

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE NOV. 16, 2009
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING
5:00 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 5:00 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, Superintendent, and 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. 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, Michael Jones, Dan Noel, John Sieglitz, John Druba, Mark Boggs, Lowell Reynolds, Melissa Reynolds, Melissa Davis, Mariah Davis, Sam Davis, Chad Combs, Corey McFarland, Mariah McFarland, Tracey L. McFarland, Bobby Chatham, Jackie Chatham, Justin Chatham, and Drew Chatham.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the school board meeting of November 2, 2009, with a typographical correction. Mrs. Moore made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Roberts seconded.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. McKay moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mrs. Moore seconded. Mrs. Swango said that Debt Service was only paid in June and December and so that payment would be coming out next month. She said that the corporation did not request a cash advance this time for property taxes, so that revenue would be coming in next month. The Escrow account was closed out and the money went into the Rainy Day Fund. Mrs. Swango said that the Cafeteria Fund was in the red a little bit, but that the reimbursement for the federal program was always a month behind. She said that the Lilly CAPE Grant was starting to wind down. Mrs. Swango said that they are hoping to get the Textbook Rental Fund back in the black at the end of this year by following the same process as in the past, by asking the Endowment to pay student textbook bills, but also using the Rainy Day Fund to bring it at least close to being in the black. For the next school year, the hope is to have the Endowment pay for the actual cost of the books, rather than use the reimbursement plan. Mrs. Swango said that sometimes the grants, like Title 1, will run into the red until the first payment is received. Mrs. Swango said the Stimulus Fund was closed out at the end of October, and pointed out that the expenditures were shown. Mr. Daugherty asked what things would be affected when the end came for that grant and we had to send the excess money back. Mrs. Swango said that there would not be any excess. Mr. Daugherty then asked when the CAPE money was spent, how this was going to affect the programs that were now benefitting from that money. Mrs. Swango said the money had been used to purchase technology items and to purchase equipment. Mrs. Swango also said that part of it was being used to fund the salary of the newly hired Computer Technician, Ron Paradise. Mr. Daugherty asked what will happen when that grant is over. Mrs. Swango said that she believed that the money that is in the endowment should be there to cover that cost, although there was no way to tell until they got there. Mrs. Swango said that she believed Dr. Jones was on board with that. Mr. Daugherty asked if there were any other salaries being paid from this fund. Mrs. Swango said that at one time, Mr. Jessup's guidance salary had been taken from that fund. Mr. Daugherty said that he understood she was saying that the interest earned from that money would be used to pay for the technology position salary. Mrs. Swango said that was correct and that currently, the fund was down to \$40,000. There being no further questions, the board voted unanimously to approve the report.

CLAIMS:

Vendor Claims #38482 through #38579 and Payroll Claims for Nov. 13, 2009 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. McKay and seconded by Mr. Waltz. Mrs. Swango wanted to mention that voucher #38514 had no vendor listed and needed to be voided and re-written. When re-written, Mrs. Swango said that the actual check will be more like \$75,000. Mr. Daugherty asked about voucher #38484 to the Department of Workforce Development. Mrs. Swango said that government agencies don't pay unemployment taxes, but when there were unemployment claims, the corporation needed to pay it. Mrs. Swango said she did want to mention that each time there was a claim, she did try to protest it. Mrs. Swango said that historically, the claims that were filed were substitutes. She said that those amounts have been minimal. Mrs. Swango said that the

corporation had been paying on the claim in question for a while and she thought this was coming to an end, soon. There being no further questions, 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. Board President, Phipps, congratulated each student with a congratulatory pendant and certificate. The nominees are as follows:

- Jefferson Craig Elem.: Justin Chatham, nominated by Mrs. Findley
- Switz. Co. Elem.: Mariah Davis, nominated by Mr. Combs
- Switz. Co. Middle School: Nominee was unable to attend
- Switz. Co. High School: Corey McFarland, nominated by Mr. Boggs

The board also recognized employee, John Sieglitz, for his award as the state of Indiana's Technology Coordinator of the Year. Mr. Sieglitz was presented with the award at the Hoosier Education Computer Coordinator conference in Indianapolis by the Superintendent of Public Instruction, Tony Bennett. Dr. Jones said that Mr. Sieglitz had received the award for his "outstanding dedication and leadership in the advancement of technology". Dr. Jones said that Mr. Sieglitz was indeed deserving of the award and wanted to honor him here in Switzerland County as well. Mr. Sieglitz received a standing ovation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the Internet Student Safety Policy as presented. Mr. McKay seconded. Mr. Phipps asked when the policy would become effective. Mr. Sieglitz said that it would become effective upon approval from the Department of Education. The board voted unanimously to approve the policy.

A Final Bond Resolution was presented to the board for approval in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Daugherty. The resolution was approved by IceMiller LLP, and recommended by them for adoption for the purpose of authorizing the issuance of Qualified Zone Academy Bonds for the renovations and improvements to Jefferson-Craig Elementary School. After due consideration, the resolution, identified as Exhibit A was adopted unanimously by the board and the bonds awarded to the Friendship State Bank at an annual interest rate of .052%.

The board also voted unanimously to approve the Resolution Approving Continuing Disclosure Undertaking, identified as Exhibit B, in a motion by Mr. McKay, seconded by Mrs. Moore.

NEW BUSINESS:

An agreement with the Community Mental Health Center was presented to the board for informational purposes. The agreement will provide for a counselor at the elementary

level when needed upon the consent of the parents. The services rendered under this agreement will be provided at no cost to the corporation.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the Anthem Contract for 2010. Mr. Truitt seconded. Mrs. Swango explained that the increase for the insurance plans was originally set for 17%, but was negotiated down to 9.9% of which the corporation will pick up 2.5% and the employee will pick up the rest. Mrs. Swango said that MedBen's costs were comparable to Anthem's, but the corporation would need to be partly self-insured, which was an uncomfortable scenario. Mrs. Swango also said that for the past 3 years, she had looked at our corporation joining one of two insurance Trusts, but the company that has both of those, R.E. Sutton, will not accept us based on our claims and premiums. The vote to approve the contract was as follows: Ayes: Daugherty, Phipps, McKay, Moore, Truitt, Waltz. Nays: Roberts

Mrs. Moore made a motion to increase the corporation's share of the non-certified employee's health insurance benefits as presented. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote to approve the increase was unanimous.

A Grade Replacement Policy was presented to the board for first reading by High School Principal, Dan Noel. The policy will be voted on at another meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

None.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

None.

USE OF FACILITIES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the next Endowment Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2009.

Dr. Jones also announced that the next regular board meeting will be held on Monday, December 7, 2009.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Phipps asked Mr. McKay about the Endowment funds. Mr. McKay said that at this time, the available funds were \$367,000.

Mr. Phipps asked Mr. Noel to give a report on the soccer field. Mr. Noel said that he was very thankful to the board for the decision to put in sod. He said that there would definitely be problems if that hadn't been done. He said that now, a weed and feed program needed to be implemented. He said that on the east side, the field needed to be rolled and there needed to be a program for that, as well. Mr. Noel said that the bull pens are being put in. He said that the windscreens needed to be put up in the winter. Mr. Truitt said that he felt someone needed to educate the coaches about field maintenance, and have practices elsewhere when the field is wet.

Mr. Daugherty said that he just wanted to say to the principals that their Veterans Day programs were excellent and that he was proud of the way the students behaved.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. (7:15 p.m.)

James Phipps, President

Wayne Daugherty, Vice President

William Roberts, Secretary

Virgil Mckay, Member

Tonya Moore, Member

Andy Truitt, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member