

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 07, 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 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. 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, Rhonda Pennington, John Druba, David Todd, Dan Noel, Greg Curlin, John Crawford, Orelia Drounette, Lowell Reynolds, Melissa Reynolds, Mark Jackson, and Dave Ziegler.

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 November 16, and November 30, 2009. Mr. McKay made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. Waltz seconded.

2010 BUDGET REPORT:

Mrs. Wilma Swango, Corporation Treasurer, gave a synopsis of the 2010 Budget. Mrs. Swango said that regarding the 1782 Notice, a public hearing was scheduled for the next day at the Switzerland County Courthouse. She said that a budget order was expected in the next ten days. Mrs. Swango told the board that she felt they should wait for a comparison report until the January meeting.

CLAIMS:

Vendor Claims #38580 through #38604 and #38624 through #38717; as well as Payroll Claims for November 25, 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.

CELEBRATING SUCCESS:

The board recognized Mr. Greg Curlin for becoming the President Elect of the National Association of Agriculture Educators. High School Principal, Mr. Noel, and Assistant Principal, Mr. Todd, spoke about his many great qualities as an educator and a leader.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Truitt moved to approve the start of a Wrestling Program for the 2010-2011 school year. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion. The wrestling program had been discussed at prior meetings. Mr. Waltz said that he had issues about taking the sport to another location for practices and meets. Mr. Daugherty also said that he did not want to approve another sports program until all of the facts were known about who would be doing what; when and where the practices and meets would be held; what the initial costs would be; what income could be generated later; and how many students were actually going to participate. He wanted every aspect laid out before the board so they could make a more informed decision. Someone asked why we could not use the Old Gym or the Jefferson-Craig Gym for practices and meets. Mr. Druba mentioned that there were practices or games at both places, now, pretty much every day from 3:00 to 5:00 and 5:00 to 7:00. He said that everyone should keep in mind the fact that there were three grades with different sports with girls and boys teams. There was more discussion about the feasibility of the program. The consensus was that unless the program was already approved, there would be no way to get commitments from establishments and people who might otherwise be interested in assisting with the program. The board's vote to approve the program was as follows: AYES: McKay, Moore, Phipps, Roberts, Truitt. NAYS: Daugherty, Waltz.

A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty to approve a grade forgiveness policy as presented. Mr. Roberts seconded. The policy was presented for a first reading at the November 16, 2009 meeting. The board's vote was unanimous. The policy reads as follows: Grade forgiveness for required courses shall be limited to replacing a grade of D or F or higher by retaking the same course with the identical

course number. The replacement grade will replace any D or F on the transcripts. Classes for grade forgiveness can be taken through summer school, Southeastern Indiana Vocational School, Indiana Virtual High School, or any other approved program.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve a Transfer of 2009 Appropriations Resolution. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. Mrs. Swango explained that passing this resolution would give the business office permission to transfer money within funds in order to close out the year without negatives. The board's vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve an AP Environmental Science/Indian Creek Watershed Project Expansion Grant from Dow Corning. The motion to approve the \$5000 grant was made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The parent of a student, Ms. Orelia Drounette, addressed the board regarding a suspension given to her son, a second grader, for fighting. Mrs. Drounette said she felt the board should think about their policy and that younger students should not be treated the same as older students.

Mr. Phipps thanked Ms. Drounette and said that her comments would be taken into consideration.

PERSONNEL:

None.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

None.

USE OF FACILITIES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the next Endowment Meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 at 6:00p.m.

Dr. Jones announced that the next Board Meeting will be held at the Middle School Library on December 14, 2009 at 8:30a.m.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. McKay said that regarding the Endowment Corporation, for now, there will be no shift in the way money will be allocated.

Mr. Daugherty said that he appreciated Mr. Curlin for all of his hard work and his accomplishments.

Mr. Truitt said that he had a personal interest in the wrestling program and felt that this was long overdue.

Mr. Waltz said that he wanted everyone to know that he was not against the wrestling program. He said that he just felt that everyone involved needed to get their ducks in a row. He said that he wanted to see the program succeed, not fail.

Mrs. Moore thanked Mr. Curlin for his hard work. She said that she had a nephew that told her he wanted to be like Mr. Curlin. Mrs. Moore said that you couldn't ask for greater praise than that. Mrs. Moore said that she also wanted to commend Mr. Noel and Mr. Todd on the way the students behaved at the last ball game.

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