

JULY 17, 2017

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

REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING 6:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees met for a regular public meeting in the Board Room of the Switzerland County Administration Building beginning at 6:00 P.M.

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>
		<i>Kim Cutter, Student Rep.:</i>	<i>Unable to Attend</i>
		<i>Cora Castle, Student Rep.:</i>	<i>Unable to Attend</i>

Others in attendance: Wilma S. Rosenberger, Cindy Haskell, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Gregg Goewert, , Tony Spoores, Anna Spoores, Tiffany Young, David Todd, Jamie Slone, Carrie Barwick, Angie Grubbs, and Sally Weales.

OVERALL AGENDA:

An amended overall agenda was presented to the Board for approval. Additions to the agenda included a recommendation of employment, addition of a recommendation to retain counsel for a complaint against the School Board, and an additional request for the use of School Facilities. Motion to approve the amended overall agenda: Sullivan / Second: Bennett. Discussion: Cord wanted to make an additional amendment to the agenda to add discussion of the saving and repurposing of the old Vevay School: Motion: Cord / Second: Bosaw / Vote: AYES: Cord, Bosaw / NAYS: Bennett, Collier, Combs, Deck, Sullivan. Motion failed five to two. Motion to amend the overall agenda to include School Board Member Comments: Cord / Second: none. Motion failed due to lack of a second. President Collier asked for a vote on the original motion to approve the overall agenda made by Sullivan and seconded by Bennett. Vote: AYES: Bennett, Bosaw, Collier, Combs, Deck, Sullivan / NAYS: Cord.

BID RECOMMENDATIONS:

A meeting was held at 1:00 P.M. in the Board Room of the Administration Building on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 to open and record bids for recommendation to the Board for approval for snow removal, fuel/oil delivery, trash removal, and the delivery of milk and

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bread for the 2017-2018 school year. The meeting was attended by the Corporation's Administrative Secretary, Mona Crabtree, Transportation Secretary, Cindy Welch, Transportation Director, Ivan Green, and Business Manager, Wilma Rosenberger. Other attendees included Best Way Disposal representative, Jay Hull, Rumpke representative, Molly Harris, and Laughery Valley Ag representative, Mike Raney. Dennis Boaz of Southern Petroleum was contacted and joined the meeting via speaker phone. Bread and Milk bids, processed through the Wilson Center, were forwarded on June 28, 2017 by Food Service Director, Gayla Bullock. Original bids, amounts, and meeting notations may be found in the bid folder at the Administration Office. A spreadsheet showing bid meeting results is attached to these minutes. Motion to accept the recommended lowest and best bids as presented: Bosaw / Second: Deck. Discussion followed regarding seeking out additional bids and comparisons to last year's bid prices. Superintendent Jones reported that the proper bid advertisement process was followed. Cord would like to seek other bids for snow removal. Vote to approve as presented: AYES: Bennett, Bosaw, Combs, Deck, Collier, Sullivan / NAYS: Cord. The approved bids for the above services are as follows:

- Snow Removal, 2017-2018/ 2018-2019 – Parham Excavating
- Fuel/Oil Delivery, 2017-2018 – Southern Petroleum
- Trash Removal, 2017-2018 - Best Way Disposal
- Bread Delivery, 2017-2018 – (Bid through Wilson Center) - Klosterman Bakery
- Milk Delivery, 2017-2018 – (Bid through Wilson Center) - Prairie Farms

PERSONNEL:

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

- Resignation of J. Mitch Hobson – H.S. English Teacher
- Resignation of Nicole Leap – JC 21st Century Scholar After-School Site Coord.

Motion: Sullivan / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous

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

- Tiffany Young: JC Title 1 Paraprofessional

Motion: Bennett / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous

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

- Carrie Barwick – HS Algebra 1, Remediation, Alternative School

Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

The following Extra Curricular Activity recommendations were approved as follows:

- Resignation of Shannon White as Girls Gr. 6 Basketball Coach
- Middle School position recommendations for 2017-2018 (see attached list)
- High School position recommendations for 2017-2018 (see attached list)

Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

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CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

The removal of the minutes of the June 19, 2017 meeting for pertinent discussion of material was requested by Cord. They will be discussed later in the meeting. The following consent agenda items were approved as follows: Motion: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

- Payroll & Vendor Claims:
 - Payroll: 06/23/17 & 07/07/17
 - Voucher #'s: Prewritten: 52629 – 52668; 52678
 - New: 52669 – 52677; 52679 - 52755
- Monthly Financial Report: May, 2017
- Grants/Donations:
 - \$2, 349.00 – SCAN Grant
- ECA Fundraisers:
- Overnight Staff Professional Leaves/Field Trips:
 - Professional Leaves:
 - G. Curlin to NAAE Convention, Nashville, TN, 12/6 - 12/9, '17
 - Field Trips:
 - Boys Basketball to Indiana Wesleyan, 6/30/17 to 7/02/17
 - HS Cross Country to Lincoln City, IN, 7/29/17 to 7/30/17
 - HS Football to Whitewater Christian Camp, 8/2/17 – 8/4/17

REPORTS:

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

Board Committee Reports:

Internal Controls: Cord: Nothing to report at this time.

Negotiations/Discussion Group: Jones: Informal discussion meeting is scheduled for July 31, 2017

Endowment: Jones: The June meeting was held on the 27th at the Switzerland County High School Library. There wasn't much new business to discuss. A brief financial report was provided. Long term investments: \$1,515,292.00. Short term investments: \$240,146.00. The next meeting will be held July 25, 2017 at the Middle School.

Facilities & Grounds: Bennett: Requested that Terry and Bill pay special attention to mowing the fields to the north side of road, as SAY soccer will begin soon.

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:

Jill Cord commented that on June 26, she received an email from a historical preservationist from the Department of Natural Resources indicating that a National Register designation by October 6, 2017 would qualify the Corporation for a \$50,000 matching grant for preservation and restoration of the Old Vevay School. The email indicated that the Old Vevay School was one of the oldest buildings in the state and he is very interested in this old building. The approved 2017 Capital Projects Fund Plan contains a three-year plan which includes the Old Vevay School.

Board President, Collier, advised Cord that the three minutes allowed for public speakers were up and that she could submit the remainder of her comments in writing. Cord asked to be able to continue as there was more very important information she wished to relay. Collier informed Cord that the information being reported was repetitive and that she could submit her written notes. Cord felt she was being retaliated against because her views were different than the majority of the Board. Collier stated that the Board was following the procedures for public comments. Cord asked Board Attorney, Hocker, for his advice. Hocker commented that he could not advise her individually as she was in opposition with the majority of the Board.

OLD BUSINESS:

During the June 19, 2017 Regular Monthly Meeting of the Board of School Trustees, the Minutes of the May 15, 2017 were discussed. The Board voted to table them with the recommendation that they be presented again for approval at the next regular meeting. It was recommended that the Minutes of the regular May meeting be approved as submitted. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

MINUTES:

The Minutes of the June 19, 2017 Meeting were pulled from the consent agenda for discussion. It was recommended that the Board approve these Minutes as submitted. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett. Discussion: The June 19 Minutes report that the amended Minutes of the Executive Session held on June 5 and June 6 were approved. Cord wanted to know when they were amended. Sullivan felt that updated Minutes resulting in a name change of one of the attendees was given to the Board members shortly before the meeting began and were called amended prior to being voted on. Cord is very concerned about inaccuracies in previous Minutes that are entered as public record. Cord stated that if the Board approved the June 19 Minutes as submitted, this public record document would be erroneous. Collier called for a vote on the Minutes. Vote to approve as submitted: AYES: Bennett, Bosaw, Collier, Combs, Deck, Sullivan / NAYS: Cord.

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NEW BUSINESS:

It was recommended that the Board approve route modifications and the elimination of one bus route as submitted. Motion to approve: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous. The changes to bus routes are as follows:

- Pleasant View Bus Company Route #29 increase of 2 miles per day
- Corporation Route #31 adjusted
- Corporation Route #2 eliminated

It was recommended that the Board approve an agreement with Staffing Options and Solutions for Allyson Bran to provide contracted services as a Speech and Language Pathologist for our Corporation for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2017-2018 YMCA agreement and Endowment Request for \$32,500. Motion: Bennett / Second: Bosaw. Discussion followed with questions raised regarding what services will be provided for the cost. Vote to approve: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve Textbook Rental prices and course fees for 2017-2018 as presented. Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve retaining counsel for a complaint filed against the School Board. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Sullivan. Discussion followed regarding the cost, which fund the money would be taken from and the fact that since Mr. Hocker is a witness to the complaint in the case, he would not be able to provide his services in this instance. Bennett wondered how it worked with Minutes of the Executive Session. Hocker explained that there are never any detailed Minutes of Executive Sessions. Combs commented that since the complaint against the Board Members filed with the Public Access Counselor was being submitted by another Board Member, and during the months of discussion about the Old Building, they were asked by this Board Member to listen to the public, she hoped to hear from tax payers about the Corporation having to spend their tax dollars to cover the cost of retaining counsel to defend this complaint. Collier called for a vote. Vote: AYES: Bennett, Bosaw, Collier, Combs, Deck, Sullivan / NAY: Cord.

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

The Board approved a request for use of school facilities as follows: Motion: Deck / Second: Sullivan / Vote: Unanimous:

- SCES Cafeteria: D. Crawford - School Staff & PTA for Benefit for fellow staff member, Mr. G., Saturday, 9/23/17, 2:00 P.M. to 8:00 pm. (Waiver of fee – Yes) (Waiver of Certif. of Liability – Yes)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, August 21, 2017 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Next Endowment Meeting: Tuesday, July 25, 2017 @ 5:00 P.M. at Switzerland County High School.
- Special Open Working Session Meeting of the Board: Postponed until September

ADJOURNMENT: 6:50 P.M.

Motion to adjourn: Bennett / Second: Combs. Vote: AYES: Bennett, Bosaw, Collier, Combs, Deck, Sullivan / NAYS: Cord. 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