

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 09, 2012**

EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING	4:30 P.M.
REORGANIZATIONAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING	6:00 P.M.
BOARD OF FINANCE MEETING	6:30 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 4:30 p.m. 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. Phipps, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Truitt and Mrs. Moore. Mr. Waltz was unable to attend. Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Superintendent; School Board Attorney, Ron Hocker, Matthew Hocker, Rhonda Pennington and Karen Goodwill, Attorney for Mrs. Pennington, 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. Roberts, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Daugherty, Mrs. Peters, and Mr. Phipps. Mr. Waltz was unable to attend.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Matthew Hocker, Michael Jones, Rhonda Pennington, Dan Noel, Karen Noel, Pat Lanman, Angela Powers, Emily Powers, Greg Curlin, Rob Banta, Ruth Lohide, John Sieglitz, Ivan Green, Larry Stewart, Barb Covington, Marlene Jones, Marilyn Devers, Gerry Peters, and Dave Ziegler.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the agenda with the subtraction of J.1. under Personnel. Mr. Phipps seconded the motion and the board's vote was unanimous.

REORGANIZATION OF THE BOARD:

Mr. Truitt said he was stepping down from his position as Board President for 2012 and in so doing would like to nominate Mr. Phipps for the position. Mr. Roberts seconded

the motion. The vote to approve the nomination was five to one with Mr. Phipps abstaining.

Mr. Truitt then turned the meeting over to the new Board President, Mr. Phipps.

Mr. Truitt moved to nominate Mr. Roberts for the Vice Presidency of the board, with Mr. Daugherty seconding. Mr. Roberts abstained from the vote while all other board members voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

Mr. Phipps moved to nominate Mrs. Moore to serve as the Secretary of the Board, seconded by Mr. Truitt. Mrs. Moore abstained from the vote while all other board members voted unanimously to approve the nomination.

Mrs. Swango was nominated to serve as the Corporation Treasurer in a motion by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mr. Roberts. The vote to approve Mrs. Swango's nomination was unanimous.

Mr. Truitt moved to approve Mrs. Swango's appointment of Cindy Haskell to serve as the Deputy Treasurer. Mrs. Peters seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Ron Hocker was nominated for the position of School Board Attorney in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Moore. The vote to approve the nomination was unanimous.

The board voted unanimously to approve meeting dates and times in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Daugherty. The board set their Regular monthly meetings to be held on the third Monday of each month at 6:00p.m. with Executive Sessions to be held as necessary.

The board voted unanimously to approve keeping the salaries of the regular meetings; committee meetings; annual salaries and other benefits the same as the previous years' in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Truitt. The board receives \$112 for each regular meeting, \$62 for each committee meeting and an annual salary of \$2000, as well as other benefits.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the bonding of certain school personnel. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mrs. Peters asked if the amounts were sufficient. Mr. Daugherty said he had asked the same question last year since they haven't changed for a while and Mrs. Swango's response was that it was. Mrs. Swango said our school corporation's bonds were actually on the high side compared to other school corporations. The board unanimously approved the bonds as follows:

- Kim Stout, ECA, SCHS: \$ 10,000
- Donita Cole, ECA, MS: \$ 5,000
- Melody Smith, ECA, JC: \$ 5,000
- Marilyn Devers, ECA, SCE: \$ 5,000
- Wilma Swango, Corp. Treasurer: \$100,000
- Cindy Haskell, Deputy Treasurer: \$ 75,000

Mr. Truitt and Mrs. Peters were unanimously approved to serve on the Negotiations Committee in a motion made by Mr. Truitt and seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the appointment of Mr. Daugherty to serve on the Endowment Committee. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. Mr. Daugherty abstained from the vote while all other board members voted unanimously to approve the appointment.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to nominate Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Moore to serve on the Internal Review Committee. Mr. Phipps asked if this was the year for an audit. Mrs. Swango said the State Board of Accounts comes to do an audit every two years and they came last year, so they would not be coming until next year. Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Moore abstained from the vote while all other board members voted unanimously to approve the nominations.

The board unanimously approved the appointments of Mr. Waltz, Mr. Daugherty and Mrs. Peters to the Grounds Committee in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Roberts.

In a motion made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Truitt, Conflict of Interest Statements from Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Roberts were approved by the board. Mr. Daugherty and Mr. Roberts abstained from the vote while all other board members voted to approve.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the executive session school board meeting of December 14, 2011 and the amended minutes of the regular meeting of December 19, 2011 were approved unanimously by the board in a motion made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mrs. Peters. The change to the amended minutes under Board Report and Comments was made in order to clarify that a planned telephone conference meeting had not yet taken place.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Larry Stewart's retirement as a Bus Driver for the school corporation was approved at the school board meeting of December 19, 2011. President Phipps presented Mr. Stewart with a plaque in honor of his retirement. Transportation Director, Ivan Green, said Mr. Stewart was a good employee that will be missed. Dr. Jones said Mr. Stewart served as an Auto-Collision teacher at the Southeastern Career Center for twenty years before coming to our school corporation as a bus driver. She said he has also served the community for many years with his involvement in the Whitewater Christian Camp. She said he was well respected by students and his peers and will be greatly missed.

NEW BUSINESS:

Mr. Phipps interrupted the regular meeting at this time in order to hold the Board of Finance Meeting.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion nominating Mr. Phipps as President and Mrs. Moore as Secretary of the Board of Finance. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the board's vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Swango mentioned to the board that they had been given a copy of the Investment Procedures from the Indiana Treasurer of State to review. She said these procedures are what our school corporation follows and asked the board to approve the same for 2012. Mr. Truitt made the motion to approve. Mrs. Moore seconded and the board's vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Swango asked board members to approve the Investment Report as submitted. Mrs. Swango said the report for 2011 she gave them actually starts in 2010 because there was money that had been invested in 2010 and remained so until 2011. She said since the lead account was changed to Friendship, they were hesitant to bid on the c.d.'s like they have in the past, so as of now, more money is being put into the checking account to get a better rate. Mr. Phipps asked why they were hesitant to invest in the CD's. Mrs. Swango said in the past, the amount stayed in there every time and they wouldn't take out any additional, but the last time she went to renew it, they did not want to renew it as a CD so she asked them if she could leave it in a checking account to get a good interest rate there. She said they had allowed her to do so, perhaps because it was the end of the year. Mr. Roberts moved to approve the report. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous.

Mrs. Peters made a motion to approve the Friendship State Bank and Main Source Bank as the two depositories for the school corporation. Mrs. Swango pointed out that of all of the institutions that were listed on the Treasury of the State website, these were the only two that were located in the Switzerland County School Corporation district. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion and the vote to approve the depositories was unanimous.

Mrs. Swango said that according to Indiana Code, at the end of two years, any checks that are outstanding as of December 31st are to be re-deposited into the same fund they came from. She said at this time, there were two outstanding checks from 2009. She said she had notified the persons to whom the checks were written and she had received no response from the first person, but the second person did not want to bother with it since it was such a small amount. She said if the board would like, she would contact the first person again and if there was again no response, then she would go ahead with re-depositing the money. The board voted unanimously to approve the Outstanding Check Report with the stipulation that Mrs. Swango make another attempt at contacting the person to whom the larger check amount was written in a motion made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Truitt.

At this time, Mr. Phipps closed the Board of Finance Meeting and resumed the regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Barb Covington said she wanted to ask about the status of Switzerland County Elementary School and the location of the sixth grade students for next year. Dr. Jones said the board asked her to meet with Terry Lancier of the architectural firm, RQAW, regarding the refurbishing and expansion of the building as well as the feasibility of returning the students to the school and the overall costs of the project.

Mr. Phipps closed public comments.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Dr. Jones announced that the next Endowment meeting would be held January 24, 2012 at 5:00p.m., and that the next Regular School Board meeting would be held January 16, 2012 at 6:00p.m.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Phipps asked how the search for a new Superintendent was going. Dr. Jones said a flyer has been mailed to every corporation in the state of Indiana and to the four major Universities. She said the position is also posted on the ISBA website and that the posting will stay there for six weeks. She said all the applications will go to Dr. Boyd, so the list of applicants will come from him when the posting has closed.

Mrs. Moore asked Mrs. Pennington who was substituting for Mrs. Cord while she was out of the classroom. Mrs. Pennington said in order to maintain consistency in the classroom, Michelle Detmer has been filling in for Mrs. Cord.

Mrs. Moore thanked Ms. Covington for being at the meeting and asking questions and keeping the board on its toes.

Mr. Daugherty thanked Mr. Truitt for serving as President of the Board this past year.

Mrs. Peters asked about a shortage of Math textbooks at Jefferson-Craig Elementary. Mrs. Pennington said the shortage occurred due to additional students moving to the area and she was making sure the students got materials they needed, but the school does not have additional books in hand yet.

Mrs. Moore said she had been contacted by parents saying their children had no Government books. High School Principal, Dan Noel, said he just had to order Health books because of additional students but he would check on the other book situation on Tuesday.

Mr. Phipps said on February 6, 2012 at 6:00p.m., he wanted to have a Special board meeting in order to hold discussion to set some goals for the corporation for 2012 such as

future plans for Switzerland County Elementary School. Mr. Pat Lanman said he was recently appointed as a new member of the Endowment Committee by the County Council and suggested that the school board might want to invite other Endowment members to that meeting since the Endowment has been putting money back in anticipation of that project. Mr. Phipps said another meeting set up later in the month might be better so that it could be made a priority of discussion and felt Mr. Lanman's idea of inviting members of the Endowment was a good one.

Mr. Phipps said 2011 was a tough year and he wanted to thank Mr. Truitt for his hard work, patience and leadership as Board President.

Mr. Noel said he wanted to mention that on February 18, 2012, the High School Wrestling Team would hold its first home match at 6:00p.m. and invited everyone to attend.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. (6:45 p.m.)

James Phipps, President

William Roberts, Vice President

Tonya Moore, Secretary

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Nancy Peters, Member

Andy Truitt, Member

Unable to attend meeting
Vernon Waltz, Member