

September 6, 2011

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 6, 2011
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING 4:00 P.M.
REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 4:00 at the Switzerland County School Corporation's Administration Office to discuss I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

The board members present were Mr. Truitt, Mr. Daugherty, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Phipps and Mr. Waltz. Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Moore were unable to attend. Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Superintendent; School Board Attorney, Ron Hocker and Matthew 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.

The Executive Session adjourned and the meeting was opened to the public.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG:

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

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Matthew Hocker, Greg Curlin, Sally Weales, Ron Hocker, John Sieglitz, Angela Grubbs, Dan Noel, and Tony Spoores.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the agenda with the addition of L.2. (b) under Personnel and the omission of item N.1. under Use of Facilities. Mrs. Peters seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the school board meeting of August 15 and August 30, 2011 were approved in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Waltz. Mr. Phipps abstained from the vote due to his inability to attend one of the meetings while all other board members present voted to approve.

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FUND REPORT:

The fund report for July, 2011 was unanimously approved by the board in a motion by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Waltz.

CLAIMS:

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve **Vendor** Claims #41651 through #41715 and **Payroll** Claims for 08/16/2011. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion. Mrs. Peters asked about part of Claim #41654 to Lowes for \$5,142.91. Mrs. Swango said the part of the claim Mrs. Peters was inquiring about was for two emergency generators. She said one was purchased for the High School in the amount of \$2,199.00 and the other, for the same amount, was purchased for the Administration Office to keep the computers and phones going when the electricity fails. Mrs. Peters asked what claim #41699, in the amount of \$4,395.00, was for. Mrs. Swango said this was for two replacement storage sheds for softball equipment. Mrs. Peters asked if the work mentioned in claim #41702 to Cutter Landscaping for \$13,033.02, was for the Administration Building. Mrs. Swango said it was for Switzerland County Elementary School. She said the work done here at the Administration Building was paid through the building's matching Endowment funds. Mr. Daugherty asked who would be taking care of that. Mrs. Swango said Randy and Theresa had purchased soaker hoses for the Administration Office and at Jefferson-Craig Elementary. She said she assumed Switzerland County Elementary would do the same, but couldn't say for sure. Mr. Truitt asked about claim #41708 to Office Furniture Warehouse, Inc. for \$4,481.00. Mrs. Swango said this was for two new chairs and two desks for the guidance counselor and the guidance secretary as well as some desks and chairs for teachers. Mr. Truitt also inquired about Claim #41715 for \$154.00 to Wagner Locksmith. Mrs. Swango said this was for re-keying done at the Old Gym.

At this time, Mr. Truitt interrupted the regular meeting to hold Public Hearings for Capital Projects and Bus Replacement Plans, and the 2012 Budget.

Mr. Truitt opened the public hearing for the Capital Projects Plan. Mr. Truitt invited Mrs. Swango to explain the plan. Mrs. Swango went over all of the financial components of the corporation's three-year plan broken down by each building for each year.

At this time, Mr. Truitt opened the floor for public comments. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Truitt closed the Capital Projects Hearing.

Mr. Truitt then proceeded with opening the Bus Replacement Hearing, calling Mrs. Swango to the floor again. She explained how the 12-year plan would allow the corporation to plan for purchasing new buses when needed.

Mr. Truitt opened the meeting for public comments. Hearing none, Mr. Truitt closed the Bus Replacement Hearing.

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Mr. Truitt then opened the 2011 Budget Hearing, calling on Mrs. Swango for an overview. Mrs. Swango gave the totals for each fund contained with the budget and the advertised tax rate.

Mr. Truitt opened the floor for public comments. Hearing none, Mr. Truitt closed the hearing and proceeded to resume the regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the Rainy Day Fund Resolution Amendment which was presented to the board for a first reading on August 15, 2011. Mrs. Peters seconded the motion. Dr. Jones said the purpose of amending the resolution was to allow more flexibility in how the funds can be used. Mr. Phipps voiced his concerns that by amending the resolution, the board would be making those funds too easily available. The Amendment was approved in a four to one vote with Mr. Phipps voting against. The approved resolution is as follows:

The Switzerland County Indiana School Board has established a Rainy Day fund under Indiana Code 36-1-8-5.1. We hereby amend the resolution as follows:

Purpose: *The purpose of the Rainy Day Fund shall be to use funds for any legal expenditure that is eligible from the following funds: General, Debt Service, Capital Projects, Transportation and Bus Replacement.*

Source of Funds: *All funds received by the Switzerland County School Corporation because of the embezzlement of funds by the former school treasurer, Ann Geyman, and any other funds which are permissible to be transferred.*

Appropriation: *Funds in the Rainy Day Fund must be appropriated as other funds are appropriated before use.*

Passed this 6th day of September, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

A motion was made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Waltz to approve the acceptance of funds for the following grants:

- \$1350 from Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation, Inc. for SCES Family Fun Night, submitted by Sally Weales
- \$1462 from Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation, Inc. for JC/SCES Kids on the Block / Think Smart, Stay Safe, submitted by Cynthia Griffith
- \$8,000 from Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation, Inc. for B.P.A. School Store, submitted by Debbie Seaver and Kodi Thayer

Mrs. Peters voiced concerns that the items to be sold by the Business Professionals Association to other students at the kiosk for which the grant was written, was not in the students' best interest. She said she was okay with the sports wear, but she was not okay with the coffees and sweet teas. The vote was as follows: AYES: Waltz, Daugherty, Phipps, Truitt. NAYS: Peters.

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The board unanimously approved \$472,759.26 in grant funds from the Indiana Department of Education to be used for 2011-2012 ESEA Title 1 Program in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

Several ECA Fund Raisers were approved unanimously by the board in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Waltz. The majority of the fund raisers for 2011-2012 were submitted at a previous meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Noel said he wanted to mention that the High School would be having a 9/11 Remembrance hosted by the Band and the FFA at 2:15 on Friday if anyone wished to attend.

PERSONNEL:

The board unanimously approved the following ECA recommendations in a motion by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mrs. Peters:

- Courtney Dayadharum for Middle School Soccer Coach
- Cassandra Courtney for 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve two employment resignations. Mr. Daugherty seconded. They are as follows:

- Instructional Assistant, Melissa Caplinger
- Custodian, Daniel Barton

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE / FIELD TRIPS:

Several Professional Leaves were approved unanimously in a motion by Mrs. Peters, seconded by Mr. Waltz. They are as follows:

- Spoores / Todd: Safety Specialist Academy Annual Training in Indianapolis, Oct. 24-26
- M. Jones: IN Assoc. of School Principals Fall Conference, Nov. 21-22
- J. Sieglitz: Hoosier Educational Computer Consortium, Nov. 9-11
- R. Paradise: Hoosier Educational Computer Consortium, Nov. 9-11

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve Mr. McKim to take the FFA/Ag Class on a Field Trip to Purdue University for World Food Prize Qualifications, September 15 & 16. Mr. Waltz seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES:

The board voted unanimously to approve several Use of Facilities Applications in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mrs. Peters. They are as follows:

- SCES: Girl Scouts meetings every other Thursday, beginning 9/15/11, 3:15-5pm by A. Koons.

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- SCES: Girl Scouts meetings every other Thursday, beginning 9/8/11, 3:20-5pm by C. Gilliam

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Dr. Jones announced that the next Regular Board meeting would be held on September 19, 2011 and the next Endowment meeting would be September 23, 2011.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty said he had recently gone somewhere to attend a meeting and ended up waiting for two hours. He said he wanted to thank our board for at least trying to convene on time.

Mr. Waltz said he felt like the schools had gotten off to a good start on the school year.

Mrs. Peters said she would send an email to the corporation that might help with bullying issues called Rachel's Challenge.

ADJOURNMENT:

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

Andy Truitt, President

William Roberts, Vice President

Tonya Moore, Secretary

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Nancy Peters, Member

James Phipps, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member