

SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17, 2014
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING 4:30 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 4:30 P.M. at the Switzerland County Administration Office to discuss a job performance evaluation of an individual employee, in compliance with Indiana Code 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

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 School Board Attorney, 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.

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, Mona Crabtree, Wilma Swango, Jason Hall, Orelia Drounette, Tracie Pedraza, Lisa Boatman, Tony Spoores, John Hayes, Joseph Bennett, Sean McGarvey, Gregg Goewert, James Richards, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Jill Cord, and Mark Jackson.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mrs. Peters made a motion to approve an amended agenda with the omission of a 5-Star program presentation. Mrs. Schroer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The Board voted unanimously to approve the Minutes of the October 20, 2014 meeting, following a motion to do so by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mr. Daugherty.

FUND REPORT:

The Financial Report for September, 2014, was presented to the Board for approval by Business Manager, Wilma Swango. Mr. Daugherty moved to approve the report as submitted. Mr. Deck seconded the motion. The motion passed with a unanimous vote.

CLAIMS:

The following payroll and vendor claims were presented to the Board for approval in a motion made by Mrs. Peters and seconded by Mr. Deck:

Payroll Claims: 10/24/2014 and 11/07/2014

Prewritten Claims: #47696 - #47738; #47739-#47766

New Claims: #47767 - #47850

Mrs. Peters asked about claim #47751 to Swim Outlet in the amount of \$452.34. Mrs. Swango explained that this was part of the swim team's equipment that was paid for with the Corporation credit card and reimbursed through the Community Foundation. Mr. Deck asked what Mr. Bolton was paid for in claim #47770 in the amount of \$4,860. Mrs. Swango said this was for working on the windows at the Middle School, in the process of winterizing the building. The Board's vote to approve the claims as presented was unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion of Future Facilities Plans:

Mr. Jones asked High School Principal to address the Board on what he felt should happen at this point. Mr. Goewert felt the Board needs to take action now regarding the changes he would like to happen to the plans for the offices and nurse's station, as part of the new secure entrance project at the High School, so that people can be moved over Christmas Break. Mr. Goewert also mentioned that he is trying to get an action plan on the bleachers, locker rooms, and concessions.

After some discussion regarding the Capital Projects Fund and what the cost of future projects will entail, Mr. Daugherty wanted to mention that the Endowment needed to make sure the tax payers of Switzerland County are taken care of by paying for Book Rental and Debt Service every year. He wanted to make everyone aware that this only left \$150,000 to \$200,000 for other projects.

After more discussion, Mrs. Hayes made a motion to approve advertising for bids for a High School bleacher project. Mr. Deck seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board voted unanimously to approve an AFLAC insurance plan which will enable bus drivers to receive benefits following a motion made by Mr. Roberts and seconded by Mrs. Schroer.

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

- Gr. 7 English Class-Money Box Collections for St. Jude's Children's Res. Hospital, 11/1-12/31, 2014
- HS Bowling –Sale of Bowling T-shirts for Bowling Team fees, 11/5-11/12, 2014
- SCES – NED Show/product sales to fund next year's show, 11/24-12/25, 2014
- HS Bowling-Proceeds from Tournament at Strikers for Club Expenses, 11/1/2014
- Band /Choir-Sale of Marion Kay Spices & Extracts for Uniforms & Field Trips, 11/18-11/30, 2014
- Student Council: Basketball Game & Dance for Benefit for Lauren Hill ("The Cure Starts Now" Foundation)

Mr. Daugherty made a motion to approve a \$4500 grant from Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation for Band uniforms, as well as \$300 for chess boards for Enrichment Classes. Mrs. Schroer seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

The Board unanimously approved a \$500 donation from Striker's Bowling Alley for the bowling team's state competition expenses in a motion made by Mrs. Hayes and seconded by Mr. Deck.

The following Endowment Requests were presented to the Board and acted on as follows:

- \$3,000: JC/MS Wrestling team for Practice dummy and workout shorts
Motion: Hayes / Seconded: Roberts / Vote: Unanimous
- \$12,000: 8th Gr. Class for Sponsorship of class trip transportation costs to Washington, D.C. and Gettysburg, PA.
Motion: Peters / Seconded: Schroer/ Vote: Unanimous
- \$31,825: Technology Department for Data Storage Unit for Servers
Motion: Daugherty / Seconded: Hayes/ Vote: Unanimous

Discussion was held regarding three options for the 2015-2016 School Corporation Calendar presented for approval. A final decision on which calendar option to adopt will be made at the regular December meeting.

The Board voted unanimously to approve donations for the purchase of new Band Uniforms as follows in a motion made by Mrs. Hayes and seconded by Mrs. Peters:

- \$450.00 from Vevay Music Club/Geneva Scotti

- \$138.50 from Switz. Co. Extension Homemakers/Wanda Benzing
- \$561.50 from Riverview Homemakers Club/Kathy Williams
- \$100.00 from Leona Adams

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

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

Mrs. Cord had a couple of questions. She wondered if anyone from the Corporation had contacted Purdue University regarding available grants for High Ability elementary school students in low rural income areas. Mr. Jones responded that the Curriculum Director, Mrs. Pennington, has contacted them, but did not know the outcome yet. He said he would get with her and get the information to Mrs. Cord.

Mrs. Cord also wondered what type of report the Board expected from Dr. Langevin regarding an instructional audit at Jefferson-Craig after only being in the classrooms there for five minutes. Mr. Jones said he knows Dr. Langevin has been performing the audits at each of the buildings, although he has not seen the reports as yet. He assured Mrs. Cord that he will make sure she gets a copy of the report when it is complete. Mrs. Cord asked about Dr. Langevin's purpose. Mr. Spoores explained for future grant considerations, an instructional audit needs to be performed and on record. Mrs. Cord asked if Dr. Langevin is charging the Corporation for his services. Mr. Jones said this consultant was being paid for his services through a grant. She asked through which grant he was being paid. Mr. Jones said he would have to get back to her with that information as well.

Eric Cole wanted to thank everyone for their concern and support for Shelby and the family during this difficult time.

Jason Hall spoke on behalf of seventh grade Social Studies students. A teacher has spoken to his child and many others disrespectfully. He feels the Board should speak to students in this class to see how they feel. He feels they should make sure everything is done to protect them from being harassed.

Tracie Pedraza voiced concerns over her 12-year old son being spoken to in such a disrespectful manner by this Social Studies teacher and feels the teacher needs to be disciplined.

John Hayes feels the verbal abuse being suffered by the students in the 7th grade class is worse than physical abuse and needs to stop.

Orelia Drounette said this teacher called the girls in his class derogatory names. She said this goes beyond name-calling and is concerned about the low grades her child is receiving in his class.

Lisa Boatman stated that her son feels this teacher hates him and has felt that way since school began. She also stated that some students are scared because the teacher is telling them that he is going to keep them from participating in sports.

Mr. Truitt thanked the parents for their comments. With no other persons wishing to make public comments, this part of the meeting was closed and a five-minute recess was called. After the recess, the meeting continued.

PERSONNEL:

Several Extra-Curricular Activities position employment recommendations were presented to the Board for approval. The recommendations and corresponding Board action is as follows:

- Matt Drake: C-Team Football Coach
Motion: Hayes / Second: Roberts / Vote: Unanimous
- Dick Koeninger: C-Team Football Coach
Motion: Roberts / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous
- Pat Pietrykowski: C-Team Football Coach
Motion: Hayes / Second: Daugherty / Vote: Unanimous
- Kyle Woolston: C-Team Football Coach
Motion: Hayes / Second: Schroer / Vote: Unanimous
- Kendra Johnson: Gr. 6 Girls Basketball Coach
Motion: Roberts / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous
- Devin Scudder: Gr. 7 Girls Basketball Coach
Motion: Deck / Second: Schroer / Vote: Unanimous
- Carrie Barwick: HS Drama Club Sponsor
Motion: Peters / Second: Hayes / Vote: Unanimous
- Kathy Daugherty/Kim Temple: JC Little Hoosiers
Motion: Deck / Second: Schroer / Vote: Unanimous
- Sarah Oeffinger: Volunteer Gr. 6 Girls Basketball Coach
Motion: Daugherty / Second: Schroer / Vote: Unanimous
- Bill Oeffinger: Volunteer Gr. 6 Girls Basketball Coach
Motion: Hayes / Second: Daugherty / Vote: Unanimous

PROFESSIONAL LEAVES/FIELD TRIPS:

The following Professional Development Leave requests were unanimously approved by the Board in a motion made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mr. Roberts:

- Matthew Levell – Google Educator Boot Camp, Indianapolis in Indianapolis, IN, 02/2-02/3, 2015
- Janet Hendricks to High Ability Conference, Indianapolis, IN, 12/15-12/16, 2014
- Meghan Kaczmarek to High Ability Conf., Indianapolis, IN, 12/15-12/16, 2014
- Barry Smith to US Marine Corps Educators Workshop, Parris Island, NC 1/6-9, 2015

USE OF FACILITIES:

The following Use of Facilities application was unanimously approved by the Board in a motion made by Mr. Daugherty and seconded by Mrs. Schroer:

- SCES: April Koons- SCES PTA for Pictures & Cookies with Santa, 12/9-12/10, 2014

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Next Endowment meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, Nov. 18, 2014 at 5:00 P.M. at the Administration Office
- Next Regular Board Meeting, Monday, December 15, 2014 at the Administration Office with the Public Session to begin at 5:00 P.M. Executive Session will be at 4:00 P.M. in order to perform the Superintendent's annual evaluation.
- The first annual Pacer Varsity Club Dinner was held at Belterra. It raised \$6,000. All who attended seemed to enjoy the event and felt it could earn as much as \$10,000.
- Glenda Ritz will be visiting a couple of schools on Thursday, 10:00-11:00 a.m.
- The deadline has expired for SRO applications. It was believed there would be five applicants, but only three have been submitted. Interviews will be set up.
- Schools will be on a two-hour delay in the morning to allow for more daylight time due to the extreme cold.

BOARD REPORT AND COMMENTS:

Mr. Daugherty asked Mr. Goewert if AP classes were being dropped at the High School. Mr. Goewert said they were not. He said AP calculus did not go this year due to not enough students signing up for the class. He said a six-year plan is being worked on right now to align the Middle School and the High School. Mr. Goewert explained that the bottom line is if there are less than five students signed up for a class, they will not be able to put it in the schedule.

Mr. Daugherty asked about the status of the Middle School's new secure entrance construction project. It was stated that the safety curtain is not fully functional yet, but the basic construction is done. Additional hardware is needed.

Mr. Daugherty mentioned that we have had a good fall. He is all for protecting the investment made in the football fields. He believes everything will be okay until a rainy day football game. The reality is that a decision needs to be made to have a turf field or soccer facilities.

Mrs. Hayes mentioned that perhaps a box trailer is needed for hauling band equipment.

ADJOURNMENT: (7:15 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

Josh Deck, Secretary

Wayne Daugherty, Member

Tammy Hayes, Member

William Roberts, Member

Laura Schroer, Member