

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 9, 2014
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING 4:00 P.M.
SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 P.M.

The School Board of Trustees met before the special public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 4:00 P.M. at the Switzerland County Administration Office to consider applications for the appointment of a public official who is a member of a governing body, in compliance with Indiana Code, 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(10)(B).

The Board members present were Mrs. Peters, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Truitt, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Deck, and Mrs. Hayes. Mr. Michael L. Jones, Superintendent, was 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.

CALL TO ORDER AND PLEDGE TO THE FLAG & MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mrs. Peters called the regular meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE:

Board members in attendance were Mrs. Peters, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Truitt, Mr. Daugherty, Mr. Deck, and Mrs. Hayes.

Others in attendance were Mr. Michael L. Jones, Mona Crabtree, Laura Schroer, Brian E. Johns, Carrie Johns, Kim Jones, Kelly Jones, Matthew Lieland, Lawrence Monjar, Allen Detmer, Cleo Detmer, and Albert Detmer.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mrs. Hayes seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

INTERVIEWS OF PROSPECTIVE APPOINTEES FOR SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEAT:

There were six applicants for the Posey Township position on the Switzerland County School Board of Trustees vacated at the end of December, 2013, by Vernon Waltz. The person appointed by the Board for this seat, will fill the remainder of Mr. Waltz's term, which officially ends at the end of December, 2014. If the new appointee wishes to remain on the Board after that date, he/she will need to run for office in the November,

2014 election. The Posey Township residency for each applicant was verified by the Switzerland County Circuit Court Clerk's office. Mr. Daugherty mentioned to each of the applicants that a motion to appoint someone to the position will be made at the Re-Organization meeting of the Board, to be held the following Monday, January 13, 2014.

All six applicants for the position were interviewed by the Board. The applicants are as follows:

- Laura Schroer
- Carrie Johns
- Lawrence Monjar
- Matthew Lieland
- Allen Detmer
- Laurice See

Below are some of the various questions asked of the applicants:

- What motivates you to want to be a Board member?
- Could you/should you support Board decisions that you were not in favor of?
- What would your priorities be with spending revenue within the school budget?
- Sometimes the state gives incentive funds to a school corporation for a program for one year and then, if the corporation wishes to continue with the program, they are on their own. If you had to make the choice between hiring a Safety Officer or letting a teacher go, how would you choose?
- What kind of relationship should the Board members have with the community?
- What do you see as the biggest challenges facing school boards or education in general?
- Do you think it is important for a Board member to have kids in school?
- What qualities would you bring to the Board that you would like to tell us about?
- Two part question: What is the best/worst decision any Switzerland County School Board has made since the beginning of the Corporation?

Interviews concluded.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent, Michael Jones, made the following announcements:

- Special Meeting on Monday, 01/13/14 at 5:00 P.M., Exec. Sess. at 4:00 P.M.
- Regular Meeting on Monday, 01/27/14 at 5:00 P.M., Exec. Sess. at 4:00 P.M.
- Endowment Meeting on Tuesday, 01/28/14 at 5:00 P.M.
- Superintendent's Round Table Meeting @ Union Baptist Church in Lamb for Craig Township on Thursday, 01/23/14, at 6:00 P.M.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty said he had been contacted by an individual regarding a pot hole in the road going back to his home. The individual stated that a bus is making it worse by using

the road as a turnaround. Mr. Jones said he felt that was a private drive that ended at the state highway. Mr. Daugherty felt someone should look into the matter.

ADJOURNMENT: (6:55 P.M.)

Mr. Roberts made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Truitt seconded and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting was so adjourned.

Nancy Peters, President

Wayne Daugherty, Member

William Roberts, Vice President

Josh Deck, Member

Andy Truitt, Secretary

Tammy Hayes, Member