down this year. Each Principal gave statistics on their students' strengths and weaknesses on the test and what steps that they will take in order to improve their scores.

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS: (Recognition of Service)**

The school board honored many of those who were at the meeting, as well as those who could not attend, for their service to the students and bus driver involved in a recent bus accident that sent 6 students to the hospital. The bus driver was commended. Students who assisted other students exit the bus were also commended for their bravery and willingness to help their fellow students. Others who were recognized for their timely response to the crash were law enforcement personnel, members of local fire departments, EMT crews and local citizens. Those in attendance were each presented with tokens of appreciation. Immediately following the presentations, Mr. Phipps called for a recess and a reception in their honor.

After the recess, the board meeting resumed.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**PERSONNEL:**

The board unanimously approved several ECA Recommendations as presented, as well as tabled a few recommendations until a Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting in a motion by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. McKay. Dr. Jones said that the decision to table some of the recommendations was not based on positions or personnel. Dr. Jones said that the board wanted to have a special meeting to discuss the athletic programs. The approved recommendations are as follows:

- Lindsay Stultz for Freshman Girls Basketball Coach
- Steven Konkle for 8<sup>th</sup> Gr. Boys Basketball Coach
- Libby Kinman for Drama Club Sponsor
- Marla Edwards for High School Guidance Department Head
- David Todd for Senior Sponsor
- T.J. Sefton for Volunteer Assistant Boys Basketball program
- Derick Clark for Volunteer Assistant Varsity Swim Team Coach.

**PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:**

Mr. Waltz moved to approve a Professional Leave request for several personnel to attend a Center for Excellence in Leadership and Learning Conference at the University of Indianapolis on November 16-17, 2009. Mr. McKay seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. Those attending are Valerie Smith, Elizabeth Jones, Dan Noel, Rhonda Pennington, and Ginny Reeves.

**USE OF FACILITIES:**

Several Use of Facilities applications were unanimously approved in a motion by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Waltz. They are as follows:

- MS Café: Cub Scout meetings, every other Monday, 6-8pm for school year
- SCES Café: Patriot Alumni Assoc. annual dinner & meeting, Sat., 5/29/10, 4-9pm
- SCES Café: Betty Chase for Thanksgiving Day dinner, Nov. 26, 2009, 11am-?pm
- HS Café: Class of 2000 for Class Reunion, June 26, 2010, 11am-2pm
- SCE Parking Lot: New Liberty Baptist Church for Trunk or Treat, Sat., 10/31/09

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent Jones announced that the next board meeting would be held on Monday, November 02, 2009 at 6:00pm. Dr. Jones said that next Regular board meeting would be held on Monday, November 16, 2009, also beginning at 6:00 pm.

Dr. Jones said that the next Endowment meeting would be held on Wednesday, October 28, 2009.

**BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

Mr. Waltz said that he appreciated all of the work that was being done in the schools, but that we all needed to do better to improve test scores.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Mr. Daugherty moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Waltz seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. ( 8:00 p.m.)

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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