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**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER 01, 2012
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING 4:00 P.M.
SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 P.M.
(BUDGET HEARINGS)**

The School Board of Trustees met before the public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 4:00pm at the Switzerland County 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, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz. Also in attendance were Mr. Michael L. Jones, Superintendent, and School Board Attorney, Ron Hocker.

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

The Executive Session adjourned.

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:

Board members in attendance were Mr. Phipps, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Roberts, Mrs. Peters, Mrs. Moore, Mr. Truitt and Mr. Waltz.

Others in attendance were Mr. Michael L. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Ronald Hocker, Rhonda Pennington, Gregg Goewert, Greg Curlin, Tony Spoores, Jacqueline Legge, Jordan Legge, Todd Reese, Gavin Reese, Melody Reese, Tristin Reese, Rick Wallace, Matt Hocker, John Sieglitz, Ron Hocker, Alexis Snider, David Snider, Tammy Hayes, Fred Ross, Angela Grubbs, Josh South, Ashley Hall, Tonya Snider, Tabatha Coyne, Tom Coyne, Alesha Romans, Andrea Miller, Crystal Otter, Carson Griffith, Darlene Marple, Chuck Marple, Bonnie Baur, Brandon Griffith, Aiden Griffith, Bradley Romans, Dickie Romans, David Richards, Rachel Richards, Travis Peelman, Tasha Rose, Ryan Jesop, Tammy Bevis, Juan Bevis, Michele Thompson, Joanne Sullivan, Trevor Bevis, Troy Simpkins, Leann Brown, Ryan Ware, Laura Wentworth, Trevor Peelman, Dylan Peelman, and Devin Scudder.

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ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the agenda as amended to omit the claims and include an employment recommendation under Personnel. Mrs. Peters seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Recognizing a large crowd of children and parents interested in the formation of a football program in the schools, Mr. Phipps opened the meeting for public comments so that any persons who did not wish to stay for additional business could leave early. Mr. Phipps said he would open the floor for public comments again later, according to the agenda. Mr. Phipps said the Board would take comments regarding the football program, but at this time, no decisions would be made. He said the Board would look into all aspects of starting up a program such as this and consider it at a later date when all the information was gathered. He said at the present time, there were pressing matters that need to be considered. He felt by holding off discussion to a later date, the program would get the attention it deserved.

David Snyder, Chuck Marple, and David Richards gave testimony that the kids are eager for the football program to succeed in the Switzerland County Schools and cited their reasons for hoping that the program will soon be underway.

Ryan Jesop proposed a timeline for a four-year plan to develop the program beginning at lower grade levels and going through Varsity.

Alexis Snider felt it would be great to put the football program into the schools and feels it will only make the schools better.

Tom Coyne said he knows how mischievous boys can be and thinks football would give those kids an outlet to occupy their time and energy.

Mr. Phipps closed public comments regarding the football program.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the minutes of the School Board meetings of August 27, 2012 and September 17, 2012 in a motion made by Mrs. Moore and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

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At this time, Mr. Phipps interrupted the regular meeting in order to hold Public Hearings for Capital Projects, Bus Replacement Plans and the 2013 Budget.

Mr. Phipps 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. Mr. Phipps opened the floor for public comments. Rosemary Bovard said she did not hear anything about a breezeway or classrooms between the High School and Middle School and wondered if someone was going to put that in the plan at some point. Mrs. Swango explained that she met each year with the Building Principals to discuss items they wished to include in the plans for their particular buildings. Angie Grubbs wanted to know if this is something the Board would want posted on the Corporation's website. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Phipps closed the Capital Projects Hearing.

Mr. Phipps then proceeded with opening the Bus Replacement Hearing, calling for Mrs. Swango to present the 12 year plan. Mrs. Swango explained how this plan would allow the Corporation to plan for purchasing new buses when needed. Mr. Phipps opened the meeting for public comments. Hearing none, Mr. Phipps closed the Bus Replacement Hearing.

Mr. Phipps then opened the 2013 Budget Hearing, calling on Mrs. Swango for an overview. Mrs. Swango gave the totals for each fund contained within the budget and the advertised tax rates. Mr. Phipps opened the floor for public comments. Mr. Daugherty asked if he could find out what the balance of the General Fund was in 1995. Mrs. Swango said she could not look that up at this particular time but could certainly get that information to him at a later time. Hearing no further comments, Mr. Phipps closed the hearing and proceeded to resume the regular meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Technology Assistant, Angela Grubbs, gave the Board an overview of the Corporation's website. She demonstrated how to navigate the site and where staff information, educational data, forms, financial information, transportation information, extra-curricular information, calendars and other pertinent information is located. She also showed the Board how the parents and students can log on to the Corporation's website to see grades, assignments, etc. Mrs. Grubbs also addressed items that may be introduced to the website in the future. Discussion followed regarding what other types of information might need to be included.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was recommended that the Board approve a bus route modification for Agloria Asbury as a result of an additional student on her bus this year. The result of the modification is an additional 3.6 miles per day at \$5.57 per mile which equals an additional \$20.05 per

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day. Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the bus route modification with retro payment to begin August 2, 2012. Mrs. Moore seconded the motion and the Board's vote was unanimous.

Mr. Ross presented the Board with a Fall Intercession Plan for Remediation and Enrichment classes. Mr. Ross explained that the classes would be from 8am to 11am. He provided the Board with a list of enrolled students, staff, transportation plans and estimated costs. Mr. Truitt made a motion to approve the plan. Mr. Roberts seconded. The Board's vote was unanimous.

The Board unanimously approved the acceptance of \$1,434.00 in funds from the Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation, Inc. for a Kids on the Block and Think Smart, Stay Safe Grant submitted by Travis Griffith and Cynthia Griffith. The motion to approve the grant funds was made by Mrs. Moore. Mr. Truitt seconded.

A change from the current elementary grading scale to a ten-point grading scale with is already in use by the Middle School and High School was discussed. Mr. Sieglitz pointed out that if the change were going to be implemented this year, it would need to be voted on at this meeting. Elementary Principals, Rhonda Pennington and Sally Weales recommended the change so that all schools in the Corporation would have a consistent grading scale and also for the fact that most surrounding schools used a ten-point grading scale. More discussion followed regarding the current grading system. Some Board members were not in favor of making the change in the middle of the school year. Others felt the scale should stay stringent and not be changed at all. Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the scale. Mrs. Moore seconded. The Board's vote was as follows: AYES: Daugherty, Moore, Roberts. NAYS: Phipps, Truitt, Peters, Waltz. The motion did not pass.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Tammy Hayes said she had one child who made a 91 and it prevented her from getting on the A honor roll at her school, and her older child was on the A honor roll but had also earned a 91. Mrs. Hayes felt the Corporation should be using the same grading scale at each school.

PERSONNEL:

The following Extra-Curricular Activities position recommendations were unanimously approved by the Board in a motion by Mr. Waltz, seconded by Mr. Truitt:

- Sarah Oeffinger/Keith Oeffinger – Gr. 6 Girls Basketball Coach
- Adam Pietrykowski – Gr. 7 Boys Basketball Coach
- Josh Harrell – Boys Basketball Volunteer Coach

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The Board unanimously approved the employment of Patti Kappes as the Business Office Assistant as recommended. Mr. Truitt made the motion to approve the employment. Mrs. Peters seconded.

In a motion made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mr. Roberts, the Board unanimously approved the following leave requests for professional development:

- Kodi Thayer to Indianapolis for IBEA-NCBEA Conference, Nov. 16-17
- Deb Seaver to Indianapolis for IBEA-NCBEA Conference, Nov. 16-17
- Tony Spoores/David Todd to Indianapolis for Assist. Principal's Conf., 11/17-18

USE OF FACILITIES:

Use of Facilities Applications were unanimously approved by the Board in a motion by Mr. Truitt, seconded by Mr. Daugherty . They are as follows:

- JC: S. Holman for Join Cub Scout Night on Wed., 10/24/12, 6-8pm
- SCES: S. Holman for Join Cub Scout Night on Thurs., 10/25/12, 6-8pm
- SCES: D. Turner for Good News Club, Wednesdays from 10/24 thru 11/28/12

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent Jones made the following announcements:

- Next Regular Board Meeting on Monday, October 15, 2012 – a quorum is needed for the adoption of the 2013 Budget
- Next Endowment Meeting is Tuesday, October 23, 2012
- Information received from Terry Lancer at RQAW: A notice to bidders will be published on Oct. 11 and Oct. 18 for the renovation/construction at SCES. The construction cost is estimated at \$2.715 million. By October 24, a wage scale for the project needs to be determined. A pre-bid meeting is scheduled for 11:00am, October 25, 2012 at East Enterprise. The bids will be opened at 11:00am on November 01, 2012 in the Board Room at the Administration Building.
- November 5, 2012 a Special Board Meeting to award the construction bid at SCES

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Moore said she was concerned about the time teachers are spending at work. She said teachers have been staying from 6am to 10pm and felt this was not acceptable. She said she felt this was all due to the changes being made and wanted to say that she had voted against the RISE evaluation.

Mr. Daugherty said he felt the Board should schedule an Open Working Session to discuss the football program.

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Mr. Waltz said in regards to the RISE evaluation model, the Corporation is required to choose some type of model and 98% of the state school corporations are using the RISE model.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Roberts moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the vote was unanimous. The meeting was so adjourned. (7:20 p.m.)

James Phipps, President

Wayne Daugherty, Member

William Roberts, Vice President

Nancy Peters, Member

Tonya Moore, Secretary

Andy Truitt, Member

Vernon Waltz, Member