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SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
“Unofficial” MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 22, 2018
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 located at 1040 West Main Street, Vevay, Indiana, 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 asked for the silencing of all communication devices. Superintendent Jones led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Collier, President:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Combs, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Deck, Vice President:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Cord, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bennett, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Sullivan, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bosaw, Member:	<u>Present</u>	<i>Mr. Jones, Superintendent:</i>	<u>Present</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: Patti Kappes, Wilma Rosenberger, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Roy Leap, Sean McGarvey, Sally Weales, Tony Spoores, Deb Archer, David Todd, Marla Edwards, Pat Lanman, and Greg Curlin.

OVERALL AGENDA:

The overall agenda was presented to the Board for approval with the omission of a Personnel item. Motion to approve as amended: Deck / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

Consent agenda items were presented for approval with the omission of Minutes for further discussion upon request by Cord. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous. Approved items are as follows:

- Payroll & Vendor Claims: Voucher #'s: Current: 53673-53695;
New: 53696 – 53761; 53672
Payrolls: 01/19/18
- Monthly Financial Report: November, 2017
- Grants/Donations:
 - \$7,467.10 – Homeland Security Grant secured by EMA Dir. for Classroom Lockdown Kits

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- ECA Fundraisers (2017-2018):
 - SCES Robotics Club: Robotics Competition Entry Fee for club expenses, 1/27/18
- Overnight Staff Professional Leaves:
 - Professional Leaves:
 - M. Griffin to International Society for Techn. in Ed. Conf., Chicago, IL, 6/24-27, 2018
 - E. Schroeder to ISTE Conf., Chicago, IL, 6/24-27, 2018
 - T. Spoores & D. Todd, School Safety Specialist Adv. Training, Indianapolis, IN, 5/14-15, 2018
 - Field Trips:
 - BPA: Student Leadership Conf., Indianapolis, IN, 3/11 – 3/13, 2018

MINUTES:

The amended Minutes of the January 8, 2018 meeting containing a correction to the vote regarding the nomination for a Board position was presented for approval by the Board. Cord read a statement regarding inaccuracies and omissions she believed to be in these Minutes as well as the Minutes of the 6/5/17, 6/19/17, and 12/18/17 Meetings. She made a motion to correct all of them. Collier pointed out that the item to be voted on at this time are the Minutes of the 1/8/2018 Meeting and that the others have already been approved. Motion to correct the 1/8/2018 Minutes with the inclusion of the Corporation's legal fees incurred by the Board's Attorney associated with Public Access Complaints and the revision of a statement regarding the results of those complaints: Cord / Second: None. Motion died for lack of a second. Motion to approve the amended Minutes of the 1/8/2018 Meeting as presented: Combs / Second: Bennett. Discussion: Sullivan wanted to clarify that the Minutes being voted on included the correction to the vote regarding the Board Secretary. Collier affirmed. Vote: AYES: Bennett, Bosaw, Combs, Collier, Deck, Sullivan / NAYS: Cord.

Cord wished to make a motion to work together to correct the June 5, June 19 and December 18 Minutes. Collier responded that disagreeing with statements in the Minutes doesn't make them inaccurate and they have already been approved and signed. Cord reported that she had read a document stating that Minutes can be updated and voted on at any time if errors are discovered after they have been approved. Collier reiterated that just because someone doesn't agree with statements in the Minutes, that does not mean they are inaccurate and that it was time to move on to the next agenda item.

REPORTS:

Student Representative Report: *Student Representatives were unable to attend.*

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Board & Ad-Hoc Committee Assignments/Reports:

President Collier's assignments of members to Board Committees for 2018 and corresponding reports are indicated below:

Facilities & Grounds: (Assigned: Bennett/Sullivan): Report: Bennett thanked those responsible for plowing snow. Superintendent Jones reported that he has been in contact with four different companies regarding demolition and salvaging of materials of the Old Administration Building. Some Corporations have used an architect to assist with their demolition process. He spoke with former employee, Darin Gullion, who recently had a building demolished in his district. They don't charge a percentage. They just charge a flat rate for their time. He feels confident that he will have more information and perhaps a proposal ready by the regular February meeting. Collier asked if a Facilities & Grounds Committee meeting should be held with an architect prior to the regular February meeting of the Board. Mr. Jones will need more information from the architect, but he will contact them and get with Bennett and Sullivan regarding a meeting date.

Negotiations/Discussion Group: (Assigned: Collier / Deck): Report: Superintendent Jones reported that he met with the discussion group earlier in the day. Items discussed were the release of the 2018-2019 calendar, options for makeup days, and the use of Digital Learning makeup days and E-Learning days. Hopefully he will have more information tomorrow after a call to the Department of Education regarding makeup day options.

Internal Controls: (Assigned: Bosaw/Combs): Report: Superintendent Jones mentioned that the State Board of Accounts auditors are here. Their audit will include July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2016.

Endowment: Superintendent Jones Reported: The last meeting was held here at the Administration Office on Tuesday, December 19, 2017. The only new action at the meeting was the approval of the 8th Grade trip to Gettysburg/Washington, D.C.. The next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 23, 2018.

Board Liaison to Indiana School Board Association (ISBA): (Assigned: Collier): No report

Ad-hoc Hall of Fame Committee: (Assigned: Sullivan): No report

PUBLIC COMMENTS: *This portion of the meeting is limited to fifteen (15) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board. Anyone wishing to speak is required to identify themselves, keep comments to three minutes and address comments only to the Board President. If this isn't enough time, they are free to submit the balance of their comments in writing. The Board will take comments under advisement. If a written response is requested, they may leave an address with the Administrative Secretary. Commenters are advised that specific names be withheld from comments without that person's written consent. The floor was opened for public comments.*

Marla Edwards, High School Guidance Counselor: At the December 18, 2017 Board Meeting, Angela Splain commented about a substance abuse program called

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“PreVenture” funded by the Indiana Division of Mental Health and Addiction and provided by an organization called Overdose Lifeline, Inc., which has agreed to include Switzerland County in a grant they already have. All the schools need to do is provide the time. It involves a questionnaire which identifies high risk students before addiction begins. The questionnaire pinpoints students who fall into four behavior pattern categories. Each group would then be provided with two ninety-minute sessions of counseling. Edwards is in support of the program for grades seven through nine and wondered if it needed to be Board approved prior to bringing it to the schools. President Collier did not feel a vote was needed to proceed.

Jill Cord: As there were NEOLA policies being discussed later in the meeting, Cord commented about the philosophy of the School Board as it pertained to communication with citizens of the community. Cord read from a written document. Some of the key points from the document include the following: According to current policies, the Board is entrusted with keeping citizens informed of the progress and problems of the Corporation. Citizens are encouraged to bring their aspirations and concerns to the Board’s attention. She and others feel that in recent months, public participation and board member participation at public meetings has been unnecessarily limited. The content and the expression of free speech have also been overly regulated. According to one of the policies, (#1110), the Board must periodically develop and implement a plan to improve its own performance. She urged the Board to work together to develop and implement an improvement plan in the coming weeks which recognizes the value of public and board member participation and the necessity of accurate Minutes of Public and Executive Session meetings.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was recommended that the Board approve three applications for early graduation as submitted by High School Guidance Counselor, Marla Edwards. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

NEOLA Policy Updates & Revisions to Vol. 30, No. 1; #5111 and #9270 were presented for first reading and will be submitted for a vote at the regular February Board Meeting.

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

The Board approved an application for use of school facilities as follows: Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

- SCES: A. Lieland for PTA Sponsored Winter Carnival, Fri., Feb. 16, 2018 or Feb. 23, 2018, depending on other events & inclement weather, 5:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M.

(Waiver of Fee – Yes / Waiver of Certificate of Liability – No - already provided)

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, February 19, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Next Endowment Meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 23, 2018 @ 5:00 P.M. at the Admin. Office
- Superintendent in the Neighborhood Meetings:
 - The announcement of future meetings are forthcoming

ADJOURNMENT: 6:21 P.M.

Motion to adjourn: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: AYES: Bennett, Bosaw, Combs, Collier, Deck, Sullivan / NAYS: Cord. Motion passed. The Meeting was so adjourned.

Kathryn Collier, President

Josh Deck, Vice President

Joseph Bennett, Secretary

Greg Bosaw, Member

Amy Combs, Member

S. Jill Cord, Member

Tye Sullivan, Member

(*2/2/18 Draft: Scheduled submission for approval: 02/19/18)