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SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 30, 2017
EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING **5:30 P.M.**
REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING **6:00 P.M.**

The Board of School Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the Switzerland County Administration Building located at 1040 W. Main Street, Vevay, Indiana for the discussion of records classified as confidential by state or federal statute. This is in compliance with the following Indiana Code: 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(7).

Those in attendance: Board Members: Collier, Deck, Cord, Bennett, Bosaw, Combs and Sullivan. Others in attendance: 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. Bosaw, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Deck, Vice President:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Combs, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mrs. Cord, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Sullivan, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bennett, Member:	<u>Present</u>	<i>Mr. Jones, Superintendent:</i>	<u><i>Present</i></u>

Others in attendance: Wilma S. Rosenberger, Mona Crabtree, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Tony Spoores, Greg Curlin, Deb Archer, Sean McGarvey, Sally Weales, Roy Leap, Gregg Goewert, Cora Castle and Kimberley Cutter

OVERALL AGENDA:

An amended agenda with corrected Minutes, correction of claim numbers, withdrawal of an Endowment Request, additional Grant, and additional Personnel considerations was presented for approval. Motion: Deck / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous.

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

- Amended Minutes of prior meeting: 01/09/2017
- Payroll & Vendor Claims:
 - Payroll: 01/28/17;
 - Voucher #'s: Prewritten: (51737 – 51772) voided – wrong check #'s;
51773 - 51823
 - New: 51824 – 51870
- Grants/Donations: High Ability Grant: \$31,229 / PBIS Second Funding Point Award Grant: \$13,900
 1. ECA Fundraisers: 2016/2017:
 - a. HS Baseball: Hog Raffle, 4/17-5/17;
 - b. HS Baseball: Soup & Sandwich, 2/7/17;
 - c. HS Baseball: Hat Sales, 3/17-6/17;
 - d. HS Baseball: Jerkey & Sunflower Seeds Sales, 2/17-4/17
 - e. SCE SPE Classes (4-6): Penny War for Make-A-Wish Foundation, 2/21-3/3,'17

REPORTS:

Board Committee Reports:

Endowment: Jones: Last meeting date was January 24, 2017. President Mark Lohide went over how the Endowment was originally set up. It has 5 voting members consisting of County Commissioner (Lohide), County Council Member (Rachel Schuler), County Commissioner Representative (Adam Cole), County Council Representative (Jim Phipps) and the School Superintendent. The Endowment also consists of a liaison to the Board who is a non-voting member. New officers of the Endowment were elected at that meeting: President - Lohide, Vice-President – Cole, Secretary/Treasurer – Schuler. Schuler read the finance report: 12/31/16 balance in all funds was \$1,764,813.78. Bob Casper of Windsor Group gave a year-end report. He indicated that 2016 was a good year for both long and short-term accounts. Paul Hewitt and Sean McGarvey were present in support of a request for funds for transportation for their eighth grade Washington trip. The request for \$15,606.90 was approved. It will save each of the students \$150 to \$175.

Negotiations/Discussion Group: Mr. Jones reported that he met the previous Monday with Mr. Curlin and other teachers for informal discussion. They had a good meeting and several issues were discussed.

Facilities & Grounds: Bennett: No meetings since last report. He questioned whether the Corporation was paying for the change to LED lights. Mrs. Rosenberger explained

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that initially, staff members were going to do the work, but other people had to be used in order to satisfy requirements of a grant from Duke Energy.

Internal Controls: Cord: She and Mr. Bosaw are still waiting to ascertain whether the State Board of Accounts will be auditing the Extra Curricular Accounts or whether that will still be the responsibility of this committee. Mrs. Rosenberger has contacted the Corporation's representative at the State Board of Accounts but hasn't received a reply. The field representative who did the Corporation's last audit has not been told that was the case, so at present, there is no definitive answer. The date for the Corporation's audit has not been scheduled at this time. Mrs. Rosenberger expects a request for information any time.

Superintendent Legislative Report:

Mr. Jones reported on a number of the following House and Senate Bills: HB 1001 regarding the state biennial budget; HB 1003 regarding a new state testing system called ILearn; HB 1005/SB 422 which would make the state school superintendent a position appointed by the Governor after 2021; HB 1007 regarding a "Course Access" program allowing students to choose certain classes outside their public schools; HB 1009 would change current school funds to only 3: Education, (currently General Fund), Operations (currently supported by property tax levies), and Debt Service; HB 1384 would not count students who earn general diplomas for the purpose of calculating a school's graduation rate; HB 1590 replaces ISTEP with a test to be determined by the State Board of Education; HB 1591/SB 534 creates Education Savings accounts to allow parents more access to their child's state education funding to use for tuition or other education expenses; SB 432, 475 changes the definition of "developmental delay to cover ages 3-9 rather than 3-5; HB 1614 removes the requirement that the state's preschool program be limited to just 5 counties.

OLD BUSINESS:

NEOLA Policy Manual: Each member of the Board received a process review in their packets for this meeting. It was agreed that another meeting was needed for discussion of the manual prior to final consideration at the regular meeting scheduled for February 20, 2017. It was decided that Monday, February 13, 2017 would be a good meeting date for that purpose.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was recommended that the Board approve Student Council members, Cora Castle and Kimberley Cutter, to serve as Student Advisors to the Board. Mr. Goewert introduced the girls, both Juniors. He explained that six of fifteen interested students were given a 20 minute interview at the end of which they were given a chance to ask their own questions and he and Mr. Todd gave them feedback. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous. Each student then gave the Board a brief description of their interests

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and school activities. Mr. Jones thanked staff members at the High School for their support and participation in the process of choosing these two representatives.

It was recommended that the Board approve Superintendent, Michael L. Jones, as the authorized agent to perform necessary duties for the Indiana Public Retirement Systems. Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve the acceptance of a Lilly Endowment Grant in the amount of \$30,000.

Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous

PERSONNEL:

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Lana Kelly as the bus monitor for the new route as submitted. Motion: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous

It was recommended that the Board approve the employment of Kim Hambrick for the part-time bus monitor position. Motion: Bennett / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous

The following 2016-2017 Extra Curricular Activity resignation and volunteer recommendation were approved as follows:

- Resignation of S. Oeffinger as Varsity Assistant Softball Coach
Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous
- Recommendation of B. Morgan as HS Volunteer Softball Coach
Motion: Sullivan / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous

It was recommended that the Board approve an employee's request for continuation of medical leave through February 20, 2017. Motion: Bosaw/ Second: Deck / Vote: Motion passed, five to two as follows: AYES: Bosaw, Collier, Combs, Deck, Sullivan / NAYS: Bennett, Cord.

STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVES/FIELD TRIPS:

It was recommended that the Board approve Tony Spoores & David Todd to attend an overnight staff professional development leave to Indianapolis, IN for a State Mandated Safety Conference, May 15-16, 2017. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Combs. Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve A. Pietrykowski and N. Wheeler, to take the AP US History Class on an overnight Field Trip to St. Louis, MO, Friday morning, 4/7/17, (8:00 A.M.) to Saturday evening, (11:00 P.M.), 4/8/17. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

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USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

It was recommended that the Board approve the following request for use of school facilities as follows:

- HS GYM: L. Schroer for the Switzerland County After-Prom, from 3:00 P.M. on Friday, 4/22/17 until 6:00 A.M., Saturday, 4/23/17

Motion to approve with waiver of fee: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Special Board Meeting for discussion of Policy Manual, Feb. 13, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, February 20, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Next Endowment Meeting: Tuesday, February 28, 2017, 5:00 P.M. at the Administration Building Board Room
- National School Board Association Conference in Denver, CO, March 24-27, 2017 (Each member is requested to make their own registrations & reservations and fill out a claim form with attached itemized receipts for reimbursement.)
- Superintendent's "In the Neighborhood" Meetings 2017:
 - Cotton Township – 2/22/17 @ E. Enterprise Fire House @ 6:00 P.M.
 - Jefferson Township – 3/15/17 @ Public Library @ 6:00 P.M.
 - Craig Township – 4/19/17 @ Union Baptist Church in Lamb @ 6:00 P.M.
 - Pleasant Township – 5/17/17 @ Brushy Fork Baptist Church @ 6:00 P.M.

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Combs: Had some congratulations to send out: Three football players were named to the Academic All-State Team which she found awesome. They are Devin Harris, Dalton Roark and Luke Compton. She congratulated Keegan Ray on advancing to regionals in Wrestling. She wished good luck to the Girls Varsity Basketball team in Sectional action this weekend. She attended an ISBA New Board Member training on Thursday. She got to spend some time with a couple of other gentlemen. She learned a lot and had some good laughs as well.

Sullivan: He attended the ISBA training also. There was a lot crammed into two and a half hours. He welcomed the new Student Advisory representatives. He asked if it would be an option to receive the Board Packets electronically. Mr. Sieglitz explained this is something that was done in the past but it was abandoned because of issues with some of their home computers.

Cord: Thanked Cora and Kimberly for their interest in being student representatives and Mr. Goewert and Mr. Todd for facilitating that process. Wanted to mention that a policy which will soon be voted on states that the Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish a cost savings reduction program to provide any employee the opportunity to introduce ways to reduce costs to the Corporation. She wondered if this was something that will be implemented. Mr. Jones affirmed that this would be implemented soon. She

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appreciated the GPS report but requested that the missing harsh braking and excessive speed reports also be provided to her.

Bennett: Mentioned that he had discussed the sale of Christmas items by an outside person with a couple of people. He would be more than willing to let that person know what their feelings are.

Collier: Congratulated the Homecoming King and Queen

ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 P.M.

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

Kathryn Collier, President

Josh Deck, Vice President

S. Jill Cord, Secretary

Joseph Bennett, Member

Greg Bosaw, Member

Amy Combs, Member

Tye Sullivan, Member