

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The March 17, 2014 Board Minutes, were presented for approval. Mrs. Hayes made a motion to approve, seconded by Mrs. Schroer. Mrs. Peters asked Mrs. Swango if the minutes were correct regarding the funds used for educational materials put on electronic devices. Mrs. Swango explained that the minutes were partially correct. She explained that if the resource materials are considered replacements for student texts, Textbook Rental Funds are used. If the materials are considered supplemental materials, the payment comes from the General Fund. The Board's vote to approve the March 17th minutes, reflecting this change, was unanimous.

FUND REPORT:

The Financial Report for February, 2014, was presented to the Board for approval by Corporation Treasurer, Wilma Swango. Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the report as submitted. Mr. Roberts seconded. The Board's vote to approve the report as submitted was unanimous.

CLAIMS:

The following payroll and vendor claims were presented to the Board for approval and approved by a unanimous vote in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

Payroll Claims: 03/28/2014 and 04/11/2014

Prewritten Claims: #32277, #45576-#46597; #46599-#46617; #46598
#46618-#46650;

New Claims: #46651 - #46728

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held regarding the suggested revisions to the 2014-2015 School Corporation Calendar presented at the March 17, 2014 meeting. The calendar was originally approved by the Board in December. Consideration of revisions to the calendar came after changes were made to the Career Center's calendar to better meet their needs in the event of another bad winter next year. The modifications suggested by the Calendar Committee showed the first week of Fall Break being eliminated and the first week of Spring Break being identified as possible makeup days. Another noted change was Friday, August 22nd, to be used as a Vacation Day, enabling students and staff volunteers to attend Swiss Wine Festival activities. Mrs. Schroer moved to approve the revised calendar as submitted. Mr. Deck seconded the motion. The Board's vote to approve was unanimous.

The 2014-2015 Parent/Student Handbooks for the High School, Middle School, and Switzerland County Elementary School were presented for first reading at the March 17, 2014 Board meeting.

The 2014-2015 Switzerland County High School Parent/Student Handbook was recommended for approval in a motion by Mr. Deck, seconded by Mrs. Peters. Mr. Truitt had questions about locker decorations at the High School. Mr. Goewert said locker decorations are not permitted in order to avert damage to the lockers. Mr. Daugherty asked if it was true that any student could attend the Indiana State Fair and have it still count as a day of attendance for that student. Mr. Jones said this is true. The Board's vote to approve the handbook as submitted was unanimous.

Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the 2014-2015 Parent/Student Handbook for Switzerland County Elementary School. Mr. Roberts seconded. Mr. Daugherty wanted to know if both of the elementary school handbooks were going to be compatible. Mr. Spoores assured Mr. Daugherty that he had conferred with Mrs. Weales and the grading scales and educational expectations were compatible. The Board voted unanimously to approve the handbook as presented.

The 2014-2015 Switzerland County Middle School Parent/Student Handbook was approved unanimously by the Board in a motion by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mr. Deck.

A Proposed Agreement with Educational Furniture to remedy problems with the replacement of the Middle School bleachers was presented to the Board for approval. Mrs. Schroer made a motion to approve the agreement as submitted. Mr. Daugherty seconded. The Board's vote to approve was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2014-2015 Jefferson-Craig Elementary School Parent/Student Handbook was presented to the Board for first reading. Action will be taken at the May meeting.

Mr. Deck moved to approve payment to a parent for transportation expenses to and from a designated facility for the student to receive homebound instruction twice weekly, 4/22/14 through 6/6/14 at a cost of \$316.40. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. The Board's vote to approve was unanimous.

The following Extra-Curricular Activities Fundraisers were unanimously approved by the Board in a motion made by Mrs. Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Schroer:

- JC Library: All For Books sales to enable underprivileged children to buy books from the Book Fair
- JC Recycling Club: Recycling paper, plastic, etc, to raise awareness on the importance of recycling
- JC Student Activities: Sale of food items to parents/staff once a month from Market Day to help with students needs

Mr. Daugherty moved to table a GPS policy until the May meeting. Mr. Deck seconded the motion, and the Board's vote was unanimous. This will allow time for more thorough research.

A revised Kindergarten Entrance Requirements Policy was presented to the Board for First Reading. No action was taken. The Policy will be presented for final approval at the regular May meeting with suggested typographical corrections.

Mrs. Hayes moved to approve an Endowment Request from Mr. Spoores and the Jefferson-Craig Elementary School PTA, for \$12,386 to purchase additional playground equipment for the school. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion. After questions were satisfactorily answered regarding the placement of the equipment, the Board's vote to approve was unanimous.

Mrs. Peters made a motion to approve Mr. Jesop's Endowment Request for \$10,499 to purchase a Tek Sled for blocking and tackling training for the Middle School and High School Football programs. Mr. Daugherty seconded the motion. Mr. Daugherty commented that he was going to vote to approve the request, but wanted to reemphasize his position that no more equipment should be purchased if the current equipment is not going to be taken care of. The Board's vote to approve the request was unanimous.

Mr. Deck moved to approve an agreement with Lancer+Beebe, LLC to construct a secure entrance at the Middle School. Mrs. Peters seconded the motion. The total cost of the security upgrades is \$44,000. Part of the cost of this project will be paid for from a matching Safety Grant of \$50,000 received for this purpose. The Board's vote to approve the agreement as presented was unanimous.

Mrs. Swango presented the Board with an annual report of goals for expenditure categories for 2014. Mrs. Schroer moved to approve the report as submitted. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the Board's vote was unanimous.

The acceptance of the following grant funds were recommended for approval and acted on by the Board as follows:

- \$5,000 Grant: Dupont Pioneer CASE Teacher Scholarship for Training Expenses for Kyle Woolston:
Motion to approve: Mr. Deck / Second Mrs. Peters / Vote: Unanimous
- \$8,589.10 Grant for FFA from Good Sports, Inc. for Sports Programs:
Motion to approve: Mrs. Peters / Second: Mr. Daugherty / Vote: Unanimous
- \$1000 Donation from Gallatin Steel for the Football Program
Motion to approve: Mrs. Peters/ Second: Mrs. Hayes / Vote: Unanimous
- \$2000 Grant from Community Foundation of Switzerland Co. Elementary School for Family Fun Night:
Motion to approve: Mr. Roberts / Second: Mrs. Hayes / Vote: Unanimous

The 2014 Summer School estimated instructional costs report and list of courses and instructional staff was unanimously approved by the Board as submitted, in a motion made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mrs. Peters. (The approved list follows these minutes as an attachment.)

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Truitt opened the floor to comments from the public.

Lisa Craig had comments and questions regarding the future of the music department. She wondered if the Board had considered what will happen to the feeder program for the department once Mr. Ward leaves. She expressed concerns about increased time being spent on additional sports performances with less staff. She wondered if these staffing issues were under discussion. Mr. Jones said more discussion would come at the May 19th meeting.

Hearing no further comments, Mr. Truitt closed public comments and the meeting continued.

PERSONNEL:

A retirement request from Nancy Turner from her position as Instructional Assistant, to become effective April 1, 2014, was recommended to the Board for approval in a motion by Mr. Roberts, seconded by Mrs. Schroer. The Board's vote to approve the retirement as requested was unanimous.

A retirement request from Middle School Principal, John Druba, to become effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year was approved unanimously by the Board in a motion made by Mr. Deck and seconded by Mr. Roberts.

The Board voted unanimously to accept a retirement request from Bonnie Fancher from her position as Chemistry Teacher at the High School, effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year in a motion made Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mrs. Schroer.

A retirement request from Judy Cole was unanimously approved by the Board in a motion made by Mrs. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Daugherty. Her retirement will be effective at the end of the 2013-2014 school year.

A resignation request to become effective at the end of the day on May 7, 2014 from Language Arts Teacher, Adam Cole, was unanimously approved by the Board in a motion made by Mr. Deck and seconded by Mrs. Schroer.

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve the employment of Laurel Powell to serve in the new Instructional Assistant position as bus monitor until the end of the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Hayes seconded the motion. The Board's vote to approve the employment as recommended was unanimous.

Two Extra-Curricular Activities position resignations and employments were presented to the Board for approval. Mrs. Peters moved to approve Ryan Jesop to serve as the

Middle School Girls Golf Coach and Matt Levell as the Junior Varsity Baseball Coach for the 2013-2014 school year. Mrs. Hayes seconded the motion and the Board's vote to approve the recommendations was unanimous.

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES/FIELD TRIPS:

The following Professional Development Leave requests were presented and voted on by the Board as follows:

- V. Smith to Agri-Science Concepts Workshop in Carrollton, KY, 4/24 & 4/25, 2014 Motion: Schroer / Second: Truitt / Vote: Unanimous
- K. Woolston to CASE Food Science & Safety Training at Texas A&M Univ., 6/15-6/26, 2014 - Motion: Roberts / Second: Schroer / Vote: Unanimous

The following Field Trip requests were presented and vote on by the Board as follows:

- Seaver/Thayer/Grubbs: BPA Students to National Competition in Indianapolis, IN, 4/30-5/4, 2014 Motion: Hayes / Second: Peters / Vote: Unanimous
- FFA to Indianapolis, IN for State Dairy Judging, 5/16-5/17, 2014 Motion: Schroer / Second: Hayes / Vote: Unanimous

USE OF FACILITIES:

The following Use of Facilities applications were unanimously approved by the Board in a motion made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mrs. Peters:

- SCES: J. Pritchard for Active Shooter Training for Vevay Police Dept., 4/23/14, 4:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.
- SCHS Café: R. Sullivan for Vevay H.S. Alumni Assoc. Mtg. & Dinner, 8/23/14, 10:00 A.M. to 3:00 PM

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent, Michael L. Jones, made the following announcements:

- Next Endowment meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, April 22, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. at the Administration Office
- Next Regular Board Meeting, Monday, May 19, 2014 at the Administration Office. Public Session will begin at 5:00 P.M.
- The Superintendent's Community Roundtable Discussion will be held at the Union Baptist Church in Lamb on Thursday, April 24, 2014
- A Special "Open Working Session" will be held Tuesday, April 29, 2014 at the Administration Office beginning at 4:30 P.M. to discuss building improvements
- Congratulations to the High School for a 94.8 graduation rate, which is much improved.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mrs. Peters announced that the job descriptions were complete and have all been organized and simplified. She asked if they had been sent to the technology department to put on the website. Mrs. Swango said she and Mrs. Crabtree needed to meet for a final review before they are posted.

Mrs. Peters mentioned that the Prom was wonderful. She also attended the Winter Sports Banquet, which she was impressed with.

Mrs. Peters stated that she had attended the ISBA meeting and that Mr. Bush is retiring as the Executive Director of the organization.

Mrs. Peters wondered how the Policy Manual was coming. She offered her assistance to Mr. Hocker.

Mrs. Peters asked about the sports fundraiser meeting or event. Mr. Jones explained that there are still no specifics yet, but the goal was to have one this year. He has gotten a commitment from Belterra to be able to hold it there. He said Eric Robbie, of the IGA, also wants to be involved with this. He will see if Mr. Jesop and Mr. Goewert will get with those individuals and arrange something. Mr. Jones said the last time they spoke, they were looking at a September date.

Mrs. Peters wanted to know if the cause of the water damage to the High School gym floor had been identified. Mr. Jones said the exact cause hasn't been identified, but the floor person will come in next week to look at it. The plan is to work on it over Spring Break. Mr. Jones said he does not have a definitive answer on the cause yet, but would make sure Board members are informed when that is determined.

Mr. Druba explained that the same gentleman looking at the High School Gym floor will also be looking at the Old Gym floor. He said the floor man will tell him whether the whole floor needs to be replaced or just the damaged sections. The damage occurred when part of the floor came up after painter's tape was used on it during an Archery event. Mr. Druba feels doing only part of the floor is not the best option, but that it definitely needs to be addressed before next season.

Mrs. Peters asked about the bleacher situation with the Jefferson-Craig/Middle School Gym. Mr. Hocker asked Mr. Druba if he was able to find any bleachers that might go in the gym. Mr. Druba said he was not able to find any that would fit there due to the new codes for handicapped individuals. He said the previous bleachers seated 400, which was great. With new handicapped accessibility laws, seating for that many would not be possible without putting people out on the gym floor. Mr. Hocker said a company representative was supposed to look at things a couple of weeks ago, but he hasn't heard anything from them, so he wasn't sure whether or not they had come up with a solution.

Mr. Hocker felt sure some type of resolution would eventually be forthcoming since the company had not yet been paid.

Mrs. Peters wondered about the status of the Five-Star Integration project. Mr. Jones said it was his hope that that things will be ironed out at a meeting scheduled for the following day.

Mrs. Peters wanted to know if the roof leak has been repaired and the gym floor problem resolved. It was reported that the contractor feels it should be part of the warranty and he is working on the Corporation's behalf for the company to take care of it.

Mr. Daugherty reported that he is working on the Hall of Fame. He hopes to have something done by the end of the summer.

ADJOURNMENT: (6:35 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