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SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE MAY 21, 2012
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. Phipps, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Daugherty, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz. 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. 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. Roberts, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Daugherty, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Dr. Elizabeth T. Jones, Wilma Swango, Janet Daugherty, Ronald Hocker, Matthew Hocker, Michael Jones, Rhonda Pennington, John Druba, Jerry Clayton, Tony Spoores, Konna Padgett, Allison Gosney, Amy Gosney, Chris Gosney, Ashley Kirtman, Evelyn Grice, Jonathan Grice, Rhonda Pennington, Heather Peelman, Tina Peelman, Gayla Bullock, Rebecca Meyerhoff, Donna Chambers, Bev Curlin, Amber Reed, Ron Reed, Nathan and Amanda Chandler, Janet Hendricks, Evelyn Griffin, John Sieglitz, Greg Curlin and Michael Jones.

ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:

Mr. Roberts made a motion to approve the agenda with the deletion of K.1. High School Handbook. Mr. Daugherty seconded. The board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

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APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the school board meeting of April 16, April 23, April 26, April 30 and May 3 were approved unanimously in a motion by Mrs. Moore, seconded by Mr. Daugherty, and all were unanimously approved except April 16th. Mrs. Peters abstained due to her absence from the April 16th meeting.

FUND REPORT:

Dr. Jones recommended the fund report for March 2012 be approved as submitted. Mrs. Swango stated that fund #3723 from the Community Foundation Tech Fund has been received but not spent yet and that it will be used the next school year. She also said that payroll funds will be switched to Friendship Bank and that neither local bank wants to pay anything on interest on the CDs so it was better to keep them in the checking account. The March, 2012 fund report was unanimously approved by the Board in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mr. Truitt and motion passed unanimously.

CLAIMS:

Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve **Vendor** Claims #42958 through #43074 and **Payroll** Claims for 5/11/2012. Vendor Claims #42672, #42811, #42959, #42961 are void. Mrs. Swango requested adding a claim for reimbursement for Sally Weales. Her grant had to be spent now so she paid for several items used for Fun Fair and needs to be reimbursed from the grant. Several questions regarding claims were answered satisfactorily. Mr. Phipps stated the annual membership dues for the National School Board Association was not included in the claims due to service not being worth the cost of \$2875.00. Mr. Waltz then made a motion to approve the claims, Mr. Truitt seconded and vote was unanimous.

CELEBRATE SUCCESS:

In the Celebrate Success part of the meeting, the school board recognized the nominees for each of the schools. Board President, Jim Phipps, congratulated each student with a medal. The nominees are as follows:

- Switz. Co. Elem.: Allison Gosney was selected by Konna Padgett for her all “A” honor rolls and outstanding character traits.
- Jeff-Craig Elem.: McKaila Peelman and Druce Chandler were selected by Mrs. Lanman. They both read over 100 books.
- Switz. Co. Middle School: Jerry Clayton was selected by Becky Meyerhoff for being a finalist in essay contest and is now in the top 20 in state.
- Switz. Co. High School: Jr. Hist. Soc. represented by Ashley Kirkman. She and Taryn Parr received checks for \$500.00 from the Farnham College Scholarship. Mrs. Hendricks said Switzerland County’s Junior Honor Society won the State Award for Best Chapter.

Mr. Druba asked Mr. Jonathon Grice to join him so he could introduce him as the

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recently hired music teacher. He is a graduate of Miami University and has performed at Carnegie Hall. Mr. Grice said he was looking forward to working in Switzerland County.

OLD BUSINESS:

Dr. Jones said there were 3 non-certified staff retiring at the end of the school year. They are Amber Reed, Hd. Cook at M.S.; Melody Smith, Secretary at Jeff-Craig; and Evelyn Griffin, Custodian at Jeff-Craig. Melody was unable to attend. Evelyn and Amber were presented a plaque and got lots of great comments from the staff. All three retirees will be missed.

Wilma Swango stated a group of teachers and principals looked at several ways to help the employees with their health costs. She discussed the pros and cons of joining a consortium for our health insurance and also had comparisons showing costs. She stated that it would include free service from a designated clinic for health care services, plus common prescription drugs, etc. The insurance carrier would still be Anthem with this addition. She contacted all staff (C and NC) for their input and the majority were in favor the SE Indiana Consortium. Mr. Daugherty made the motion to approve the consortium health insurance plan. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous. This will become effective January 1, 2013.

Mr. Phipps then called for a 10 minute break. (6:05-6:15)

The meeting was again opened and Mrs. Swango presented the Capital Projects Additional Appropriations and Reduction Resolution. She stated it was necessary to move \$80,000.00 within Capital Outlay from High School Windows to High School Fire System. The motion to approve the resolution was made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Truitt. The vote was unanimous.

The regular meeting was interrupted to hold a hearing on Capital Projects Additional Appropriations. Mrs. Swango said this would add \$1,000,000.00 from cash balance to Appropriations for SCES for renovations/additions. Mr. Phipps then opened up the hearing for public comments. Hearing none, Mr. Phipps closed the hearing and the regular meeting was reconvened. A motion to approve the Additional Appropriations was made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Roberts and the vote was as follows: AYES: Phipps, Roberts, Waltz, Peters, Daugherty, Moore. NAYS: Truitt

The regular meeting was interrupted in order to hold a hearing on the Amendment to the Resolution to Adopt the 2012 Capital Projects Fund Plan. Mrs. Swango said this would increase Switzerland County Elementary School renovations by \$1,000,000.00 which would include those already listed. Mr. Phipps opened the floor for public comments and hearing none, closed the hearing and reconvened the regular meeting. Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the Amendment to the Resolution to Adopt the Amended 2012 CPF Plan. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion and the vote was as follows: AYES: Phipps, Roberts, Waltz, Peters, Daugherty, Moore NAYS: Truitt.

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NEW BUSINESS:

The High School handbook was omitted from the agenda and will be approved at a later date.

Mrs. Peters made a motion to table a Consulting Agreement with Mr. Hansel to serve as a Title I Administrator for \$11,000.00 for the period of one year beginning August 1, 2012 and ending June 30, 2013. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The vote to table the agreement was as follows: AYES: Truitt, Peters, Daugherty, Waltz, Roberts, Moore. NAYS: Phipps.

Mrs. Gayla Bullock, Food Service Director, stated the Section 205 of the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 required School Food Authorities participating in the National School Lunch Program to provide the same level of support for lunches served to students who are not eligible for free or reduced lunches (paid lunches). This is to cover the cost difference between the higher Federal reimbursement provided for free lunches. Last year the Vevay-Switzerland Co. Foundation and the Community Foundation of Switzerland County gave generous donations which covered the additional cost. This year Mrs. Bullock is asking for a price increase in school lunches for the school year 2012-2013 of ten cents. The new prices would be HS \$2.25, MS \$2:15, Elem. \$2:05. Mr. Waltz made a motion to approve ten cents for all schools, second by Mr. Daugherty and motion passed unanimously. Mrs. Swango added that all cafeteria employees are being paid from the cafeteria fund including their benefits.

The Switzerland Co. Schools green team held its first annual Earth Day project competition. Students from each school completed projects to determine the winners. The winning classes from each building celebrated with a pizza party. Funding up to \$400.00 for this was provided through a grant from the Community Foundation of Switzerland County. Mr. Roberts made the motion second by Mr. Truitt and motion passed unanimously.

The High School Cheerleaders have asked to have a fundraiser to sell items from Company 31. They are projecting \$500 to \$1,000 profit. Mr. Truitt moved to approve the cheerleader fundraiser with Mr. Waltz seconding and the Board's vote being unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tonya Moore introduced herself as a parent and stated she was the mother of Maggie Moore. She said she had stopped at the High School and parked in the handicapped parking place. A student pulled in the spot next to her. When asked why she was parking there, the student gave an excuse that was not true. Mrs. Moore asked that this be checked out because the students have their own parking area. No student name was given.

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PERSONNEL:

Mr. Steve Ward, music teacher, has requested retirement on May 23, 2012. Mrs. Moore made the motion to accept Mr. Ward's retirement request, seconded by Mr. Truitt and motion passed unanimously.

Mrs. Moore made a motion to approve the resignation of elementary school teacher, Lee Ann Dunker, at the end of her contract. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion and the Board's vote was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVE:

Greg Curlin, Ag Teacher, has requested to attend the NAAE Convention at Atlanta, Georgia from Nov. 27th to Dec. 1st. The motion to approve the request was made by Mr. Truitt and was seconded by Mr. Daugherty. The Board's vote to approve was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty asked if the board approves all professional leaves or only overnight. Dr. Jones stated only overnight leaves need to be board approved.

FIELD TRIP:

Mr. Curlin also requested to take 2 FFA students from Switzerland Co. to Washington, D.C. from June 24-30, 2012. Mr. Curlin will be in charge of 53 other students taking the trip and his way will be paid. The Board voted unanimously to approve the trip in a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Moore.

USE OF FACILITIES:

Kirk Works requests to use the HS cafeteria for the Swiss Wine Festival Princess Pageant on Aug. 4, 2012 from 5:00-9:00. Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve, second by Mrs. Moore and motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

- Next Endowment meeting: Tues., May 22, at 5:00 pm.
- Next regular School Board meeting: Monday, June 18, 2012.
- Tonight the Pacers will face Austin in the softball sectional held at Switzerland County High School.

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- The High School band was 4th runner-up in the Pegasus Parade with 21 bands participating. We were the second smallest band there. Approximately 250,000 people attended. Congratulations to Mrs. Beitzel and the band.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Several years ago, the school purchased a large grill. Gayla was asked if it was still being used. Gayla said the huge grill was used at Switzerland Co. Elementary School today. She said it is very heavy to transport but works well.

Mr. Waltz stated he was glad we found a new superintendent and need to find two principals as well.

Mr. Daugherty asked Mrs. Swango to check to see what lawn equipment was purchased last year. She will look that up and report at the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT:

With no other business, Mr. Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the Board's vote was unanimous. (6:50 pm)

James Phipps, President

William Roberts, Vice President

Tonya Moore, Secretary

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Nancy Peters, Member

Andy Truitt, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member