

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 27, 2014
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING 4:00 P.M.
REGULAR PUBLIC 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 P.M. at the Switzerland County Administration Office to discuss a job performance evaluation of an individual employee and for the discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans and systems, in compliance with Indiana Code, 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) and Indiana Code, 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(3), respectively.

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

CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF SILENCE:

Mr. Truitt called the regular meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag, followed by a moment of silence. Mr. Jones asked everyone to remember the families of recently deceased, Brenda Briggs, a former teacher for the Corporation; and for current staff members, Patti Kappes, Sandy Jones, and Matthew Jung, each having recently deceased family members.

ATTENDANCE:

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

Others in attendance were Mr. Michael L. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Matthew Hocker, Pat Lanman, Greg Curlin, Tony Spoore, Gerry Peters, John Druba, Rhonda Pennington, John Sieglitz, Gregg Goewert, Fred Ross, Sally Weales, Lance Collier, Josh Rogers, Terry Lancer, Mikhail Belyayer, Angela Grubbs, Brooke Levell.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mrs. Peters made a motion to approve an amended agenda with an additional fundraiser, the addition of two New Business items regarding the Technology Plan and the creation of a new Transportation Secretary/Administrative Secretary position. Mr. Deck seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the meetings of January 9, 2014 and January 13, 2014 following a motion to do so by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

FUND REPORT:

The Financial Report for November, 2013, was presented to the Board for approval by Corporation Treasurer, Wilma Swango. Mr. Deck moved to approve the report as submitted. Mrs. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board's vote to approve the report was unanimous.

CLAIMS:

The following payroll and vendor claims were presented to the Board for approval in a motion by Mr. Daugherty, seconded by Mrs. Hayes.

Payroll Claims: 01/17/14

Prewritten Claims: #46229 - #46253;

#46038 (transfer to payroll); #46039 - #46052

New Claims: #46254 - #46303, and #46304 - #46305

Mrs. Peters questioned claim #46254 for \$588 to Aylor Salt Service & Supply. She wanted to know to know what was covered with this claim. Mrs. Swango explained that we take care of our own buildings. She also questioned #46262 in the amount of \$720 to Custom Built Cabinets & Vanity. Mrs. Swango explained that this claim was for special encasements which were purchased by Switzerland County Elementary School to display student art work. The Board's vote to approve the claims was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board unanimously approved two Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc. grants, in a motion made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mr. Deck. They are as follows:

- CFSCI - \$9,000 from the 2013 Switzerland County School Corporation Endowment fund
- CRSCI - \$90,000 from the Technology Based Programming for High School Enrichment & Adult Learning Fund (Lilly Grant)

The following Extra-Curricular Activities Fundraisers were approved unanimously by the Board in motion Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Roberts:

- Student Activity - (ISTEP Kickoff) – Student & Staff Class Jar Collections- Winning Class Staff Member Must Kiss Camel, 2/1/14 ‘til 2/20/14
- Boys Basketball – “Mike Night”(2/1/14) T-Shirt Sales to Raise Money for Mike McClure Scholarship Foundation, ‘til 1/24
- SCES Student Council – Sale of Valentine grams to raise money for council, 2/3-2/14

Mr. Terry Lancer, of Lancer+BeeBe, LLC., made a presentation to the Board regarding possible future plans for the concessions, restrooms, locker rooms for wrestling and football, (\$400,000 to \$500,000). With an addition of a wrestling room, the additional plumbing, drain lines, and site work, the cost would amount to an estimated \$1 million. Mr. Lancer also presented plans and figures regarding a connection corridor from the Middle School to the High School, including a gym, bleachers, restrooms, locker rooms and five classrooms. The total rough estimate for the plans came to \$2.5 million. The Board will take the plans into consideration.

ISTEP Coordinator, Fred Ross, gave a detailed report to the Board on the Spring of 2013 testing results for each of the schools. The overall grades for each school is as follows: Middle School: A; High School: C.; Jefferson-Craig: D; Switzerland County Elementary School: C. There are many factors involved in the formula which the state uses to determine the overall grade a school receives, which is based on points. A decrease in passing rate results in a penalty. The report also included suggested strategies to improve grades for subsequent tests.

A Technology Plan was presented with the following recommendations, and corresponding Board action, in order to make the change to chromebooks and move forward with progressive technological updates for the Corporation:

- Building Tech Leader Positions -
(Motion by Mrs. Hayes / Seconded by Mrs. Peters / Vote: Unanimous)
- Assistant Systems Administrator -
(Motion by Mrs. Peters / Seconded by Mr. Daugherty / Vote: Unanimous)
- Endowment Request for \$100,000 for Chromebooks purchased through bid process-
(Motion by Mrs. Hayes / Seconded by Mr. Daugherty / Vote: Unanimous)
- Technology Integration Agreement with Five-Star- (pending Mr. Hocker’s recommendation)
(Motion by Mrs. Peters / Seconded by Mrs. Hayes / Vote: Unanimous)

Mrs. Peters moved to approve the recommendation of a Transportation Secretary/ Administration Receptionist position to replace an individual who retired at the end of December, 2013. Mrs. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board’s vote to approve was unanimous.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Board President, Truitt, opened the floor to public comments.

Mr. Spoores, Jefferson-Craig Elementary School Principal, wanted to publicly thank Mr. Sieglitz and Mr. Ross for all of the behind the scenes work they did to help facilitate the ISTEP testing.

PERSONNEL:

Mr. Roberts moved to accept the retirement of Head Custodian, Lynda McKenzie, effective, June 1, 2014. Mrs. Peters seconded the motion, and the Board's vote to approve was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES/FIELD TRIPS

The Board unanimously approved a Professional Leave request from Rhonda Pennington to attend a complimentary seminar in San Diego, California, entitled Planning for Rigorous Curriculum Design, March 24-25, 2014, in a motion made by Mrs. Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Peters.

USE OF FACILITIES: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent, Michael Jones, made the following announcements:

- Next Endowment meeting on Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. at the Admin. Office
- Next Regular Board Meeting, Monday, February 17, 2014 at the Admin. Offc., with Executive Session at 4:00 P.M. and the Public Session at 5:00 P.M.
- The Superintendent's Community Meeting at the Union Baptist Church in Lamb was cancelled & has been rescheduled for February 20, 2014 at 6:00 P.M.
- Five days have been scheduled for makeup days for bad weather. Friday was the first day that would not have been covered. There needs to be conversation with the Certified Teachers' Association. There is lots of communication from Superintendent of Instruction, Glenda Ritz, regarding the issue. There could possibly be an ISTEP Testing window extension. There will be a meeting regarding the state requirements for days and instruction time, February 5, 2014.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Peters said strides are being made by the Job Description Committee.

Matt Hocker mentioned he is still working on the Policy Manual.

ADJOURNMENT: (6:45 P.M.)

The Board voted unanimously to adjourn the meeting in a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mr. Daugherty. The meeting was so adjourned.

Andy Truitt, President

Nancy Peters, Vice President

Josh Deck, Secretary

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Tammy Hayes, Member

William Roberts, Member

Laura Schroer, Member