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**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION  
MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 21, 2019**

**REGULAR PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARD MEETING**

**6:00 P.M.**

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

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

President Collier called the regular meeting to order, 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>	Mr. Cole, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Deck, Vice President:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Combs, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bennett, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Sullivan, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bosaw, Member:	<u>Present</u>	<i>Mr. Hite, Superintendent:</i>	<u><i>Present</i></u>

Others in attendance: Mona Crabtree, Wilma Rosenberger, Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Sean McGarvey, David Todd, Tony Spoores, Roy Leap and Greg Curlin.

**OVERALL AGENDA:**

The overall agenda was presented to the Board for approval as presented. Motion: Combs / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

**CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

It was recommended that the Board approve consent agenda items including Minutes, Financial Report, Payroll & Vendor Claims, Grants and Donations, Fundraisers, and Field Trips and Professional Leaves. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

- AMENDED MINUTES: 1/07/19
- MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT: November, 2018
- PAYROLL/VENDOR CLAIMS:
  - Prewritten Voucher #'s: 55438- 55448; 55449; 55450-55491; 55492; 55493
  - New Voucher #'s: 55494– 55582
  - Payroll: 12/21/18 & 01/18/19

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- GRANTS/DONATIONS:
  - \$1,500 donation to the Corporation from the Long Beard Association
- ECA FUNDRAISERS: (2018-2019)
  - SCES 5th Gr. - In-School Spring Carnival, for annual field trip expenses, 3/12/19
  - SCES Library - Spring Book Fair for supplies and new books, 3/11-3/15, 2019
  - SCHS/SCMS Archery: Sale of 20 oz. RTIC Tumblers for team expenses, 1/7/19 - 5/19
  - SCHS Baseball/Softball: Soup & Sandwich silent auction for team equipment, 2/8/19
- OVERNIGHT STAFF FIELD TRIPS/ PROFESSIONAL LEAVES:
  - Field Trips:  
MS 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class Trip to Washington, DC, April 4 through April 8, 2019
  - Professional Leaves:  
D. Todd & T. Spoores: School Safety Specialist Academy Advanced Training, Indianapolis, IN, May 13 & 14, 2019

#### **BOARD COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS / REPORTS:**

The Creation of an Athletic Council to be comprised of two Board Members, the High School Principal, Athletic Director, and the Middle School Principal was recommended for approval. Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

Board Committee Appointments for 2018-2019 (by Board President) / Reports:

Facilities & Grounds: (Bennett / Cole): No report.

Negotiations/Discussion Group: (Collier / Deck): No report.

Board Liaison to ISBA: (Collier)

Board Representative to Hall of Fame (Ad-hoc) Committee: (Sullivan)

Board Appointment to Athletic Council: (Sullivan/Bosaw)

Endowment: Superintendent Hite. A report from the previous meeting held at the Administration Office Building on December 18, 2018 was provided to Board Members. Current Financial Report: Cash Balance: \$340,073.61 / Long Term Investments: \$1,507,980 (net gain of \$23,799) / Short Term Investments: \$120,492 (net gain of \$898). A request for payment of 2018/2019 Textbook Rental bills up to the amount of \$180,000 was approved, as well as a request for \$18,410 for this year's Eighth Grade trip to Washington, D.C.. An area of concern for the School Corporation regarding the Belterra tax assessment dispute was discussed. It has been ongoing since 2009. Loss of revenue from the decrease in assessed value and annual payback to Pinnacle or reduced taxes using Belterra credit for the new owner, (Boyd), would hurt the Corporation financially. A long term plan for future school debt was recommended. Other items discussed

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included who would be completing this year's audit, and the passing of the first treasurer of the Endowment Board, Kenny Griffin. The next meeting will be held Tuesday, February 26, 2019 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 to withhold specific names from comments without that person's written consent. The floor was opened for public comments.*

None.

**PERSONNEL:**

It was recommended that the Board accept the retirement of Kathy Keith from her Elementary Teacher position, effective at the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Cole / Vote: Unanimous. Mrs. Keith will be recognized for her service at our regular July meeting.

It was recommended that the Board approve the resignation of Kathy Smith from her five-hour Food Service position, effective February 1, 2019. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Cord / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve an employee's request for the extension of a Family Medical Leave of Absence from February 8 through February 15, 2019. The original request for twelve weeks of FMLA ends February 7, 2019. Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

It was recommended that the Board approve several ECA position assignments as presented. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous. They are as follows:

- Cameron Niswander for 2018/2019 HS Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
- Cody Wilson for 2018/2019 HS Assistant Track Coach (paid position)
- Casie Jesop for 2018/2019 HS Volunteer Assistant Track Coach
- Kim Rosen for 2018/2019 HS Volunteer Assistant Track Coach

**OLD BUSINESS:**

None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was recommended that the Board approve the modification of Bus Route 26 for contract driver, Agloria Asbury, to be paid an additional \$8.24 per day for an extension of 1.2 daily miles. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Cole / Vote: Unanimous

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### **USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:**

The Board voted to retroactively approve a use of school facilities as follows: Motion: Bennett / Second: Deck / Unanimous.

Old Gym: M. Jackson for Lynx Wrestling Club to hold a Wrestling Clinic, 8:00 A.M.– 5:00 P.M., Thursday, January 3, 2019, with a \$250 donation to the Middle School Wrestling Program. The fee was waived due to the donation, but there was no waiver for the certificate of liability.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)**

Superintendent, Rod Hite, made the following announcements:

- Next Endowment Meeting: Tues., January 29, 2019 @ 5:30 P.M. at the Admin. Office
- Next Regular Public Board Meeting: Monday, Feb. 18, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M.
- Thanks goes to Roy Leap and Town Police and Administrators for their assistance and thanks to parents for their feedback during the recent events regarding threats to student safety. Email was used as a means of communication due to the limited characters allowed for a text and the audio message would not read the entire message. It was brought to our attention that, even when marked urgent, the parents were not notified to check their email. This is why a text was sent on the second email. We are continuing to look for ways to improve our communication in the event of an emergency. Parents should also check Skyward information for accuracy and call the school the child attends to make corrections or updates.
- The County Highway Department has done a great job on clearing our county roads during the hazardous weather conditions.

### **ADJOURNMENT: 6:15 P.M.**

Motion to adjourn: Combs / Second: Cole / 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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Adam Cole, Member

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Amy Combs, Member

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Tye Sullivan, Member

*(Board approved: 2/18/19)*