

August 31, 2015

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 31, 2015
SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M.**

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

Board President, Mr. Daugherty, called the regular meeting to order, asked that all communication devices be turned off or silenced, and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE:

Mr. Daugherty, President:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Roberts, Vice President:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Deck, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Cord, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Deck, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Peters, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bennett, Member:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Jones, Superintendent:	<u>Present</u>

Others in attendance: Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Greg Curlin, Sean McGarvey, Matt Hocker, and Jonathan Grice.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA:

It was recommended that the Board approve an amended agenda, with the omission of a Personnel item. Motion: Peters. Second: Cord. Vote: Unanimous

PERSONNEL:

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation of night shift custodian, Sara Rodgers, as presented. Motion: Deck. Second: Peters. Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve the employment of Bobby Darbro to fill the night shift custodial position at the Middle School. Motion: Roberts. Second: Peters. Vote: Unanimous.

OLD BUSINESS:

An updated Textbook Fees report was submitted for approval. Motion: Deck. Second: Collier. Much discussion followed regarding band and technology fees, and what the \$235,000 included. Concerns were expressed regarding students unable to pay having to write out their work by hand while the others are able to use their electronic devices. It was explained that students may use the devices at school, but they can't take them home if they have not paid or signed up to make payments. Vote to approve: Unanimous.

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NEW BUSINESS:

Two Extra-Curricular Activities Fundraisers were submitted to the Board for approval. Motion to approve: Deck. Second: Collier. Vote: Unanimous. They are as follows:

- MS Wrestling Team: Cookout at MS football games for wrestling gear, 9/5 & 9/17/15
- Senior Class 2016: MORP Dance entry fees class expenses, 9/4 or 9/11/15, depending on weather

The Master Contract Agreement between the Switzerland County School Corporation and the Switzerland County Classroom Teachers Association was presented to the Board for approval. Motion: Peters. Second: Roberts. Vote: Unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES:

Applications for the use of school facilities were presented for consideration by the Board as follows:

- SCES Café: Amber Brunner for Cub Scout Pack Meetings, Mondays, 8/31/15 – 5/30/2016. Motion to approve: Bennett. Second: Collier. Certif. of Liability provided. Waiver of rental fee: Yes (non-profit, student activity. Vote: Unanimous.
- All Buildings – Deputy Morton of Switzerland County Sheriff's Office for Law Enforcement K-9 Training, multiple dates to be announced, 6:00 P.M. to 6:00 A.M. Motion to approve: Peters. Second: Collier. Certificate of Liability to be provided: Yes. Waiver of Rental Fee: Yes (non-profit event).

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Next Regular Board Meeting: Tuesday, September 21, 2015, 6:00 P.M. at the Administration Office (public hearing for budget – adoption in October)
- Next Endowment Meeting: Monday, September 22, 2015, 5:00 P.M. at the Administration Office
- ISBA Fall Conference: September 28-29, 2015 @ Indianapolis Convention Center
- Grounds Committee – 4 applications for mowers; deadline to apply 9/11
- Superintendent's "In the Neighborhood" School/Community Meetings:
 - Wed., 09/26/15 @ Florence Fire House, 6:00 P.M.
 - Wed., 10/21/15 @ Patriot Town Hall, 6:00 P.M.
 - Wed., 11/18/15 @ Switzerland Co. Public Library, 6:00 P.M.

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BOARD COMMENTS:

Mrs. Cord: Looking forward to attending the ISBA Conference. She had questions regarding the evaluation of teachers in the IvyTech Dual Enrollment Program.

Mr. Bennett: Feels that on the website, academics should be on the left and athletics on the right.

Mrs. Peters: Cannot attend the ISBA Conference, but feels it is worthwhile. Wants to make sure the maintenance list is being worked on. She also mentioned the JC checklist, the concessions/restroom building plans and the storage building plans.

Mr. Daugherty: He knows the law limits the topics which can be discussed during Executive Sessions. He will check to see if any of the other members of the Board wish to grant an audience with certain parties regarding parental issues, as well as training, and leave requests, and if so, he will check to see if it is lawful to discuss them. He also wants to discuss Support Staff compensation. Peters & Roberts volunteered to serve on a committee to look into the current wage scale. Mr. Daugherty announced that the last four years, the Board has received an Outstanding Board award. That is accomplished by going to conferences and workshops and gathering all the information possible to make informed decisions.

ADJOURNMENT: (7:05 P.M.)

Motion to adjourn: Roberts. Second: Deck. Vote: Unanimous. The Meeting was so adjourned.

Wayne Daugherty, President

William Roberts, Vice President

Josh Deck, Secretary

Joseph Bennett, Member

Katie Collier, Member

S. Jill Cord, Member

Nancy Peters, Member