

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF THE AUGUST 29, 2018**

**SPECIAL PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

The Board of School Trustees met for a special public meeting beginning at 6:00 P.M., at the Switzerland County Administration Building located at 1040 W. Main Street, Vevay, Indiana for a budget workshop.

**CALL TO ORDER / PLEDGE TO THE FLAG / MOMENT OF SILENCE:**

Board President, Collier, called the meeting to order and asked for the silencing of all communication devices. Superintendent Hite 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>Unable to attend</u>
Mr. Deck, Vice President:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Bosaw, Member:	<u>Unable to attend</u>
Mr. Bennett, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Sullivan, Member:	<u>Unable to attend</u>
Mrs. Cord, Member:	<u>Present</u>	<i>Mr. Hite, Superintendent:</i>	<u>Present</u>

Others in attendance: Mona Crabtree and Wilma Rosenberger.

**OVERALL AGENDA:**

The overall agenda was presented to the Board for approval as presented. Motion to approve: Bennett / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Superintendent Hite presented a Budget Workshop consisting of the Capital Projects Fund Plan, Bus Replacement Plan and the 2019 Budget.

Hite explained that a large part of the Capital Projects Fund Plan is taken up by Technology. Technology funds are used for the replacement of software, software licenses, smart boards, computers, copiers and printers and network equipment. Each year, to balance out the CPF plan for unexpected expenses, some things need to be cut or postponed. Hite pointed out that the increase in technology devices has caused an increase in book rental prices. As the payment for textbooks transitions back to taxpayers, future adoptions will be limited to ease that burden for parents. Some technology software programs are paid for by grants, but others come directly from

Capital Projects. Software licensing for the programs for each building is listed. The current software programs are under scrutiny to see how much the programs are being utilized.

It is important to note, when looking at the Capital Projects Fund Plan, a project that is listed for next year, may not actually happen next year. It may get pushed out further to a following year. Priorities for each building need to be analyzed and may be re-evaluated.

Hite turned their attention to the watershed issues at the Old Gym. In order to determine what needs to be done to alleviate the problem, \$125,000 has been set aside this next year for investigative purposes.

Hite explained that the Bus Replacement Plan only needs to be advertised as a five-year plan. For now, it will be done the old school way.

In January of 2019, the Budget will change and be condensed into three main funds, consisting of the Debt Service Fund, Education Fund and Operating Fund. As before, the state controls what payments can be made from each fund.

The Endowment has agreed to pay a Debt Service amount of \$658,205, which consists of the Common School Fund of 1999 (Middle School) for \$442,604; 2009 Qualified Zone Academy Bonds (Jefferson-Craig) for \$103,233; and 2015 General Obligation Bonds (Jefferson-Craig) for \$112,368.

After the presentation, it was recommended that the Board grant permission to advertise the Budget as submitted. Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous. The advertised budget will be as follows:

<u>Fund Name</u>	<u>Budget Estimate</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Levy</u>	<u>Estimated Tax Rate</u>
Debt Service:	\$741,042	\$615,282	0.1507
Education:	\$8,809,043	\$0	0.0000
Operations:	\$5,482,592	\$3,638,597	0.8913
Totals:	\$15,032,677	\$4,253,879	1.0420

Public Hearings for the Bus Replacement Plan, the Capital Projects Fund Plan and the 2019 Budget will be held on Monday, September 17, 2018. The adoption of the Budget is scheduled for October 22, 2018.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent Hite made the following announcements:

- Next Endowment Meeting: Tues., Sept. 25, 2018 @ 5:00 P.M. at the Admin. Office
- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, Sept. 17, 2018 @ 6:00 P.M.
- He will be at Froggy Radio Station on Monday, September 10th for an interview

Superintendent Hite announced that the schools' Extra-Curricular Account Reports, (SA-5's), are on the Board Room desk and are available for inspection by the Board at their convenience.

**ADJOURNMENT: 6:47 P.M.**

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

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Kathryn Collier, President

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Josh Deck, Vice President

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Joseph Bennett, Secretary

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Greg Bosaw, Member

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Amy Combs, Member

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(Board approved: 9/17/18)