

January 21, 2015

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2015
SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 P.M.**

A Special Meeting of the Switzerland County School Board of Trustees was held in the Board Room of the Administration Office to conduct interviews for a vacant seat on the Board.

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

Mr. Daugherty 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. Daugherty, Mr. Roberts, Mr. Deck, Mr. Bennett, Mrs. Cord, and Mrs. Peters.

Others in attendance were Mr. Michael L. Jones, Mona Crabtree, Floyd Knaus, Pat Lanman, Melissa Furnish, Cheryl Furnish, Jill Richards, Trisha Archer, Georgette O'Neal, Kay O'Neal, Vicki Bear, Margaret A. Riley, Keli Gabbard, Patricia Galyle Riley, Amy Combs, Greg Curlin, Debbie Bledsoe, Katie Collier, Josh Rogers, Tony Spoores, and James Phipps.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

Mr. Deck made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. Mr. Roberts seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous.

INTERVIEWS OF PROSPECTIVE APPOINTEES FOR SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES SEAT:

Two applicants were received for the Pleasant Township position on the Switzerland County School Board of Trustees, vacated by Tammy Hayes. The person appointed by the Board for this seat, will fill the remainder of Mrs. Hayes's term, which officially ends at the end of December, 2016. If the new appointee wishes to remain on the Board after that date, he/she will need to run for office in the November, 2016 election. Mr. Daugherty mentioned to each of the applicants that a motion to appoint someone to the position will be made at the regular meeting of the Board, to be held the following Monday, January 26, 2015.

Applicants, Katie Collier and James Phipps, were interviewed by the Board.

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

- What do you see as the Board's roles and responsibilities?
- 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?
- What do you see as a Board member's role in the day to day operation of the schools?
- What do you see as the biggest challenges facing school boards or education in general?
- How would you handle requests if approached by an individual or special interest group?
- What policies would you like to see implemented to increase student achievement?
- Selected or not selected, would you run for the position in 2 years?
- What are your visions for the Corporation in 5 to 10 years?
- If a parent cornered you in the grocery store and asked for your support on a particular issue, how would you handle the situation?
- Please tell us a little about your involvement or participation with the Switzerland County School Corporation or any of our schools?
- 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:

- Regular Meeting on Monday, 01/26/15 at 5:00 P.M., Exec. Sess. at 4:00 P.M. @ Admin. Office.
- Endowment Meeting on Tuesday, 01/27/15 at 5:00 P.M. @ Admin. Office.
- Collective Bargaining Seminar coming up on Friday, February 13, 2015 at the Indianapolis Marriott North at Keystone. Board Members should contact Cindy Haskell about reservations.
- Encouraged attendance at the only home wrestling match, tonight at 6:00 P.M.

ADJOURNMENT: (6:15 P.M.)

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

Wayne Daugherty, President

Joseph Bennett, Member

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William Roberts, Vice President

S. Jill Cord, Member

Joshua Deck, Secretary

Nancy Peters, Member

* _____, Member

*New Board Member will be recommended at the regular 1/26/15 meeting.