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SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 19, 2016
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING 4:00 P.M.
REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 5:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 4:00 P.M. at the Switzerland County Administration Building located at 1040 W. Main Street, Vevay, Indiana to discuss a job performance evaluation of an individual employee, and for discussion of strategy with respect to initiation of litigation that is either pending or has been threatened specifically in writing and for discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. This is in compliance with the following Indiana Codes, respectively: 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) and 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) and 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7).

Those in attendance: Board Members: Collier, Deck, Cord, Bennett, Bosaw, and Roberts. Mr. Daugherty did not make the Executive Session meeting but was able to attend the Regular Meeting immediately following. Others in attendance at the Executive Session: Superintendent Jones and Board Attorney, Matthew Hocker. The Board discussed no subject matter in the Executive Session other than the subject matters specified in the public notice. The Executive Session adjourned.

A Public Meeting followed the Executive Session

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

Board President, Collier, 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. Collier, President:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Deck, Vice President:	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Cord, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Bennett, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bosaw, 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, Matthew Hocker, Greg Curlin, Tye Sullivan, Jim Waldo, Russell Wilson, Sean McGarvey, Sally Weales, Chris Oatman, and Roy Leap.

OVERALL AGENDA:

An amended agenda with the addition of Public Comments was presented for approval. Motion: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

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RECOGNITION OF OUTGOING BOARD MEMBERS:

The Board recognized the following outgoing members of the Board for their dedication and service to the School Corporation during their terms on the Board:

- William Roberts
- L. Wayne Daugherty
- Nancy Peters

Superintendent Jones spoke about the roles Mr. Roberts and Mr. Daugherty have played in the Corporation and presented them with a gift from the Corporation. Both gentleman thanked staff members they have worked with over the years and expressed appreciation for their help and support. Mrs. Peters was unable to attend.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The following consent agenda items were approved as recommended: Motion: Bennett / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous.

- Minutes of prior meeting: 11/21/2016
- Monthly Financial Report: October, 2016
- Payroll & Vendor Claims:
 - Payroll: 11/25/16; and 12/09/16
 - Voucher #'s: Prewritten: 51490 – 51502; 51504 – 51528;
 - Replacement Check: 51503
 - New: 51529 – 51644
- CFSCI Grant: \$4,332.00 State Connectivity Grant
- ECA Fundraisers for 2016/2017:
 - a. SCES 2nd Grade –sale of repurposed items to raise money for sending food to the hungry in Haiti, South Sudan and Switzerland County, Dec.-Apr.
 - b. SCES 2nd Grade– sale of t-shirts to raise money for sending food to the hungry in Haiti, South Sudan and Switzerland County, Jan.-Apr.
 - c. SCES 2nd Grade – spare change collection for sending food to the hungry in Haiti, South Sudan and Switzerland County, Dec.-Apr.
 - d. SCES 2nd Grade – Art show to raise money for sending food to the hungry in Haiti, South Sudan and Switzerland County in March.
 - e. SCHS Student Council – Homecoming Game & Dance admissions for State Convention expenses, 1/20/17
 - f. SCHS Student Council – Flower Gram sales for for State Convention expenses, 2/14/17
 - g. SCHS Student Council – Hat Day sales for donation to Riley Hospital, March
 - h. SCHS Student Council – Talent Show entry/admission fees for donations to Riley Hospital, in March, (date to be determined)
 - i. SCHS Student Council – Male Pageant Show entry/admission fees for donations to Riley Hospital and Council fees/activities
 - j. SCMS Student Council- Snow Princess Contest votes by cash or coin Riley Hospital donation, Jan. 4-Jan. 31, 2017

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- k. SCMS Friends of Rachel - In School Dance admission for donation to Leukemia & Lymphoma Society
- l. SCHS Band – Craft Fair admissions & sale of concessions for purchase of music, upkeep of uniforms & instrument repairs, 4/8/17

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Chris Oatman thanked all of the Board Members for their time spent and commitment during their service on the Board this past year.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Endowment: Cord: The last meeting was held on November 22, 2016. Topics of discussion included the 2017 Debt Service, Textbook Rental, the 8th Grade Class Trip, and the YMCA. According to the Switzerland County Council representative for the Endowment, Mrs. Schuler, the Council agreed there would be no further cuts to School Endowment for 2017. Council President, Glen Scott, has suggested a joint meeting with the Council, the Endowment, and School Board to discuss the Corporation's long range plans. The Endowment approved withdrawing funds from long term to cover present projects and approved the payment of 2017 Debt Service in the amount of \$663,861. The next meeting is scheduled for December 20, 2016. Bob Casper of the Windsor Group will attend.

Facilities & Grounds: Bennett: A sump pump will be included in the cost of the work done at the Old Gym, but will be delayed until March during Spring Break so as not to interfere with activities there. A gentleman from Indiana Landmarks will be visiting the Old Administration Building, Tuesday at 1:00 P.M., to provide his insight as to the soundness of the structure.

OLD BUSINESS:

A new Board Policy Manual was presented for a second reading. The ad-hoc committee that originally worked on the final compilation of the policies was comprised of Principal, Sally Weales; Superintendent, Michael Jones; Business Manager, Wilma Swango; Administrative Secretary, Mona Crabtree, and former Board President, Nancy Peters. The committee gleaned input from many other Corporation personnel involving their specific departments and were assisted by the representative from Neola on many issues. The Policy Manual will be presented for approval at the Regular Monthly Board Meeting scheduled to be held January 30, 2017.

NEW BUSINESS:

Jim Waldo and Russell Wilson gave a presentation on a Youth to Yellowstone program they would like to see implemented in the Switzerland County School Corporation. The

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program is conducted in coordination with American Youth Outreach, Unlimited. It will allow possibly three students from this county, preferably in their junior year, along with approximately eighteen students from other counties, to participate in an eight-day camping trip to Yellowstone. Students meeting certain criteria are selected to participate in the program from submitted letters and subsequent interviews. Fundraising for the students will be the responsibility of the School Corporation. Motion to implement program: Bosaw / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve new Computer Courses for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. The two classes presented for approval are “Computers in Design & Production” and “Intro to Computer Science”. Motion: Cord / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

An Endowment Request in the amount of \$15,606.80 for transportation expenses for the annual 8th Grade trip to Washington, D.C., and Gettysburg scheduled for April 6-10, 2017, was recommended for approval by the Board. Motion: Roberts / Second: Daugherty. Cord asked if the class has ever considered going during Spring Break so that the kids wouldn't miss academic days. The trip is scheduled through an outside travel agency which sets the dates. Also, the trip is an educational opportunity that many students may not otherwise experience with only three days missed. Vote: Unanimous

It was recommended that the Board approve a request for and additional Pre-Kindergarten route for students with special needs and subsequent additional employee positions of bus driver and monitor for the route. Motion: Cord / Second: Roberts. It was asked which fund would be used to cover the costs for the additional route. Business Manager, Swango, answered that the cost of the additional route would be taken from the Transportation Fund. Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve a request to modify bus route 32. The modified route will result in the same mileage as the original route. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous.

PERSONNEL:

It was recommended that the Board consider a request for the extension of insurance benefits by a retired employee. Motion to deny request: Deck / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

The following personnel were recommended for 2016-2017 Extra Curricular Activity Spring sports:

- Track Boys/Girls - Adam Pietrykowski
- Track B/G Assistant - Angie Grubbs
- Track B/G Assistant - Casie Jesop
- Track B/G Assistant - Kris Sandlin
- Golf - Natalie Wheeler
- Golf Volunteer - Rob Daugherty

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- Baseball - Chad Combs
- Baseball Assistant - Sean Cook
- Baseball Assistant - Ryan Peters
- Softball - Hannah Cook
- Softball Assistant - LeeAnna White
- Softball Assistant - Sara Oeffinger

Motion: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Ayes: Bennett, Bosaw, Collier, Cord, Deck.
Nays: Daugherty, Roberts.

It was recommended that the Board approve an employee's request for continuation of medical leave through January 25, 2017. Motion: Daugherty / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Motion passed, five to two as follows: AYES: Bosaw, Deck, Collier, Roberts, Daugherty; NAYS: Bennett, Cord.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVES/FIELD TRIPS:

One overnight field trip was recommended for approval as submitted: BPA to State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, IN, March 12-14, 2017. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

The following applications for the use of school facilities were recommended as follows:

- MS : Vevay Police Dpmt. – R. Leap for Active Shooter Training/Drills, Tues., 12/27/16, 2 P.M. to 5 P.M.
- Blanket Request for All Buildings – R. Leap for Active Shooter Training/Drills with prior approval of Building Principals
(Waiver of fee: Yes / Waiver of Certificate of Liability: No)

Motion: Bennett / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Next Board Mtg. (Re-Organization), Mon., January 9, 2017, Open Public Meeting at 6:00 P.M.
- Next Reg. Monthly Board Mtg., Mon., January 30, 2017
- Next Endowment Mtg.: Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at 5:00 P.M.
- January Endowment Mtg.: Tuesday, January 24, 2017
- New Board Member Training: Greater Clark Comm. Schools Admin. Bldg. in Jeffersonville, IN, January 26, 2017

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- National School Board Association Conference in Denver, CO, March 24-27, 2017. If anyone is interested in attending, the early discount date ends January 13, 2017. Each member is requested to make their own registrations & reservations and fill out a claim form with attached itemized receipts for reimbursement
- He and three Administrators met with Jennifer McCormick at Randy Frye's
- Will resume giving legislative reports at each Board meeting beginning with the regular January meeting.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Cord: She attended the Christmas programs and felt they were of exceptional quality and attendance was fabulous. In saying goodbye to outgoing Board Members, she expressed gratefulness to the lifelong educators. She reminded those present that they were Master Board Members with the ISBA. She wished them the best of luck and happiness.

Daugherty: His decision not to run for re-election was mostly based on the saying that there is a time for everything, and this was the time for moving on to other things. Also, what he felt boiled down to a character assassination partly influenced his decision. He knows that what is really important is the positive relationships that are established over the years.

Roberts: To volunteer means to do something without compensation. If Board Members feel their position on the Board is a volunteer job, as some members of the community do, and they want to give money back to the kids, they might want to consider making a motion to receive no compensation in order to do that.

Bosaw: Thanked the outgoing members for everything they have done.

Bennett: Thanked the outgoing members for the opportunity of working with them and wished them luck.

Deck: Thanked outgoing members for their years of service on the Board.

Collier: Congratulated Principal Goewert for being selected as an IASP District 12 High School Principal of the Year. Also congratulated BPA Regional Leadership Conference winners and wished them luck at the state competition in March. She wanted to congratulate senior football tailback, Jonny Thompson, and sophomore cross country runner, Leah Anders, for making the 2-A All-State Honorable Mention list by the Associated Press. She was also proud that Cameron Ray signed with Hanover to run Cross Country. Collier mentioned that the Board will be addressing Board compensation at the Re-Organization meeting on the 9th.

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ADJOURNMENT: 6:05 P.M.

Motion to adjourn: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous. The Meeting was so adjourned.

Kathryn Collier, President

Josh Deck, Vice President

S. Jill Cord, Secretary

Joseph Bennett, Member

Greg Bosaw, Member

L. Wayne Daugherty, Member

William Roberts, Member