

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 13, 2010
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 school board meeting for an executive session beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Switzerland County School Corporation's Administration Office.

The board members present were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz. Mr. Roberts was unable to attend. School Superintendent Dr. Elizabeth Jones, School Board Attorney, Ron Hocker and Matt Hocker were also present.

The board discussed no subject matter in the Executive Session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

The executive session was adjourned and the meeting was opened to the public.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

Mr. Phipps called the regular meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag.

ATTENDANCE:

The board members present were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. McKay, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz. Mr. Roberts was unable to attend.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Janet Daugherty, Ron Hocker, Matt Hocker, Sarah Palma, Kassi Hubbard, Greg Curlin, Sean McGarvey, Nancy Peters and Dan Noel.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Dr. Jones recommended that the board approve the agenda as presented with the addition of item L.2., under Personnel. Mr. McKay made a motion to approve with the addition. Mr. Truitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Waltz stated his remark in the August 30, 2010 minutes concerning a school corporation not replacing 17 teachers should be Sunman-Dearborn not South Dearborn. The motion was made by Mrs. Moore to approve the minutes with the correction. Mr. Waltz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve August Financial Report. The motion was seconded by Mr. Truitt. Mr. McKay asked about the CD's. Mrs. Swango stated she did put additional money in them. The maximum dollars available are kept in CD's for greater interest earnings. The due dates of the CD's are staggered so that funds are available as needed. There being no further discussion, the board voted unanimously to approve the report.

CLAIMS:

Mr. McKay made a motion to approve the payment of vendor claims #40008 through #40100, a Gosnell claim in the amount of \$3,340.00 and payroll claims for 9/03/10 as submitted. Mr. Daugherty seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mrs. Swango asked the board to Adopt the 2011-2013 Capital Projects Plan as presented during public hearing held Aug. 30, 2010 and adopt a resolution for the interest from the Capital Projects Fund to go into General Fund. The motion to approve was made by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Waltz, and the motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Swango also asked the board to approve a Resolution to Adopt the Bus Replacement Plan for 2011 as presented during a public hearing held on Aug. 30, 2010. Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the twelve year plan. Mr. Truitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The plan allocates \$35,000.00 for 2011, \$50,000.00 for 2012 and \$50,000.00 for 2013 with future allocations for when multiple buses are purchased.

Mrs. Swango said she wanted to address a question posed by a member of the audience of last month's board meeting concerning transferring monies between funds to help out the General Fund cash balance. She explained that per Statute, 5% of Capital Projects can be transferred by the corporation. She went on to say that ten percent can be transferred providing the corporation agrees to withhold all salary increases for the year. Mrs. Swango said she has put this information in writing to the person asking the question but as yet does not have an address.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve a Resolution of Appropriations for the 2011 Budget and a Resolution of Tax Rates for 2011. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion and the vote to approve was unanimous. The 2011 Budget and tax rates were presented to the board during a public hearing at the August 30, 2010 meeting. The budget estimates for 2011 are as follows:

- General Fund: \$11,763,661.00
- Debt Service: \$538,299.00
- Capital Projects: \$2,289,039.00
- School Transportation: \$1,210,000.00
- School Bus Replacement: \$35,000.00
- Budget Total: \$15,835,999.00

The total tax rate for the 2011 Budget is .8578 with the individual fund tax rates being as follows:

- Debt Service Fund: .0865
- Capital Projects Fund: .4790
- School Transportation: .2634
- School Bus Replacement Fund: .0289

The first reading of an endowment request to recoat the H.S. gym floor was presented at the August 30, 2010 board meeting. Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the endowment request for \$6,237.00, the cost quoted by Haflich Hardwood Floors, Inc. Mr. McKay seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Phipps opened the meeting for public comments. Mrs. Kassie Hubbard said she lives on Nixon Lane in Switzerland Co. which has four houses. She said three of them have children who attend school. Mrs. Hubbard said they have to meet the bus at the end of the lane since the school bus does not travel the gravel road and she was concerned about the safety of the children. After much discussion, Mr. Hocker stated unless the adjoining property owners would have the road paved and it became a county road, a bus could not travel it. The school could not do anything at this point. Mrs. Hubbard thanked them and said she would check with the commissioners.

Mr. Phipps then called for a 5 minute recess.

NEW BUSINESS:

Dr. Jones recommended the board approve the National School Lunch Equipment Assistant program grant from the Indiana Department of Education. This grant will be used to purchase a reach-in refrigerator and holding cabinet for Switzerland Co.

Elementary School at a cost of \$10,326.43. Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve, seconded by Mr. Truitt. The motion passed unanimously.

A Revised Tuition Policy Proposal was presented to the board for first reading. The policy will be voted on at the October 18, 2010 meeting.

Mr. Noel then spoke on the new Endowment Request for NOVANET software. He said it offers credit recovery courses on our campus as well as alternative school classes, SAT preparatory classes and remediation for the Core 40. NOVANET has aligned all of the courses to the IDOE Academic Standards. Mr. Noel said by purchasing for 3 years, the corporation would be getting a \$1,000.00 discount, which in essence is getting 3 years for the price of two. Mr. Noel said the total cost would be \$27,624.50 which includes the \$1000 discount, which breaks down to \$999.00 a seat per student. Mr. Noel stated he needed approval at this meeting so they could start as soon as possible. Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve the endowment request. Mrs. Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PERSONNEL:

The board unanimously approved recommendations for Kathy Williams to fill the ECA Show Choir position at the High School and Laura McClure as a High School Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach. Mr. Truitt made the motion to approve the recommendations with Mr. Daugherty seconding.

Timothy Eddy has been recommended for the Integrated Chemistry teaching position at the high school. Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve Mr. Eddy's employment. Mr. Waltz seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE/FIELD TRIPS:

The board unanimously approved several leave requests in a motion by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mr. Truitt. They are as follows:

- Greg Curlin – National Ag Council Board of Directors-NAAE in Nevada on Oct. 7 & 8
- John Sieglitz – HECC Conference in Indianapolis in Nov. 18 & 19
- John Druba and Michael Jones – Indiana Association of School Principals in Indianapolis on Nov. 22 & 23.

USE OF FACILITIES

A Use of Facilities request from Meg McPeck for the Girls Scouts of Central Indiana to use Jefferson-Craig Elementary School for an informational meeting on 9/16/10 was unanimously approved in a motion by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Dr. Jones made several announcements. They are as follows:

- The next endowment meeting will be September 28, 2010.
- The next board meeting will be October 18, 2010.
- Bonnie Fancher has been named Indiana Rural Teacher of the Year and has also learned she has been named for second place at the National level. She will receive her award next month.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business, Mr. Truitt made a motion to adjourn. Mrs. Moore seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was so adjourned. (7:14 p.m.)

James Phipps, President

Wayne Daugherty, Vice President

(Unable to attend meeting):

William Roberts, Secretary

Virgil McKay, Member

Tonya Moore, Member

Andy Truitt, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member