

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE TUESDAY, MAY 13, 2014
SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 1:00 P.M.
OPEN WORKING SESSION**

The School Board of Trustees held a special public meeting beginning at 1:00 P.M. at the Switzerland County Administration Office. The main purpose of holding the Open Working Session was to discuss Facilities Planning.

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

Mr. Truitt called the special 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 Mr. Truitt, Mrs. Peters, Mr. Daugherty, Mrs. Hayes, Mr. Roberts and Mrs. Schroer. Mr. Deck was unable to attend.

Others in attendance were Mr. Michael L. Jones, Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Rhonda Pennington, John Sieglitz, Katie Collier, Angela Grubbs, Gregg Goewert, Josh Rogers.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Facilities Planning Discussion:

Mrs. Swango announced that Mr. Lancer will be coming to meet with staff for input on facilities priorities and specific needs.

Much discussion followed regarding priorities. Education and Security were the two main topics of discussion.

Mrs. Swango said for the Switzerland County Elementary School renovation project, a certain amount of money was set aside each year to make the payments and they partnered with the Endowment. She mentioned that another option to consider for future projects is bonds.

The next CPF project that needs to get underway is resurfacing. The blacktop work should not exceed \$150,000. It involves repairing, resealing, and filling in pot holes. The only new work involved in the project is the installation of a sidewalk back to the softball area.

Another project that needs to be done to ensure the Corporation is ADA compliant is entrance lights to the Old Gym. According to Dean Housemeyer, the electric is already there.

Technology issues were addressed. Mr. Sieglitz explained that APEX is now being used, but pursuant to our needs, we are switching to Oddesey Ware. Regarding the one to one devices, there has been a delay with Five-Star, which will take us to January, 2015. A total of \$500,000 will need to come from the Technology fund for that.

With a secure entrance at the Middle School, the other buildings will not need major monies. The Secure Entrance grant has to be used for that purpose and needs to be done this year. The funds can only be used for materials and equipment.

At the next meeting, the Title 1 Amendment Grant, the JC School Improvement Grant, and the SCES Teacher Quality Excellence Grant will be presented for approval.

The Corporation should know something about the Safety Grant on June 6, 2014 and is looking in the direction of hiring a Safety Resource Officer. It is a matching grant, so the Corporation will need to come up with half of the funds. The consensus is that an agreement will be made with the police department and one of their police officer's primary job will be to serve as the Corporation's designated SRO.

Another project the Board agreed is a high priority is fixing the HS Entrances and the Nurse's Office to become ADA compliant.

Fencing around the game fields, seating, and bleachers were also mentioned as future projects for discussion.

ADJOURNMENT: (3:15 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

Unable to Attend
Josh Deck, Secretary

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Tammy Hayes, Member

William Roberts, Member

Laura Schroer, Member