

June 04, 2012

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 04, 2012**  
**EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING     4:00 P.M.**  
**REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING     5:30 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)(5).

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, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Joan Hickman, Tony Spoores, Greg Curlin, Kyle Woolston, John Sieglitz, Pat Lanman, Gregg Goewert, David Todd, and Angie Grubbs.

**ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA:**

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the agenda with the omission of item G.1.d under Personnel and the addition of Summer School contracts and the employment of a High School Agriculture/Science Teacher. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion. The Board voted unanimously to approve the amended agenda.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Waltz moved to approve an Endowment Request for \$215,000 for 2012-2013 Miscellaneous Textbook purchases. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion. Dr. Jones said this is something that the Corporation takes to the Endowment annually and they are happy to help out. Mrs. Swango explained that the request includes any purchase that

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would normally come out of the Textbook Fund, such as new books that are being adopted, any consumables that need to be ordered each year, and any books that are being purchased in order to meet the requirements of a larger class size. She said the I-Pad information for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade is also included in the request. Mrs. Swango said the amount was estimated from previous year's amount. Mrs. Moore asked if Textbooks were going to be adopted this year and Mrs. Swango said she believed it was going to be on the agenda for the next meeting. Mrs. Peters asked if just the I-Pad information was included. Mrs. Swango said the actual I-Pad was also included. Mrs. Peters asked if the books were going to be put on the I-Pads because she knew there were issues this past year. Technology Coordinator, John Sieglitz, said the eighth grade books have already been scanned. He said there were legal copyright issues that caused them to only be able to put a few chapters of the book on at a time. The Board's vote was unanimous.

A Memorandum of Understanding for Vincennes University and the Switzerland County High School was presented for approval. Dr. Jones said Mr. Darwin Nelson of Vincennes comes to the school and the students also see him on Pod Cast. She said as a result of this arrangement, students receive dual credits, which means they receive High School and College credit for their Advanced Manufacturing class. Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the agreement. Mrs. Moore seconded and the Board's vote was unanimous.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:** None

**PERSONNEL:**

The Board unanimously approved the employment of Gregg Goewert as the High School Principal in a motion made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Waltz. Dr. Jones said additional support was needed from Mr. Goewert and recommended that the Board enter into an oral contract with him for ten additional days in month of June to be paid at the daily rate of \$370.48. Mrs. Moore moved to approve the oral contract with Mr. Roberts seconding and the Board's vote being unanimous. Assistant Principal, David Todd, introduced Mr. Goewert. Mr. Todd said he and two Board members, the Superintendent, Mr. Jones, and Mrs. Fancher and Mrs. Edwards interviewed five candidates and they felt very comfortable with recommending Mr. Goewert for the position of High School Principal.

Mr. Waltz moved to approve the employment of Judy Cole as the LPN/Attendance Officer at Jefferson-Craig Elementary School for the 2012-2013 school year. Mrs. Moore seconded and the vote was unanimous.

The Board's vote to approve the employment of Joan Hickman beginning May 24, 2012 as the Middle School LPN/Attendance Officer was unanimous. The motion to approve the employment was made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Moore.

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Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve Summer School Contracts. Mrs. Peters seconded. Mr. Waltz and Mr. Daugherty abstained from the vote while all other Board members voted to approve the following employment recommendations:

- Natalie Wheeler for NovaNet
- MaryEllen Waltz for IRead, Remediation & Re-Testing
- Rita Ross for Speech Support to Elementary Student

Mr. Kyle Woolston was approved unanimously by the Board as the High School Agriculture/Science Teacher in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Truitt. Mr. Curlin said Mr. Woolston comes to the Corporation with 8 years of experience at both the Middle School and High School levels, as well as having a past history of involvement with 4-H and other community programs.

### **USE OF FACILITIES:**

Mrs. Peters moved to approve a Use of School Facilities application from the YMCA for the Larry Tolbert 5-K Run/Walk on June 16, 2012 from 8am to 10am beginning at the East Entrance through the Bus Road of the Vevay Campus. Mr. Truitt seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Dr. Jones said the Graduation on Sunday was exemplary and wanted to thank everyone involved. She thanked the Board for attending and thanked Mr. Todd, Mr. Noel, Mr. Curlin. She thanked Mrs. Grubbs for taping the event.

Dr. Jones made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting on Monday, June 18, 2012
- Next Endowment meeting on Tuesday, June 26, 2012

### **BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:**

The School Board's Attorney, Mr. Ron Hocker, said the Board had approved the funding for the Switzerland County Elementary School building project at a previous meeting and as a result was asked to look over the RQAW contract. He said he felt very strongly that there needed to be some tweaking. He said an addendum addresses two things. Under the terms of the contract, the Corporation can't tell how much it is going to pay. He said the \$189,000 that is stated in the contract is for Civil Engineering but all other services that may be necessary are on an hourly rate and there at least needs to be a cap on that. He said the other thing the addendum addresses is omitting the cabinetry from the project. Mr. Hocker said hopefully, the contract will be ready at the next meeting to vote on.

Mr. Waltz said by looking at the time line he assumed that in November, the outside work would be going on and the inside work would primarily be done once the kids were not in session. Mr. Hocker said the communication from Mr. Lancer was that the job

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could be broken up which will allow him to meet most of those deadlines, but we are further along than he anticipated so there may be some time adjustments that he will want to make. Mr. Waltz said originally, he had planned to start this summer, but that is now out of the question. Mr. Hocker said it was not out of the question that some of the renovations could be done this summer, but it was too late for the major construction to begin.

Mr. Daugherty said the Board thought the project would start this summer but it's not so much as when we get started as when it will be done. He asked if he was correct in saying that now the goal is for the project to be completed before the start of the 2013-2014 school year. Mr. Hocker said that was correct. Mr. Daugherty said that perhaps by this project being broken up that some of the local people would have a chance to bid on things like lighting. Mr. Hocker said that was correct, but it still needed to go through the architect. He said since cabinets are basically furniture, everything but the cabinetry needs to be done through an architect with specifications. Mrs. Peters asked if the cabinetry could be done this summer since that does not have to go through the architect. Mr. Hocker said that could be done, but you probably would not want to do it until the big work was done because they would be in the way. Mrs. Peters said since Mr. Lancer would not be responsible for the cabinetry, she felt like someone should oversee that project. Dr. Jones said Mr. Bill Carpenter could handle that.

Mr. Phipps said he had appointed Mr. Waltz and Mr. Daugherty to the interview committee to hire a High School Principal. He said he has appointed himself and Mr. Truitt to be on the interview committee to hire an Elementary Principal.

Mr. Daugherty said he would like the Guidance Counselor and Mrs. Wheeler to give the Board a synopsis of what is being done with NovaNet. He said Steve Konkle has done great things and feels like the Corporation needs to do something to recognize him for his contributions to the athletic program. Mr. Daugherty said he wanted something that shows the amount of money spent for lawn care equipment a year ago this Spring. He said he had a gentleman come and look at the field. The gentleman's opinion was that things were on the right track. Mr. Daugherty said he spoke with him about sub-soiling but the grass has already been sewn and thought it would be redundant and more expensive to do rather than wait and see if what we have already done is going to work. He said the man showed him that the ground was compacted but hopefully the drainage system we have in place will work.

#### **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.)

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James Phipps, President

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William Roberts, Vice President

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Tonya Moore, Secretary

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Wayne Daugherty, Member

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Nancy Peters, Member

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Andy Truitt, Member

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Vernon Waltz, Member