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**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE APRIL 17, 2017**

REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees met for a regular monthly Board Meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M. at the Switzerland County Administration Building located at 1040 W. Main Street, Vevay, Indiana.

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

Vice President of the Board, Deck, presided over the meeting, as President Collier was had a prior commitment during the first part of the meeting. He called the regular meeting to order and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag. Immediately following the pledge, Superintendent Jones asked everyone to pause for 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>Present</u>
<i>Cora Castle, Stud. Rep.:</i>	<u>Present</u>	<i>Kimberly Cutter, Stud. Rep.:</i>	<u>Present</u>

Others in attendance: Wilma S. Rosenberger, Mona Crabtree, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Greg Curlin, Sean McGarvey, Roy Leap, David Todd, Kodi Thayer, Marla Edwards, Dawn Powell, Tater Powell, Calleigh Powell, Summer Dickerson, MacKenzie Covington, Trey Gray, Tammy Gray, Tracy Gray, Mary Jane Demaree, Dustin Bentz, Chris Trader, Steve Telfer, Garrett Demaree, Katie Mote, and Kelly Lockwood.

OVERALL AGENDA:

The overall agenda was presented for approval. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous. Bennett asked if the Board could put additional items in the Consent Agenda. Superintendent Jones did not have a problem with that.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

- Amended Minutes of prior meetings: 03/20/2017
- Monthly Financial Report: February, 2017

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- Payroll & Vendor Claims:
 - Payroll: 03/28/17 and 04/11/17
 - Voucher #'s: Prewritten: 52136 (Payroll Transfer);
52137 – 52187; 52188- 52213
 - New: 52214 – 52290

- Grants/Donations:
 - \$4,000: Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation: BPA (for National Competition)
 - \$1,500: Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation: 8th Gr. Job-Shadowing Expenses
 - \$50 Donation: Lindsay See to JC Cafeteria for children in honor of Bev Parrott
 - \$250 Donation: Doug & Julie Brown for SCES Cafeteria for children's meals

- ECA Fundraisers: 2016/2017:
 - HS Boys Basketball: laundry detergent sales for Summer Camp expenses, 4/3– 4/10, 2017

PRESENTATIONS:

Celebrating Success: Business Professionals Association Sponsor, Kodi Thayer, introduced Garrett Demaree, Trey Gray, Summer Dickerson, McKenzie Covington, and Calleigh Powell to the Board and those in attendance at the Board Meeting. These BPA Students were honored by the Board for their State BPA competition wins. Vice-President, Deck and Superintendent Jones presented them with medallions. The BPA team will be participating in national competitions May 10th through the 14th.

Executive Director, Steve Telfer, and Business Manager, Chris Trader, gave a presentation regarding the Madison Area Education Special Services Unit. The organization services several area schools, including Crothersville Community Schools, Scott County School District 1, Southwestern-Jefferson County Schools, Switzerland County School Corporation, and next school year will also be servicing Clarksville Community Schools. The Cooperative was established in 1968 and is commonly known as SSU. It provides shared services including occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, psychological services, deaf/hard of hearing services, and blind/visually impaired services. Disability areas covered by their organization include students with multiple disabilities, orthopedic impairment, blind or low vision, deaf or hard of hearing, emotional disability, specific learning disability, developmental delay, language or speech impairment, mild cognitive disability, severe cognitive disability, deaf-blind, autism spectrum disorder, traumatic brain injury by birth defect or injury, and other health impairment. The SSU budget is comprised of specific funds, capital projects funds, general fund/preschool. The budget is developed and approved by the Board of Directors, made up of participating school superintendents. It was recommended that the Board approve the Cooperative Agreement with MAESSU for the 2017-2018 school year as presented. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

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REPORTS:

Board Committee/Student Representative Reports:

Endowment: Jones: Last meeting was held April 4, 2017, in place of the originally scheduled March 28 meeting which was during Spring Break. The checking account balance is \$268,035.36 . The Endowment's total balance, including long & short term investments, is \$2,296, 843.36. Switzerland County Auditor, Gayle Rayls, gave a presentation on the history of the Casino revenue. There was considerable discussion on textbook rental and debt service. Members voted for a 20% reduction each year in the percentage of the share of Textbook Rental support until it is phased out after the 2020-2021 school year. Discussion was also held about lightbulb changes. The next Endowment meeting will be April 24, 2017 at Jefferson-Craig and members will take a tour of the new wing there. The Endowment would like to hold the next month's meeting at Switzerland County Elementary School.

Negotiations/Discussion Group: Superintendent Jones met with Mr. Curlin and some other teachers last Monday. They are watching legislator which may push back negotiations period 45 days. They discussed vision and dental insurances.

Internal Controls: Cord: No report since she and Bosaw are waiting to find out if the Indiana State Board of Accounts will be auditing the Extra-Curricular Accounts or whether it will be the committee's responsibility.

Student Representatives: Cutter: A few Wednesdays out of the month, six of student council members met to discuss things concerning the schools and learning more about how everything works. There were interviews with the Accreditation team and she thinks things went very well, as there was good feedback and opinions. SADD (Students Against Destructive Decisions) met today regarding the effects of alcohol which was sponsored by Mr. Pietrykowski. There will be meeting of the group every day this week on such topics as teen pregnancy and smoking.

Facilities & Grounds: Bennett: Thanked those responsible for speaking to the kids about picking up their trash around the track. It looks a lot better. At the last meeting, there was a brief discussion with one person in the community interested in preserving the old Administration building, but there have been no viable recommendations as to how to fund that. Superintendent Jones was given an estimate of \$100,000 to \$150,000 for the demolition of the building. The reason for the range is that it is hard to determine the cost due to the unknown amount of asbestos in the building and the fact that it has to be removed by a person certified in asbestos removal. It will cost \$1500 to \$1700 for someone to come in and identify the existing areas of asbestos. Mike Archer gave Jones estimates for renovations and basic improvements. The cost for windows, plumbing, carpet, and ceilings would be around \$200,000. If you factor in HVAC, the cost would go up to around \$300,000. When estimating repairs and cosmetics, there ends up being a wide range there as well, depending on what you do. These amounts do not include making the building ADA compliant, such as installing a seat or elevator to access

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upstairs offices or installing an upstairs fire escape or making the downstairs restrooms wheelchair accessible. Bennett reiterated that the building has been discussed numerous times since the building was abandoned in 2009 due to health issues. Soon after leaving the building, it was decided that it was not feasible to try to remedy all of the existing problems and that a new building should be constructed to house the Administration staff. Combs commented that since the last meeting, she has had six or seven individuals approach her and say that the Corporation should not waste money on the building and to tear it down. She did have one person tell her that it is rumored that the Board wants to tear down the building. Combs responded to the individual that she didn't feel any of the members wanted to destroy an old historic building. Combs brought up the fact that there have been several meetings at which this issue has been discussed and there were only three or four people there. Bennett's feelings are that the Corporation does not have the funds to pay for renovations to the building. He did not see any other alternative than to request a tax increase for residents to pay for it and he certainly wasn't in favor of that. Sullivan asked Superintendent Jones if he had heard anything from Jerry and Lisa Fischer about purchasing the building. Jones replied that he had not. He knew the building had been toured recently by Nancy Barker, Casey Banta, Karen Miller, Rita Sullivan, and maybe some others. They expressed sentimental feelings about the building, but offered no ideas or funding solutions. Cord commented that making the building a school museum would not necessitate all the renovations mentioned. She has spoken with members of the Historical Society and the Retired Teachers Association to hear their ideas. One person is so passionate about preserving the building, she indicated to Cord that she will start a petition to save the building if the Board decides to demolish it. Bennett suggested waiting until after the Vevay Alumni meets again so they can have a chance to take pictures of the front of the building, but stands firm on his recommendation to proceed with demolition.

Superintendent Legislative Report:

Jones reported that the General Assembly is scheduled to adjourn on Friday, April 21, 2017 by midnight. He does not believe there will be a special session. Big issues that need to be resolved include: road funding; budget (including school funding formula); and student assessment (ISTEP is being replaced after 2017-2018 school year). Other bills still on track:

- HB 1004: Pre-K Education
- HB 1005: Superintendent of Public Instruction Appointment after 2020
- HB 1007: Education Course Access Program
- HB 1009: School Finances
- HB 1024: Prayer in school
- HB 1079: School Employment and Teacher Licensure
- HB 1384: Various Education Matters
- SB 182: Superintendent Contracts
- SB 407: Education Matters
- SB 409: Collective Bargaining
- SB 475: Developmental Delay

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OLD BUSINESS: None.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mr. Deck opened the floor for public comments:

Kellie Lockwood, parent of a Freshman student, voiced her concern regarding sharing her child's social security with other entities. She called the guidance department when her child called asking for the information for an application of which she was not aware and wanted further information. She was told she could find answers to her questions on the Corporation website, but she was unable to find it. She urged Board Members to check the website to see what was there and what was not there. She feels the Guidance Department needs to be more transparent.

Guidance Counselor, Marla Edwards, wished to respond to Lockwood's comments. She stated that she did return Lockwood's call. She mentioned that any college applications or scholarships that the students might complete will not get processed unless a social security number is provided. She urged Lockwood to stay until a little later in the meeting for a presentation by Katie Mote from Ivy Tech that might alleviate some of Lockwood's concerns and answer some of her questions regarding Dual Enrollment.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was presented with the Middle School's 2017-2018 Student/Parent Handbook for a first reading. Cord mentioned that there were conflicting policies between the High School Handbook and the Middle School Handbook, as well as the newly approved Neola policies regarding retaking of classes. Mr. McGarvey said he would correct that before the May Board meeting.

It was recommended that the Board approve the Adoption of K-6 Math and 3-6 Science textbooks for 2017/2018 through 2022/2023 school years. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous. They are as follows:

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| • Kdg. Math: My Math Indiana | 978-0-07-673661-4 | \$94.14 (McGraw-Hill) |
| • 1 st Gr. Math: My Math Indiana | 978-0-07-673663-8 | \$94.14 |
| • 2 nd Gr. Math: My Math Indiana | 978-0-07-673665-2 | \$94.14 |
| • 3 rd Gr. Math: My Math Indiana | 978-0-07-673666-9 | \$94.14 |
| • 4 th Gr. Math: My Math Indiana | 978-0-07-676668-3 | \$94.14 |
| • 5 th Gr. Math: My Math Indiana | 978-0-07-673670-6 | \$94.14 |
| • 6 th Gr. Math: Glencoe Math Course 1I | 978-0-07-675-701 | \$94.14 |
| • 3 rd Gr. Science: Inspire Science | 978-0-07-679455-3 | \$52.41 |
| • 4 th Gr. Science: Inspire Science | 978-0-07-679469-0 | \$52.41 |
| • 5 th Gr. Science: Inspire Science | 978-0-07-679475-1 | \$52.41 |
| • 6 th Gr. Science: Inspire Science | 978-0-07-898617-8 | \$84.99 |

It was recommended to approve a request from Glo Asbury to drive her bus beyond the 14 years allowed by Board Policy, without a written request to do so, provided the bus passes all inspections. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

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It was recommended that the Board approve an Endowment Request to be submitted to the Endowment Board for 80% of the cost of textbooks (\leq \$235,000) for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous. Bennett would like to see the

Katie Mote of Ivy Tech made a presentation regarding what will be offered for the 2017/2018 TGEC Dual Enrollment courses and the 2017/2018, 2018/2019 Welding courses through their program. After speaking with the High School Administrative staff, Mote was confident that some editing of the agreements could be made to satisfy concerns regarding numbers prior to the next meeting of the Board.

PERSONNEL:

The following Extra Curricular Activity resignations were approved as follows:

- Megan Griffin, as MS Cheerleading Coach
- Jeff Mullins as HS Girls Soccer Coach

Motion: Bennett / Second: Sullivan / Vote: Unanimous

The following Extra-Curricular Activity recommendations were approved as follows:

- Brooke Todd: Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach
- Rick Roberts: Volunteer HS Baseball Coach
- Matt Roland: Volunteer Baseball Coach

Motion: Combs / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous

The Board approved Summer 2017 ECA Positions as follows:

- Chad Combs – Baseball
- Adam Dennis - Boys Basketball
- Mark Boggs - Girls Basketball
- Olivia Hewitt/Jack Taylor – Volleyball
- Kris Sandlin – Wrestling
- Hannah Cook – Softball
- Tully Anderson – Girls Soccer
- Brian Grigsby – Boys Soccer

Motion: Bennett / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation of Instructional Assistant, Gloria Day, as submitted. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous.

The Board accepted a retirement request effective at the end of the 2016-2017 school year from Linda Kurdys as follows: Motion: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous. Sullivan mentioned that it looks like there will a number of retirees this year, and wondered how the Board will be recognizing those individuals. Superintendent Jones responded that they will be honored at the regular June meeting of the Board.

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STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT LEAVES/FIELD TRIPS:

It was recommended that the Board approve two Professional Leaves and three Field Trips as submitted:

Professional Leaves:

- C. Bougher/A. Grubbs to Nextech / Code.org Teachers Conf., 6/18-6/23, 2017
- M. Hicks to Lafayette for Effective Alternative Ed. Prog. Conf., 4/30-5/01, 2017

Field Trips:

- Summer Band to Whitewater Christian Camp, 06/04 to 06/09, 2017
- HS Girls Basketball to Bloomington Shootout, 06/09 to 06/10, 2017
- FFA/Ag to Purdue University State Dairy Judging, 5/19 to 5/20, 2017

Motion: Bennett / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous

USE OF FACILITIES:

Due to staff error, these Minutes should reflect that even though a request for use of the High School Cafeteria from Amy Combs was approved at the previous meeting with a waiver of the \$50 rental fee, the Corporation will now be accepting Amy's payment.

It was recommended that the Board consider a resubmitted request for use of school facilities as follows: Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett

- Gym: R. Jesop for Staff/Community Open Gym, Sunday Evenings, Nov., 2016 – July, 2017, 5:00 – 7:00 P.M.

Discussion: It was reported that the Board needs to be consistent with entities requesting the use of school facilities and follow the guidelines on the form which states that the High School Gym may not be rented. High School Athletic Director, David Todd, had suggested that the form be changed. Editing the form may come at a later date. Amended Motion to approve with the waiver of the fee: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, May 15, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Next Endowment Meeting: Monday, April 24, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M. at Jefferson-Craig Elementary School
- Administrators & Board Workshop – (J. Halik)- June 5 & 6 @ 6:00 P.M.
- School was not in session on Good Friday, previously a makeup day. This makes the last student day will be May 24 and Teacher Record Day will be May 25, assuming there are no more closings.
- Superintendent's "In the Neighborhood" Meetings 2017:
 - ✓ (done) Cotton Township – Wed., 2/22/17 @ E. Enterprise Fire House @ 6:00 P.M. (SCES Grade 2 – Love the Hungry Project) / (done) Jefferson Township – 3/15/17 @ Public Library @ 6:00 P.M. (JC River Robotics Class)
 - Craig Township – 4/19/17 @ Union Baptist Church in Lamb @ 6:00 P.M. (HS Robotics/Advanced Manufacturing Class – M. Jung)
 - Pleasant Township – 5/17/17 @ Brushy Fork Baptist Church @ 6:00 P.M.

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(Program to be announced – MS)

BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Castle, Stud. Rep.: Congratulated the BPA members, MS Track team and Band.

Cutter, Stud. Rep.: Congratulated the BPA and wished them luck in the Nationals. She also congratulated the High School Boys and Girls Track, Middle School Track, and wished luck to the Academic Teams tomorrow.

Combs: Would really like to come to a consensus about the Administration Building. and the topic has been discussed way too long. She thought the Endowment decision was a good one. Everyone knew it was coming, and to reduce the support gradually is good. She received good feedback on the Enrichment/Remediation program. She is completely amazed by the Ivy-Tech partnership. She is very proud of that.

Sullivan: Prom is coming up on April 22nd. He hopes everyone has a good, safe time. There is a benefit coming up on April 29 at the Jefferson-Craig Fire Department for McKayli Scudder. He sent an email regarding live- streaming the Board Meetings and wondered if that was possible. He wanted to mention that there has been an anonymous donation to the Jefferson-Craig cafeteria in order to help students pay off cafeteria charges. There will be future anonymous donations at the other school buildings as well.

Cord: Congratulated the High School for their Accreditation from the Advanced Education Organization. She just had some other comments she wanted to make regarding the Old Administration Building. Members of the Board are entrusted to be the caretakers of all of the buildings of the Corporation. The old Vevay School belonged to our forefathers and will belong to all of our descendants as long as we preserve it.

Bennett: Attended Eggleston Club meeting. He congratulated the winners of the grade 2-12 writing contest. Some of their stories were funny, some were on the dark side. The Board training from Mr. Halik was very informative. He wondered how much could be spent by a Corporation building before it needed prior Board approval. Business Manager, Rosenberger, answered that locally, expenditures above \$25,000 for Services or for Supplies & Goods need to have prior Board approval. She will need to get back with him on the exact amounts requiring legal official bids.

Collier: Apologized for her lateness. She was supporting her daughter at the Band concert at which 115 students performed, with 85 of those participating being 5th and 6th graders. She congratulated the FFA's Dairy Judging team that placed 1st in the area last Thursday, and the highest individual was Patrick Stowe from the High School. Another team placed in the top six and will be advancing to state competition as well. Also, congratulations to a 4-H Team consisting of 2 third graders, 2 fifth graders, and one sixth grader that placed seventh competing against High School students.

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ADJOURNMENT: 8:00 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