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SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**MINUTES OF THE JUNE 19, 2017****EXECUTIVE SESSION BOARD MEETING****5:00 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 to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees. This is in compliance with the following Indiana Code: I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

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>Present</u>
		<i>Kim Cutter, Student Rep.:</i>	<u>Present</u>

Others in attendance: Wilma S. Rosenberger, Mona Crabtree, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Sean McGarvey, Rachel Gasser, Harold Scranton, Casey Jones, Darlene Roberts, Nancy Barker, Sherrie Howard, Linda Kurdys, Rebecca Bunner, Fred Ross, Rita Ross, Joan Hickman, Tony Spoores, David Todd, Alexis Braun, Kyle Green, Kaulene Green, Rahe Jean Griffin, Kasey Brabant, Betty Chatham, Jamie Slone, Allen Jones, Elliott Moore, Sheila Gault, Allen Chase, Jennifer Druba, Ray Burkhardt, Estrella Burkhardt, Larry Gault, Traleen O'Collins, John Scott, Courtney Scott, and Tim Hillman.

OVERALL AGENDA:

The overall agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Motion to amend with an addition of discussion of the saving and repurposing of the old Vevay School: Cord / Second: None. Motion dies for lack of a second. Motion to approve overall agenda with

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Personnel items moved up directly after recognition of retiring employees: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: AYES: Bennett, Bosaw, Combs, Collier, Deck, Sullivan.
NAYS: Cord.

RECOGNITION/PRESENTATION:

Sherrie Howard, Janet Hendricks, Larry Gault, Rita Ross, Rebecca Bunner, Linda Kurdys, and Rosemary Bovard are retirees from the School Corporation this school year. They have provided the students of the Corporation with their knowledge and guidance for numerous years and the Corporation is grateful for their services. The Board honored the retirees with commemorative parting gifts.

PERSONNEL:

The following Extra Curricular Activity recommendations were approved as follows:

- Kaulene Green – Resignation as MS Softball Coach
- Sean Cook as Summer Baseball Coach
- Stipends for Girls Summer basketball as presented:
 - M. Boggs: \$450
 - C. Dayadharum: \$150
 - W. Ellegood: \$150
 - C. Lay: \$150
 - Hailee Lay: \$150
 - Brooke Todd: \$150

Motion: Bennett / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous

It was recommended that the Board approve the employment of the following individuals for the 2017-2018 school year:

- Traleen O’Collins: K-6 General Music/HS-MS Choir Position
- Kyle Green – HS Social Studies
- Alexis Braun – HS English
- Allen Chase – Grade 5 Teacher
- Jennifer Hon – Resignation of Para-Professional position (pending approval of Pre-School Teacher position)
- Courtney Browning – Pre-School Paraprofessional
- Courtney Scott – Elementary Teacher
- John Scott – Elementary teacher
- Spring Knue – Pre-School Paraprofessional

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

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The following consent agenda items were approved (with the removal of the minutes of the May 15, 2017 meeting for corrections or discussion): Motion: Deck / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

- Amended Minutes of prior meeting: 06/05/2017 & 06/06/17
- Payroll & Vendor Claims:
 - Payroll: 05/26/17 & 06/09/17
 - Voucher #'s: Prewritten: 52454 – 52494; 52495 -52526;
 - New: 52527 – 52628
- Monthly Financial Report: April, 2017
- Grants/Donations:
 - \$35,414.62 – Rural & Low Income Schools Grant
 - \$5,740.88 – Vevay Switzerland County Foundation, Inc. Grant for Archery Team
 - \$6,420.00 - Grants/Donations from various organizations for BPA NLC
- ECA Fundraisers:
 - HS Girls Basketball: Concessions during 4-H Fair, during Demolition Derby, for program's student athlete expenses, July 2017
 - HS Girls Basketball: Chicken Fry for program expenses Sept. 1, 2017
 - SCES Spec Educ. Class 4-6: Spare change collection for donation to Make A Wish Foundation, Oct. 15 – Nov. 4, 2017
 - SCES Office: Sale of Great American Gifts items for gasoline expenses for field trips, Sept. 18 – Oct. 18, 2017
 - JC Student Council: Collection of \$1 for Hat Day privileges for donations to Troops, 2017-2018 school year
 - JC Grade 5 class: Box Tops for Education for Student Supplies, 2017-2018 school year
 - JC Student Council: Donations of items for Homeless Veterans, Nov. 2-11, 2017
 - JC Grade 6: \$3 charge for Pictures with Santa for class camping trip, Dec., 2017
 - JC Book Fair: Scholastic Book Fair sales for new library books, class supplies, and student expenses for needy students, Dec., 2017
 - JC Drama Club: Free Will donation collections for Gr. 3-6 club performance, Feb., 2018
 - SCHS Track: Sale of Sportswear for program expenses, Feb., 2018
 - JC Gr. 6: Candle Sales for grade 6 camping trip expenses, Feb., 2018
 - JC Library: Collection of class donations for All for One Scholastic Collection Box for underprivileged students, Feb., 2018
 - JC Gr. 4: Candy Gram sales on Valentine's Day for Little Hoosiers club expenses, Feb. 5-9, 2018
 - JC Gr. 3: collection of fee for Easter Bunny Pictures, for class expenses, Mar. 20-21, 2018
 - JC Office: Sale of Science Boards for donation to students who cannot afford them, Mar. – April, 2018
 - JC Yearbook: Sale of yearbooks for yearbook expenses, April – May, 2018
 - JC Book Fair: Scholastic Book Fair sales for new library books, class supplies, and student expenses for needy students, May, 2018

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- Overnight Staff Professional Leaves/Field Trips:
 - Professional Leaves:
 - A. Kitts to Linda Mood Bell Seeing Stars workshop in Hebron, KY, 6/6 & 6/7, '17
 - C. Grigsby to Linda Mood Bell Seeing Stars workshop in Hebron, KY, 6/6 & 6/7, '17
 - Field Trips:
 - HS Cheerleading to Middle School Gym for Cheerleading Camp , 6/28 & 6/29, 2017
 - Archery Team to World Archery Tournament in Orlando, Florida, 7/19/17 to 7/23/17

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the Board Meeting held on May 15, 2017 were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. Cord did not agree with a part of the minutes indicating that the Board knows the asbestos needs to be removed from the old Vevay School regardless of whether it is repurposed or demolished. An asbestos report received by the Board identifies asbestos containing areas which include the central portion of the roof, plaster located on ceilings and walls throughout the building, and vinyl floor tiles in the entry areas. If left undisturbed, the asbestos will not need to be removed from those areas. Motion to table the minutes until the following meeting: Cord / Second: Sullivan / Vote: Unanimous.

REPORTS:

Student Representative Report: None, as school is not in session at this time.

Board Committee Reports:

Internal Controls: Cord: Audits of the schools' Extra-Curricular Accounts will be in late August or September.

Negotiations/Discussion Group: Jones: An informal insurance meeting was held to discuss dental & vision benefits.

Endowment: Jones: The May meeting was held at Switzerland County Elementary School where members took a tour of the new pod. There was a discussion of Endowment By-Laws. A brief financial report was provided.

Facilities & Grounds: Bennett: No meetings since last report. The building looked good for the graduation ceremony.

Grant/Testing Coordinator Report: Fred Ross presented a list of grants received this school year. The report can be found in the permanent Board Meeting file kept at the Administration Building.

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PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lisa Fischer asked permission from the Board to have a feasibility study done on the Old Vevay School. She offered to pay to have an architect come and do the study so that we would all know exactly how much it is going to take in order to restore the old building. Four months should be allowed for the study. Her suggestion to pay for an estimated \$400,000 to \$500,000 renovation was to rent out office spaces downstairs and apartments upstairs or for overnight stays. She is not sure what she would do with the basement. Hocker asked if any destructive investigation would be done. Fischer said it would not. Combs asked if there is a need for that. Fischer believes there is. The architect will give a cost for basic renovations, enhanced renovations, and for top of the line renovations. It is her belief that it will never make money, and workers couldn't be paid, but the building should pay for itself over time. Fischer replied that if it is built, they will come. Her idea would be to first come up with a good plan for the building, spend some money to fix it up and then give the building and a small portion of the parking lot towards Seminary Street to an entity. She guessed that it would take \$200,000 to remove asbestos for demolition. Combs commented that parking is needed for games and that may be an issue. Motion to allow the feasibility by an architect at Fischer's expense: Sullivan / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous.

Elliott Moore, Band President, commented that Band Camp went well this summer. He requested additional support for the music department.

Nancy Barker supports Fischer's comments. She has started a petition to save the old building from demolition. People are getting more interested in keeping the building and really care. She has a lot of support. She appreciates the Board listening to her comments.

Tony Spoore commented that the Old Gym is part of the Vevay school system and has been for a long time. He wondered if it has been considered as a place to store and recognize old Vevay memorabilia. Perhaps a display area on the stage might suffice as a good place for that purpose. It is still a part of the history of the old school and property.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was recommended that the Board approve the re-configuration of the elementary schools to Pre-School (PW) through Grade 6, beginning with the school year, 2017-2018. This is to acknowledge the new program being offered for preschool age children at both buildings that are able to pass a Brigrance test and meet other eligibility requirements and to do what best fits the needs of the special education preschool program. Motion to approve: Bosaw / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve an agreement with Zonar as a new provider of the Transportation Department's GPS system. One of the main reasons for the change

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is that every new bus will have a Zonar box on it from the factory, allowing Kerlin to access diagnostics codes remotely which will save money when replacing older buses in the fleet. The system can provide harsh braking reports just as the other system did. The cost for this new system will increase by \$1,000 per year. Cord commented that a current GPS report is due to the Board Members. Motion: Deck / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2017-2018 adoption of course materials for Health classes, grades 9 through 12. Motion: Deck / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve a ten cent increase in the price of school lunches for the upcoming school year. Sullivan asked for an explanation for the increase. At the end of every school year, the Corporation is required to fill out a paid lunch equity report (Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010), requiring the Food Services Department to maintain a three-month operating balance. The Department did not meet this standard, resulting in this request to raise lunch prices. Motion to approve increase: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous. The new lunch prices are as follows: \$2.35 at both elementary schools, \$2.45 at the Middle School, and \$2.55 at the High School.

It was recommended that the Board approve a new Middle School course beginning with the 2017-2018 school year entitled "Using Google Technology". The course will have no course fees. Assessment will be based on their knowledge of different Google Applications and their ability to apply them in different situations not only in the school setting but in everyday use as well. Motion: Deck / Second: Sullivan / Vote: Unanimous.

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

The Board approved two requests for use of school facilities as follows: Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous:

- SCES Library: D. Crawford for Dumont Club Meeting, Thursday, 6/ 8/17, 5-8:30 pm. (Waiver of fee – Yes) (Waiver of Certif. of Liability – Yes)
- SCES : A. Lieland for SCES PTA's Back to School Fun Fair, Tues., 8/8/17, 4-7:30 pm (Waiver of fee – Yes) (Waiver of Certif. of Liability - No)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, July 17, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.,
- Next Endowment Meeting: Tuesday, June 27, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M. at Switzerland County High School.
- Special Open Working Session Meeting of the Board: Thursday, July 27, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M.
- Derek Marshall is now employed as the new Director of the Southeastern Career Center

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BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS:

Kim Cutter, Student Representative to Board: None since school is not in session.

Combs: Everything looked nice for the graduation ceremony and the speakers were great. The information on grants was good. Thanks for the spreadsheet. She appreciates Mr. Ross's work. Passing on information that she has heard a lot of people think the Board is doing a great job and making a lot of good decisions.

Bosaw: Said farewell to all retirees and offered congratulations to the new employees.

Sullivan: There was a good representation of the School Corporation for the substance abuse awareness program. He sent best wishes to a teacher, Mr. Griffith, regarding health issues. He commented that there are \$1.5 million in grants. He wished luck to the Archery team during their World Competition. He read a section of the asbestos report indicating areas that would need removal of asbestos prior to certain renovations or demolition.

Cord: Read from handwritten notes regarding the Old Vevay School. She feels it is her obligation to speak up about issues that matter deeply to many community residents. She feels the wishes of the community are being ignored. The entirety of Cord's notes may be found in the permanent board meeting file for 6/19/17, filed at the Administration Building.

Bennett: Congratulated retiring teachers. He commented that Senior Awards program was nice. For the parents, students are getting information via email regarding available scholarships. He would like to see a senior orientation next year. He mentioned that when the issue of School Board's health insurance was being discussed, community members packed the Middle School Cafeteria requesting that the Board vote against it, yet she voted for it. He has an issue with her insinuating that the Board is not acting ethically by not listening to the community.

Deck: Commented that Cord did vote for Board Member insurance. He suggested that she should purchase the building.

Collier: Commented that even though she respects Cord's passion for wanting to save the old school building, the Board is not in the business of historical preservation. Also, people don't want to work with someone who questions others' ethics.

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ADJOURNMENT: 7:20 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