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SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 19, 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 6:18 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>Present</u>	<i>Mr. Jones, Superintendent:</i>	<u>Present</u>

Others in attendance: Mona Crabtree, Wilma Rosenberger, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Roy Leap, Sean McGarvey, Tony Spoores, David Todd, Angie Todd, Pat Lanman, James Richards, Renee Bosaw, Lance Collier, Thera South, Josh South, Missy James, Carla VanNorstram, Andrew Burkholder, Tasha Rose, Joshua Rose, Debbie Poling, Shannon Graf, Olesha Romans, Bradley Romans, Lela Salmi, Mohamed Salmi, Aisha Salmi, Melanie Banks, Stacy Niswander, Cameron Niswander, Jessica Crepin, Andrew Crepin, Logan Crepin, John Sweeney, Janna Sweeney, Brian Johns, Carrie Johns, Steven Shackelford, Jessica Shackelford, and Robert Cunningham, and Connie Ingels.

OVERALL AGENDA:

The overall agenda was presented to the Board for approval as amended to reflect that the 03/05/18 Minutes was for an Executive Session rather than for a meeting of the Facilities and Grounds Committee. Motion to approve as amended: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

STUDENT RECOGNITION:

Head Football Coach, Ryan Jesop, proudly introduced Cameron Niswander. Cameron has been awarded a spot on the Indiana Football Coaches Association Academic All-State Team. Cameron was given a medal by the Board in honor of his accomplishments.

The Jefferson Craig Elementary School Robotics Team received medals from the Board for their achievements in competition. Members of the team include Cooper Todd,

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Brayden South, Cale Collier, John Sweeney, Patricia Miller, Bradley Romans, Logan Crepin, Alex Smith, Davin Humbert, and Evan Bosaw.

CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:

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

- MINUTES: 2/19/18 Reg. Board Mtg.; 3/05/18 Executive Session Mtg.
- MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: January, 2018
- PAYROLL/VENDOR CLAIMS:
 - Prewritten Voucher #'s: 53910 –53939; 53940-53971
 - New Voucher #'s: 53972 – 54036
 - Payroll: 03/02/18 & 3/16/18
- APPROVAL OF GRANTS/DONATIONS:
 - a. \$800 – Vevay-Switzerland County Foundation Grant for MS Gr. 7 Class for Victorian Tea Party / Indian Food Cultural Experience
 - b. \$10,443.20 – IDOE Alternative Education Grant for Opportunity Alternative Resource School Program (OARS)
- ECA FUNDRAISERS: (2017/2018):
 - a. SCMS Lang. Arts - donating to St. Jude’s Children’s Hosp. – After Spring Break, 2018
 - b. SCHS TARS – Family portraits with Summey Photography, April, 2018
 - c. SCES Gr.2– Spare change drive for Love the Hungry project – March, 2018
 - d. SCES Gr. 2 - Donation collection for Love the Hungry project– March, 2018
 - e. SCES Gr. 2 – T-Shirt sales for Love the Hungry project – March, 2018
 - f. SCES Gr. 2 – Art Show for Love the Hungry project – March, 2018
 - g. SCES Gr. 2 – Product Sales for Love the Hungry project – March, 2018
- OVERNIGHT STAFF FIELD TRIPS/ PROFESSIONAL LEAVES :
 - Field Trips:
 - a. SCHS BPA to Dallas, TX, for competition, 5/8 – 5/13, 2018
 - b. SCMS BPA to Dallas, TX, for competition, 5/8-5/13, 2018
 - c. JC Robotics to Louisville, KY Expo Center for National Competition, 4/29-5/1, 2018
 - Professional Leaves: none.

REPORTS:

Superintendent & Board Committee Reports:

Superintendent’s Legislative Report – March: Superintendent Jones spoke briefly about what is happening in the legislature. He will provide the Board with a report via email.

Facilities & Grounds: (Bennett/Sullivan): Bennett: Nothing new to report

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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 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: Nothing new to report

Endowment: Superintendent Jones Reported: The February meeting was held here at the Administration Office on Tuesday, February 27, 2018. Current Financial Report: Checking account: \$191,695.02 / Short Term Investments: \$251,315 / Long Term Investments: \$1,492,284. A new company has been engaged to perform their audits which will result in substantial savings. The next meeting will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, March 20, 2018 at the Administration Building beginning at 5:00 P.M.

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.*

Lois Lundsford: Spoke on behalf of her grandson who is requesting to go through graduation ceremonies with his friends here at Switzerland County even though he is now a student elsewhere. That is his dream as well as hers. She asked that the Board consider the request.

Josh Rose, James Richards, and Brian Johns: Expressed their concerns regarding a recent policy change which now prohibits children who are not enrolled in academic classes of the Corporation from participating in its Extra Curricular Activities. They feel this policy is isolating children who wish to pursue an education at home or through an on-line academy. Outside of the school corporation, there is not much opportunity for kids to get involved in productive activities. They spoke of the valuable impact participation in structured activities such as sports or academic teams can have on young kids. If the reason for not allowing children to participate in ECA's is financial or about attendance, or grades, they feel they should be allowed to pay a fee, or produce records of attendance and grades. They would like further discussion on the topic.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS:

A request from Glo Asbury to use her bus for another year past the allotted age of 12 years was recommended for approval. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous.

PERSONNEL:

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It was recommended that the Board approve Codey Turner for the Extra-Curricular Activity position of Volunteer High School Baseball Coach as submitted. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Cord / Vote: Six to one with Combs abstaining.

It was recommended that the Board accept four letters of employee resignations as submitted. Action was taken as follows:

- Sam Girton: 3rd shift custodian, effective 3/13/18
Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous
- Jamie Slone: Band Director, effective 5/24/18
Motion: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous
- Andrea Ogden: Title 1 Instructional Assistant, (JC), effective 3/30/18
Motion: Bennett / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous
- Sally Weales: Elementary School Principal, effective 4/16/18
Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

Several retirement notices were received by the Board and acted on as follows:

- Donna Quick, Bus Driver, effective 5/24/18
Motion: Bennett/ Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous
- Cleo Detmer, Instructional Assistant, (SCES) effective 5/24/18
Motion: Bosaw / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous
- Denny Jackson, HS Social Studies, effective 5/24/18
Motion: Cord / Second: Sullivan / Vote: Unanimous
- Michael Jones, Superintendent, effective 6/30/18
Motion: Bennett / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous
- Ivan Green, Director of Transportation, effective 6/30/18
Motion: Bennett / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous
- Denise Crawford, Teacher, (SCES) effective 5/24/18
Motion: Sullivan / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous
- Anne Findley, Media Specialist, effective 5/31/18
Motion: Cord / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous

It was recommended that the Board approve a request for the extension of an employee's Leave of Absence until the end of the school year as submitted. Motion: Bennett / Second: Sullivan / Vote: Six to one with Deck abstaining.

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

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

- SCES – Patriot Alumni Assoc., Sat., 5/26/18, 4pm – 9pm
(Waiver of fee– Yes) & (Waiver of Certif. of Liability –Yes)
- SCES – SCES PTA for Donuts with Dad, Fri., April 6, 2018,

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- SCES – SCES PTA for Muffins with Mon, Fri., May 18, 2018
- SCES – SCES PTA for Candy Bar Sales, Mar.-April, 2018
(Waiver of fee– Yes) & (Waiver of Certif. of Liability – No: already have)

- Retroactively: SCHS Gym – Family of Travis Griffith and Haskell & Morrison Funeral Home for visitation & funeral, Fri., 3/9/18, 4:00pm – 8:00p.m. and Sat., 3/10/18, beginning at 11:00a.m.
(Waiver of fee – Yes) & (Waiver of Certificate of Liability –Yes)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

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

- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, April 16, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Next Endowment Meeting: Tuesday, March 20, 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
 - Wed., April 18, 2018 at 6:00 P.M. at the Public Library

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

Greg Bosaw, Member

Amy Combs, Member

S. Jill Cord, Member

Tye Sullivan, Member

(Board Approved: 04/16/18)