

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
Minutes of the February 17, 2010
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING
3:00 P.M.
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING
4:53 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 3:00pm at the Switzerland County School Library 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 Board Attorney, Ron Hocker, and Principals, Dan Noel, John Druba, Rhonda Pennington, and Mike Jones 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, Michael Jones, Dan Noel, John Sieglitz, Eric Cole, Lori Singer, Carson Trotter, Troy Garrett, Ron Marshall, Neal Haskell, Andy Haskell, Andrew Peters, Gerry Peters, and Wilma Swango.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Truitt 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 January 11, 2010. Mrs. Moore made the motion to approve the minutes. Mr. McKay seconded.

FUND REPORT:

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

CLAIMS:

Vendor Claims # 38903 through 39082 and Payroll Claims for 01/15/2010, 01/22/2010, and 02/05/2010 were presented for approval in a motion by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. McKay. Mr. Daugherty asked if it was necessary to put down salt. Mr. Waltz said that when salt wasn't put down, the lots were just plowed, but when salt was used, they were clean. There being no further discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the claims as submitted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Moore voted to approve the Non-Certified Handbook Policy Change regarding holiday pay that was presented at the previous meeting for a first reading. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The policy change pertained to granting holiday pay for those full time, 9-month, non-certified employees hired after July 1, 2003 who work the day before and the day after the holiday. The board voted unanimously to approve the change.

NEW BUSINESS:

The board was presented with a Return to Work Policy for a first reading. The policy will be voted on at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. McKay moved to approve Option #1 for the 2010-2011 School Calendar. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. Dr. Jones said that there were four options that were presented, and that the Classroom Teacher's Association had liked the fourth option the best, but Dr. Jones felt that starting on August 10th would be too early. There was some discussion regarding a calendar proposal passed by the senate that has not yet passed in the House, which would require school corporations to delay the start of classes until after Labor Day. Dr. Jones said that if it were to pass, it would not go into effect until 2012. The vote was as follows: AYES: Phipps, Daugherty, Roberts, McKay, Moore, and Waltz. NAYS: Truitt.

Mr. Eric Cole, YMCA Director, and Lori Singer were on hand to explain what their new 21st Century Learning Grant application was all about. Lori explained that Middle School students were targeted by the grant. The classes would be held Monday through Thursday until 5:30 in the evening and would benefit those kids who were struggling in the classroom and needed extra remediation. The grant would be a four-year grant and the YMCA will find out if they have been approved for funding the first of April.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve a contract with Century Link with a bid of \$109,975.78 for a new phone system and maintenance agreement for the corporation. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. Technology Coordinator, John Sieglitz, said that there were

actually six contracts involved with the new system and maintenance. Mr. Sieglitz said that Century Link was not the lowest bid, but the company has proven the equipment's reliability and is able to provide, quick, efficient service. Mr. Sieglitz went on to say that his bid recommendation was based on the lowest and best bid and that other companies had unknown equipment and no proof of available services to the area. The only other bid that met the criteria of the RFP was from Five-Star Technology Solutions for \$98,815.00. The company is located two hours away. The board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve Haskell Lawn and Landscaping as the lowest, best bid for the corporation for the 2010 Spring, Summer, and Fall Grounds Care at \$798 per mowing for all campuses. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. The bids were opened at 2:15 p.m. on February 12, 2010 by the Grounds Care Committee consisting of board members, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay and Mr. Roberts and were as follows:

COMPANY / BIDDER	VEVAY/WKLY	E. ENT./WKLY	Vev/EE Total	Misc hrly rate	Pr. Hr.-Corp. Eqmt
Jerry Monjar	\$375.00	\$350.00	\$725.00	\$10.50	-
Haskell Lawn & Lndscp.-Neil H.	\$500.00	\$298.00	\$798.00	\$35.00	\$20.00
Countryside Lawn Care-Chris Stewart	-	-	\$850.00	\$25.00	\$15.00
DC Turf Mgmt.- Dillon Chandler	\$480.00	\$420.00	\$900.00	\$50.00	-
GreenPros - Andrew Peters	\$480.00	\$435.00	\$915.00	\$30.00	\$27.50
Sunset Ridge - Scott Weaver	\$575.00	\$400.00	\$975.00	\$40.00	\$30.00
Grassman - Todd Chase	-	-	\$1,099.00	-	-
Bill Hoskins	\$685.00	\$470.00	\$1,155.00	\$35.00	\$20.00
Got Grass? - Joey Rider	\$700.00	\$600.00	\$1,300.00	\$55.00	\$25.00
Miracle Mow - Jason	\$875.00	\$625.00	\$1,500.00	\$45.00	\$35.00

Dr. Jones said that the decision was based on references and even though bidders were given the option to bid separate amounts for the different locations, the decision was to go with one company and accept the combined bid for all campuses. The decision to go with the next lowest bid was based on the lowest bidder's failure to provide a positive reference and less than adequate performance for the school corporation in the past. Mr. Roberts said that, in his opinion, it was more financially reasonable to hire an individual and use the corporation's own equipment. Mr. Daugherty said that the board needed to look at this for next school year. The board's vote was as follows: AYES: Phipps, Daugherty, McKay, Moore, Truitt, Waltz. NAYS: Roberts

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

PERSONNEL:

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve two ECA resignations as presented. Mr. McKay seconded. Mr. Daugherty said that there needed to be a return to the policy of varsity coaches being interviewed by the board. There was more discussion regarding past practices of hiring coaches. The board voted unanimously to approve the resignations. They are as follows:

- Megan Meadors resigned as Varsity-JV cheerleading Coach for 2010-2011
- Steve Clark resigned as Varsity Volleyball Coach for 2010-2011

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

The board voted unanimously to approve one field trip and one professional leave as follows in a motion by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

- Debbie Seaver/Tammy Martin: Field Trip to Indianapolis by Business Professionals of America for State BPA Competitions, March 7 & March 8, 2010
- W. Swango/C. Haskell: Professional Leave to French Lick for annual IASBO meeting, May 12,13, and14, 2010

USE OF FACILITIES:

Seven applications for the Use of School Facilities were presented to the board for approval.

Mrs. Moore moved to approve Deb Turner to use Switzerland County Elementary for the Good News Club from 2:30 to 5:30p.m., March 3, 10, 17, and 31, and April 7 and 14, 2010. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve Connie Wallace to use Jefferson-Craig for the Good News Club from 2:30 to 5:30 on March 4, 11, and 18, and April 1, 8, and 15. The motion was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Waltz.

Use of the High School Gym by Deb Meyer for After Prom activities on April 10, 2010 from 8:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. was unanimously approved in a motion by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mrs. Moore.

Mr. Kyle Weaver was approved by a unanimous vote to use the High School Cafeteria and Band Room for 4-H Share the Fun activities from 5:00-9:00 p.m. on April 23, 2010 in a motion made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

Mr. Jones was approved unanimously to use the High School Cafeteria in a motion by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mr. Roberts for a Spring Democrat Meet the Candidates Dinner from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. on May 1, 2010.

The board unanimously approved Mike Jones to use the High School Cafeteria for a Democrat Party Fish Fry from 5:00 to 9:00p.m., October 16, 2010 in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. McKay.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve Pat Lanman and Dawn Powell to use Switzerland County Elementary for Youth Group Meetings on 2/28, 3/14 and 4/25, 2010 from 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion. Mr. Daugherty said that he was not going to vote against the request but wanted to bring up the fact that the corporation had experienced problems in the past with churches using the facilities and felt that the Superintendent should

spell out stipulations to the requesters. Mrs. Moore and Mr. Waltz then decided to withdraw their motions after being reminded of those events. The two board members felt that if the corporation were to approve this request, then other religious organizations might want to do the same. Board Attorney, Ron Hocker, suggested that the Superintendent contact Mrs. Powell and Mr. Lanman for a more detailed explanation of the use. Mr. Truitt then made a new motion to approve the request and Mr. Daugherty seconded. The request was not approved due to the following vote: ABSTAIN: Phipps. AYES: Daugherty, Roberts, Truitt. NAYS: McKay, Moore, Waltz.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones announced that the next Endowment Meeting would be held on February 23, 2010 at the Middle School at 6:00 p.m.

Dr. Jones also announced that there would be a Special Board Meeting on March 1, 2010 at the Middle School Library.

Dr. Jones said that the Regular School Board meeting would be held at the Middle School on March 15, 2010 and would be held at the regular time of 6:00 p.m.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty wanted to mention that since we have a new vehicle for staff to use for trips, he would like to see a policy like that passed by Southwestern School Corporation that totally does away with mileage reimbursements.

Mr. Daugherty also said that he felt that staff members and students needed to be reminded of the H1N1 virus and what we should all still be doing to protect ourselves.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. (6:10 p.m.)

James Phipps, President

Wayne Daugherty, Vice President

William Roberts, Secretary

Virgil Mckay, Member

Tonya Moore, Member

Andy Truitt, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member