

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 14, 2009
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
8:30 A.M.**

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mr. Daugherty called the meeting to order and led the group in the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE:

Board members in attendance were Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Roberts, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz. Mr. Phipps was unable to attend.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, and Matt Hocker.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

There was no motion to approve minutes. The minutes of the December 7 and December 14, 2009 meetings will be presented for approval at the January 11, 2010 school board meeting.

FUND REPORT:

Mr. McKay moved to approve the fund report as submitted. Mr. Truitt seconded. There being no further questions, the board voted unanimously to approve the report.

CLAIMS:

Vendor Claims #38605 through #38623, and #38718 through #38760; and Payroll Claims for 12/11/2009, were presented for approval in a motion by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Truitt. Corporation Treasurer, Wilma Swango, explained that the claims looked a little different this time because she was trying to give the board more detailed information on each one. Mrs. Swango asked that they look at claim #38730. She said that she was taking money from Main Source and opening an account at Friendship State Bank so that the money could be put into that bank, since Friendship was the bank that purchased the bonds. Mr. Waltz said that he was glad that the corporation was doing business at both banks. Mrs. Swango wanted to mention that the corporation did have

C.D.'s at Friendship Bank prior to that. Mrs. Swango pointed out that claim #38751 for \$600 was for a Middle School Student Council Motivational Grant from Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation for a speaker who needed to be paid in advance. Mrs. Swango also mentioned that the Energy Savings Loan from Friendship Bank was for \$750,000.00, but when claims came through, the total cost was a little more than allowed, so \$13,630.00 was transferred to the Friendship account to take care of the additional amount. Mr. Daugherty asked what reasons people had for garnished wages. Mrs. Swango said there were different reasons, but mostly it was for child support. Also, Mrs. Swango wanted the board to keep in mind that this was not the usual bulk of claims, but they were claims that she preferred to be paid before the end of the year. The board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

None.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Daugherty opened the meeting for a public hearing for taxpayer comments regarding the additional appropriations request for the transportation operating fund. There being none, he closed the meeting.

Mr. Truitt made a motion, with Mr. McKay seconding, to approve a Transportation Additional Appropriations Resolution. Mrs. Swango said that more money was needed to finish out the year. She said that she expected approval from the state for the additional funds to be transferred into the Transportation Fund. The vote to approve the resolution was unanimous.

A High Ability Grant, also known as the Gifted and Talented Grant, was presented to the board for approval. Mr. Truitt moved to approve the grant. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mr. Daugherty said that he saw on the breakdown where there were transportation reimbursements to people. He asked what that was for. Dr. Jones said that there are instances where Mrs. Fowler, at Switzerland County Elementary School would need Mrs. Hendricks to come out and give her suggestions on how to better teach the students. Also, Dr. Jones explained that transportation costs were paid for things like traveling to Spell Bowl locations. The board voted unanimously to approve the grant.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

None.

PERSONNEL:

None.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

None.

USE OF FACILITIES:

None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the next Regular Board meeting would be held on January 11, 2010 at 6:00p.m. Dr. Jones said that she had received a letter from the parent of a student who was expelled for bringing drugs to school for an expulsion hearing. She said that Mr. Hocker believes there is no statute regarding response time, so she wanted to hold the expulsion hearing during an executive session on January 11, 2009 and then submit it to the board for action during the regular session.

Dr. Jones also announced that the next Endowment meeting would be held on Tuesday, January 26, 2010.

Dr. Jones said that an Architect meeting would be held later that morning, at 10:30a.m. if any of the board members wished to attend. She said that the footers were in and they were ready for pipes for fiber optic cables, which Mr. Sieglitz would be handling.

Dr. Jones said that Madison Special Services Unit Director, Connie Griffith, wanted to invite board members to an informational meeting on January 21, 2010, and that the finance managers would have their own meeting on the 28th. Dr. Jones said that the meeting was to inform board members about what SSU does, and the changes that may happen in the future. Mr. Waltz asked if our costs would go up if SSU pulled out. Dr. Jones said there were several different scenarios to be explored, with the main idea being to consolidate services with another school.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty said that he felt the board should look into the feasibility of purchasing a mini-van for trips, instead of reimbursing individuals for fuel costs. Dr. Jones said that Southwestern purchased a van and they saw a savings within two years.

Mr. Daugherty said that the officer elections were coming up, and he wanted the board members to think and discuss what they wanted to do. He said that in the past, there was a rotation schedule.

Mr. Roberts said that the way the board had been doing it was based on seniority. If the person with the most seniority did not want it, then it would go to the next person. He said that if the board wanted to do something different, then there should be a policy on exactly what they wanted to do.

Mr. Waltz said that he felt like they had a good working board. He said that going by seniority was fine with him.

Mr. Daugherty said that he also wanted to mention that at the last meeting, when it came time for public comments, there was a mother who spoke about her son being suspended for three days. He said he felt our zero tolerance policy warrants further examination.

Mr. Daugherty said that he would like to see the board invited to things when employees got awards. He said they may not wish to go, but felt they should receive the invitation.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. (10:10a.m.)

James Phipps, President

Wayne Daugherty, Vice President

William Roberts, Secretary

Virgil Mckay, Member

Tonya Moore, Member

Andy Truitt, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member