

MARCH 21, 2016

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**  
**MINUTES OF THE MARCH 21, 2016**  
**REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING** **6:00 P.M.**

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

Board President, Peters, called the regular meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag, followed by a moment of silence.

**ATTENDANCE:**

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

Others in attendance: Wilma Swango, Mona Crabtree, Matt Hocker, John Sieglitz, Josh South, Marcus Duckworth, Suzanne Rayls, Jane Osborne, Michelle Oatman, Chris Oatman, Bailey Bennett, Sean McGarvey, Greg Goewert, Tony Spoores, Cary Lauderback, James Bruce, Adam Dennis, Levi Simpson, Ally Smith, Veronica Buckler, Kodi Thayer, Sharon Peelman, Gene Perry, Rob Banta, Jackie Chatham, Mitch Hobson, Angel Konkle, Rhonda Pennington, Jennifer Biddinger, Rhonda Partin, Chris Partin, Lu Scudder, Skylar Scudder, Bonnie Baur, Fred Ross, Barbara Davidson, August Dauel, Anna Spoores, Greg Curlin, Roy Leap, and Brooke Levell.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

The following items were approved as recommended:

- Amended agenda with the withdrawal of Board insurance discussion
- Minutes of prior meeting: 02/15/2016
- Monthly Financial Report: January, 2016
- Payroll & Vendor Claims:
  - Payroll: 2/26/16 and 3/11/16
  - Vouchers: Prewritten: #50104 – #50151 and #50152 - #50173  
New: #50174 - #50264
- ECA Fundraisers: a) MS Student Council: Spring Fling dance 4/22/16  
b) JC Gr. 5: worm tea & soil sales for class projects, 3/1-5/5/16  
c) HS Golf: Pacer golf ball marker sales for summer camp, 3/ 2016  
d) HS Music Dpt.: Sale of magnet dry erase boards & Koozies for music department supplies
- Acceptance of Grant Monies: a) Teacher Performance Grant (\$28,027.29); Rural and Low Income Schools Grant (\$31,420.00); Vevay Switzerland County Foundation, Inc. Grant for calculators for JC grades 3-6 (\$1,092.55); VSCF Grant for MS Victorian tea party (\$500) / Used Instrument Donation: Angel & Matt Lieland (\$800 value)

Motion: Bennett / Second: Roberts / Vote: Unanimous.

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**RECOGNITIONS:**

Switzerland County Elementary Band Students were recognized for their excellent performances at the 2016 Indiana State School Music Association Solo and Ensemble Competitions. Aubrey Biddinger, Skylar Scudder, and Bailey Castle were on hand to accept awards from the Board. Marcus Duckworth accepted awards for Raychell Hensley, Alisha Detmer, and Erin Davies who were unable to attend.

Basketball Coach, Adam Dennis, presented boys from the JV Basketball team to the Board for their outstanding achievements. This JV team set a record with 19 wins and 3 losses. Players on hand to accept their awards were Tyler Konkle, Kenyan Bledsoe, Kyle Whitham, Austin South, Andrew Youngblood, Zach Wainscott, Justin Chatham, and Tyler Perry. Those unable to attend were Michael Gatto, and Dalton Tingle.

**PRESENTATIONS:**

High School Social Studies Teacher, Levi Simpson, gave a presentation regarding a couple of courses he would like the Board to consider adding to the curriculum: Topics in History and Indiana Studies.

High School Business teacher, Kodi Thayer, also gave a presentation regarding curriculum in her department. She would like the graduation requirement for Digital Citizenship to be removed for the Freshman class next year. This class is being moved down to the Middle School.

Mr. Sieglitz gave a brief overview of some of the improvements that have been made to the Corporation website to make it more user friendly.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

The floor was opened for public comments. Those wishing to speak, were required to identify themselves, keep comments to three minutes and address their comments only to the Board President.

Cary Louderback was disappointed that the Board insurance update was omitted from the agenda. There have been no responses or explanations from the four members who voted to keep the life, medical, vision, and dental insurance benefits for 2016.

James Bruce is concerned that the transportation department has decided that balls and bats and catchers masks are banned from the buses. A form was handed to teachers to give to students. He feels there are steps that can be taken rather than banning everything from the buses because they can be considered weapons.

Chris Oatman gave his opinion with options that he felt the Board members should consider regarding their choices to keep the insurance benefits.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S LEGISLATIVE REPORT:**

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Mr. Jones gave a brief updated legislative report regarding educational issues. The General Assembly Session closed March 10, 2016. Some of the more pressing issues being discussed now are lead in the water (IDEM regulations); limits on property taxes; and 2017 coach training requirements. Civil immunity will be discussed between now and July 1.

### **BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Endowment: Medical Supplies and Textbook Rental

Negotiations: Mr. Jones met with members of the CTA last Monday. An IEERB audit showed issues that are being worked out.

Facilities & Grounds: Information on the progress of the Jefferson-Craig project was reported by Mr. Harvey earlier in the meeting.

### **GRANTS REPORT:**

Mrs. Pennington reported that all of the school buildings have been doing different programs and the goal is to try to be more consistent, therefore more efficient.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The 2016-2017 Student Handbooks for Jefferson-Craig Elementary and Switzerland County Elementary Schools were recommended for approval. Motion to approve: Collier / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

A Time Warner Contract for Internet Access was recommended for approval as presented. Motion to approve: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

A modified Media Consent and Release form was recommended for approval as presented. Motion: Collier / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve the following Endowment Requests as presented:

- Textbook Rental and Fees, (excluding Ivy Tech fees) - \$235,000.00
- HS/MS Athletic Training Equipment - \$8,809.00 (with matching funds from Vevay Switzerland County Foundation & Community Foundation of Switzerland County, Inc.

Motion: Deck / Second: Collier / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that a transfer of Appropriations Resolution be approved by the Board as submitted. Motion: Collier / Second: Roberts / Vote: Unanimous. The approved resolution is as follows:

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*Whereas it has been determined by Switzerland County School Corporation that it desires to transfer certain budget appropriation for the year 2016; therefore:*

*Be it resolved that:*

*The Switzerland County School Corporation transfers the following amounts as specified:*

*Capital Projects Fund:*

<u>Location:</u>	<u>Amount:</u>	<u>From:</u>	<u>To:</u>
Jefferson-Craig Elementary	66,330.13	Bldg. Acq. & Devel.	Technology
Switzerland County Elementary	103,795.20	Bldg. Acq. & Devel.	Technology
Switzerland County Middle School	102,299.20	Bldg. Acq. & Devel.	Technology
Switzerland County High School	67,630.13	Bldg. Acq. & Devel.	Technology

*Approved this 21<sup>st</sup> day of March, 2016*

2016-2017 School Improvement Plans for Switzerland County High School was recommended for approval. Mrs. Cord thanked Principal Goewert for timely responses to her emails. Motion: Roberts / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous.

#### **PERSONNEL:**

It was recommended that the Board approve the Extra-Curricular Activity appointment of RhaeJean Griffin and Kaulene Green as the 2016 Middle School Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach. Motion: Collier / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

#### **STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVES/FIELD TRIPS:**

Three Field Trips were recommended for approval. Motion to approve: Collier / Second: Roberts / Vote: Unanimous. Approved trips are as follows:

- BPA National Leadership Conf., to Boston, MA , 5/5-5/9, 2016
- Agriculture Students to Purdue Univ., 4/14-4/15, 2016
- Music Students to New York, 6/13-6/16, 2016

#### **USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:**

Several applications for the use of school facilities were presented for approval by the Board. Motion to approve as follows: Roberts / Second: Collier / Vote: Unanimous.

- SCES Cafeteria: Kelli Little Benefit, 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M., 3/26/16 (Waive Certificate of liability insurance: Y / Waiver of Fee: Y )
- JC/MS Cafeteria: Halie Gault Baby Shower, Sunday, May 1, 2016 , 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M. (Waive Certificate of liability insurance: Y / Waiver of Fee: Y )
- SCES Field & Restrooms: Spring & Fall SAY Soccer, M-Sat, 3:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. (Waive Certificate of liability insurance: N / Waiver of Fee: Y )
- SCHS Cafeteria – Switz. Co. Democrat Meet the Candidates Dinner, Saturday, April 16, 2016, 5:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. (Waive Certificate of liability insurance: Y / Waiver of Fee: Y )
- SCHS Cafeteria – Vevay H.S. Alumni Mtg. & Dinner, Aug. 27, 2016, time to be determined. (Waive Certificate of liability insurance: Y / Waiver of Fee: Y )

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**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

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

- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, April 18, 2016, 6:00 P.M.
- Next Endowment Meeting: Wednesday, March 23, 2016, 5:00 P.M. at the Administration Office
- Superintendent's "In the Neighborhood" School/Community Meetings:
  - Wed., March 16, 2016 was held @ E. Enterprise Fire House, 6:00 P.M. with presentation by Valerie Smith regarding the Biomed Class
  - Tentatively, Wed., April 26, 2016 – location to be announced (Grigsby: topic of Composting)
  - Wed., May 18, 2016 @ Union Baptist Church in Lamb (topic to be announced) 6:00 P.M.
  - Wed., 3/23/16 in HS Cafeteria @ 3:45 P.M.- Information meeting open to all employees regarding hospital clinic implementation

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:**

Bennett: Go Hoosiers.

Cord: Thanked Mr. Jones for holding Superintendent meetings. Feels they are of great service and need to continue. Thanked Mrs. Swango for the reports and information she requested.

Collier: Congratulated the Archery team students. ISTEP and I-Read is complete. Thanks to Liz Conrad at the Middle School. 23 students inducted into the National Honor Society. It is sad that Mr. Boggs is retiring from coaching. Math Bowl teams placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. She learned at a construction meeting that the Jefferson-Craig project two weeks ahead of schedule. Brooke Todd should be congratulated as the girls player of the year.

Peters: Corrected a previous statement that 87% of the general fund dollars goes to teachers. That percentage actually goes to all Corporation employees, not just teachers.

**ADJOURNMENT: (7:20 P.M.)**

Motion to adjourn: Peters / Second: Collier / Vote: Unanimous. The Meeting was so adjourned.

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Nancy Peters, President

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Kathryn Collier, Vice President

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Josh Deck, Secretary

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Joseph Bennett, Member

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S. Jill Cord, Member

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