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**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 19, 2018**

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 5:00 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; and with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction: to discuss before a determination, the individual's status as an employee. This is in compliance with the following Indiana Codes, respectively: I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9), and I.C.5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(6)(B).

Those in attendance: Board Members: Collier, Deck, Cord, Bennett, Combs and Sullivan. Bosaw was unable to attend. Others in attendance: Superintendent Jones, Board Attorney, Matthew Hocker. The meeting was also attended by Gregg Goewert, and briefly, Marla Edwards.

The Board discussed no subject matter in the Executive Session other than the subject matters specified in the public notice. The Executive Session adjourned.

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 6:18 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>Unable to attend</u>		
Mr. Jones, Superintendent:	<u>Present</u>		
Student Representatives:	<i>Unable to Attend</i>		

Others in attendance: Mona Crabtree, Wilma Rosenberger, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Roy Leap, Sean McGarvey, Sally Weales, Tony Spoores, David Todd, Marla Edwards, Pat Lanman, Stephanie Furnish, Raymond Furnish, Allison Furnish, Nathan Furnish, Eric Cole, Fred Ross, Greg Curlin, Jamie Slone, and Gregg Goewert.

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OVERALL AGENDA:

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

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Swim Coach, Eric Cole, proudly spoke about the accomplishments of Swim Team member, Ally Furnish. Ally has broken the school record in every swim event at Switzerland County High School. The Board presented Ally with a medal.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

- MINUTES: 1/22/18 Reg. Board Mtg.; 2/05/18 Fac. & Grounds Brd. Committee Mtg.
- MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: Dec., 2017
- PAYROLL/VENDOR CLAIMS:
 - Prewritten Voucher #'s: 53763 –53811; 53812 (transfer to payroll)
53813-53825; 53826 (void-wrong amt.); 53827
 - New Voucher #'s: 53828 – 53909
 - Payroll: 02/02/18 & 2/16/18
- APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS:
 - \$2,000 –CFSCI grant from Pacer Band Endowment Fund for Pacer Band
 - \$800- CFSCI grant from Kevin McSwain Memorial Endowment Fund for Pacer Band
 - \$400 – CFSCI grant from Debbie Minch Memorial Endowment Fund for FFA
 - \$200 – CFSCI grant from Charles & Carol Seymour Endowment Fund for SCES Library
 - \$80,000 – CFSCI grant from Technology Based Programming for HS Enrichment & Adult Learning Fund
 - \$10,000 – CFSCI grant from Switzerland Co. School Corporation Fund
- ECA FUNDRAISERS: (2017/2018):
 - SCHS Key Club – Bake Sale for club expenses, either last of Feb., or 1st of Mar., 2018
 - SCES Library Book Fair for purchase of library supplies, 3/12-3/16, 2018
 - SCMS Gr. 7 Girls Basketball – Bake Sale for donation to Carr Family
 - MS & HS Band & Choirs – Sale of Food items for music, instrument repairs , etc., 2/20 – 2/27, 2018
- OVERNIGHT STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEAVES / FIELD TRIPS:
 - Field Trips:
 - JC Robotics Prog.: 2018 Create Us Open Robotics Championship, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 4/2 – 4/5,2018 (B. Grigsby & C. Ingels)
 - Professional Leaves:
 - C. Welch to STAI Conf., (Transp. Classes), in Ft. Wayne, IN, 6/18-6/20, 2018

ISTEP SCORES / GRADUATION RATE PRESENTATION:

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The schools' ISTEP Score reports were provided by Fred Ross through a power point presentation and Marla Edwards spoke about graduation rates. Mr. Ross urged all to keep in mind that the state academic averages were below 75%. That causes him to question the validity of the test. The resulting overall letter grades assigned by the state for each school are as follows: Jefferson Craig = C; Middle School = D; Switzerland County Elementary = D; High School = B. Edwards reported that looking at data is important but the average teacher is not doing that for lack of time. Hopefully, that will change next year by using time on E-Learning Days for research. After the re-test date in January, teachers sat down with some students to see how they answered the questions, right or wrong, so the teachers can now show the students how to properly take the test. Ross explained that 2017 is the last year for ISTEP testing. Next year, the state is going to I-Learn, so the schools will be starting over again with an entirely new accountability model. The High School will be going to I-Learn for one year and then changing over to Graduating Pathways.

REPORTS:

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

Superintendent & Board Committee Reports:

Superintendent's Legislative Report – February: Superintendent Jones provided a synopsis of the Senate and House Bills for the General Assembly which has reached a half-way point for the 2018 “Short” Session which is due to end mid-March. Included in his written report were Senate Bills 7; 50; 189; 205; 276; and 235, and House Bills 1045; 1069; 1165; 1167; and 1315. This report can be found in its entirety in the 2/19/18 Board Meeting file in the office of the Administration Building.

Facilities & Grounds: (Bennett/Sullivan): Bennett: Representatives from Lancer+Beebe and Kovert Hawkins attended the Facilities & Grounds Committee Meeting and spoke about the process for the demolition of the Old Administration Building and the possible salvaging of materials. The next step on how to proceed is now up to the Board. Sullivan mentioned the official proposal presented by Mr. Holbrook at the November Facilities & Grounds Committee Meeting indicating interest in the donation of the building to Indiana Landmarks. Sullivan wanted to remind the Board that the expiration date for that proposal is coming soon. Principal Spoores responded to Bennett's query about missing speed bumps at Jefferson-Craig Elementary. They were taken out of the lot for the winter and will be replaced when the weather is better. Bennett again thanked Parham Excavating for keeping the school lots clean.

Negotiations/Discussion Group: (Collier / Deck): Superintendent Jones reported that at the last meeting, one of the items discussed was the 2018-2019 calendar which is now ready. Greg Curlin presented updates on legislation that his group are watching. Another topic was the well-being of staff members and their families. Curlin also mentioned CTE

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Career Pathways as being a big topic at the meeting as a way to make sure students are on the right track, rather than the ISTEP.

Internal Controls: (Bosaw/Combs): Report: Superintendent Jones mentioned that the State Board of Accounts team is still here conducting their audit. They will be finishing up in the next few days. Rosenberger mentioned that a conversation was held with the auditors regarding Extra-Curricular Activity accounts. It is their belief they will be auditing them in the very near future but they are not right now.

Endowment: Superintendent Jones Reported: The January meeting was held here at the Administration Office on Tuesday, January 23, 2018. There was a reorganization of officers. Mark Lohide is now President, Adam Cole is the Vice-President and Rachel Schuler is the Treasurer. Financial Report: Checking account: \$54,979.42 / Short Term Investments: \$248,205 / Long Term Investments: \$1,451,249 = Total: \$1,754,433.42. There is a check to be deposited from the Gaming and Development Agreement Funds for \$171,725. Payments due: YMCA for \$16,250 and Grade 8 Washington trip transportation for \$18,704. The next meeting date will be held on Tuesday, a week from tomorrow. The March meeting will be moved to March 20, 2018 rather than the originally scheduled March 27th due to conflicting with the dates of Spring Break.

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.*

Jill Cord: Over 3 months have passed since Indiana Landmarks agreed to accept the donation of the Old Vevay High School at no cost to taxpayers of Switzerland County. As yet, no offer has been made to them by the School Board. She wonders when this offer will be communicated to the public. She and other members of the community feel that the demolition of this historic building is unconscionable. She urged the Board to act on the offer soon.

Pat Lanman: There have been eighteen school shootings in our country this year. A lot of our kids are raising themselves. They have real issues. They may not have food or electricity when they get home from school. These kids just need someone to talk to about their situation and problems. The Guidance Department staff members are already overworked with things such as schedules, testing, and graduation. He urged the Board to at least consider adding a position such as a Mental Health Counselor in the schools to just listen to kids and show them that someone is interested in their plight. Perhaps funding can be obtained through grants. He hopes that the Corporation can take a proactive approach as opposed to waiting until something happens. He offered his assistance in any way possible.

Fred Ross: A Lilly grant has been offered the last two years regarding obtaining additional counseling staff. Our Corporation applied along with 286 other schools but

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was turned down in the first round. Our Corporation is applying for another Lilly grant being offered this year with has a March 15 deadline.

Roy Leap, (Safety Resource Officer): A Safety Meeting was held today. Members of the community want to know about the plans for an event such as a school shooting, but there is a reason specific plans are not advertised to the public. The plans must be protected so that a potential perpetrator does not find ways to circumvent these safety measures. He and the school Safety Specialists are actively working on enhancing current safety plans.

David Todd: Before the regular March meeting, an Executive Session is planned to discuss safety issues with the Board that really can't be shared with the community. A shift is being made in how to respond to active shooter situations, but the Corporation's Safety Specialists have not yet received actual training. That is one of the things that will be discussed with the Board at that meeting.

Roy Leap: The schools are required by the State Fire Marshall to have fire drills once a month while school is in session and only one of those each semester can be replaced with other types of drills.

Marla Edwards: Since there are so many drills, it ends up being rote to the kids. Parents should be stressing to their children the importance of drills and telling them to pay close attention to what they are being told to do and to follow those instructions.

Greg Curlin: There is also a challenge in safety situations with students using cell phones. A child will break required protocol of not using a cell phone during a lockdown to call a parent who wants to know exactly what is happening and parents subsequently demanding the immediate release of their child from school.

OLD BUSINESS:

A brief discussion was held regarding NEOLA Policy Updates and Revisions to Volume 30, No. 1 Policies, as well as #5111 (Special Update, 7/17), and #9270 (change of option 2 to option 1), after being recommended for approval as submitted by the NEOLA Policy Committee. Motion: Deck / Second: Combs / Vote: AYES: Bennett, Collier, Combs, Cord, Deck / NAYS: Sullivan.

NEW BUSINESS:

It was recommended that the Board approve an allowance of Transfer of Funds for year end 2017 as submitted. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve the modification of Bus Route #20 as presented. Motion: Bennett / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous. The added mileage on the route results in an additional amount of \$4.49 per day.

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A request from Tammy Cole to use her bus past the allotted age of 12 years to 15 years was recommended for approval. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

A proposal for a new AP Computer Science Principles Course (CTE course) to be added to the curriculum for the 2018-2019 school year was submitted for approval. Motion: Bennett / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous.

PERSONNEL:

It was recommended that the Board approve a number of Extra-Curricular Activity positions as submitted for the Middle School and High School. Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous. They are as follows:

a. Middle School:

1. Christy Duvall – MS Softball Co-Head Coach
2. Stacey Duvall – MS Softball Co-Head Coach
3. Chris Hayes – Volunteer MS Softball Coach
4. Josh Harrell – Volunteer MS Softball Coach
5. Bryan Sparks – Volunteer MS Softball Coach

b. High School:

1. Natalie Wheeler – Boys Golf Coach
2. Rob Daugherty – Volunteer Boys Golf Assistant Coach
3. Hannah Cook – Softball Coach
4. Bryan Sparks – Softball Asst. Coach
5. Matt Longville – Softball Asst. Coach
6. Sean Cook – Baseball Coach
7. Ryan Peters – Baseball Assistant Coach
8. Mike Turner – Baseball Volunteer Coach
9. Shane Griffin – Baseball Volunteer Coach
10. Adam Pietrykowski – Track (Boys/Girls) Coach
11. Angie Grubbs – Track Asst. Coach
12. Kris Sandlin – Track Asst. Coach
13. Casie Jesop – Track Asst. Coach
14. Josh Henry – Volunteer Softball Coach

It was recommended that the Board accept two letters of resignation as submitted.

Motion: Bennett / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous. They are as follows:

- David Wolf: High School Assistant Wrestling Coach, effective 2/16/18
- Gregg Goewert: High School Principal (although not resigning as a teacher as of this date), effective 7/14/18, upon completion of his current Administrator's contract

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USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

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

- Switzerland County H.S. Gym.: L. Schroer for SCHS After-Prom:
Fri., Apr. 20, 2018 (3:00 P.M.) thru Sun., Apr. 22, 2018, (6:00a.m.) for set-up,
event, and clean-up with a waiver of the usage fee & no waiver of Certificate
of Liability.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, March 19, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Special Executive Session to discuss Safety matters prior to next March meeting – date to be determined
- Next Endowment Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 @ 5:00 P.M. at the Admin. Office
- Superintendent in the Neighborhood Meetings:
 - Wed., March 21, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the East Enterprise Firehouse

ADJOURNMENT: 7:30 P.M.

Motion to adjourn: Deck / Second: Sullivan / Vote: Unanimous. The Meeting was so adjourned.

Kathryn Collier, President

Josh Deck, Vice President

Joseph Bennett, Secretary

(unable to attend)
Greg Bosaw, Member

Amy Combs, Member

S. Jill Cord, Member

Tye Sullivan, Member

(Board Approved: 03/19/18)