

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 23, 2019**

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.

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

Board President, Collier, called the special meeting to order, asked for the silencing of all communication devices and led those in attendance in the pledge to the flag followed by a moment of silence.

ATTENDANCE:

Mrs. Collier, President: Present Mr. Cole, Member: Unable to attend
Mr. Deck, Vice President: Present Mrs. Combs, Member: Unable to attend
Mr. Bennett, Secretary: Present Mr. Sullivan, Member: Present
Mr. Bosaw, Member: Unable to attend Mr. Hite, Superintendent: Present
Others in attendance: Dana Keith, Wilma Rosenberger, Matthew Hocker

OVERALL AGENDA:

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

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.

NEW BUSINESS:

Interruption of Special Meeting to hold Public Hearings on CPF Plan, Bus Replacement Plan and 2019 Budget:

Board President, Collier interrupted the special meeting and opened the Capital

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Projects Plan Hearing:

A Brief description of the 3-year Capital Projects Plan, (2020, 2021, 2022), was presented by Superintendent Hite. Hite explained that the plan contains a listing of all proposed projects that

are capital in nature that exceed \$10,000 that are expected to begin within the three years immediately following the year the plan was adopted. After the presentation, Board President, Collier, asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing no further comments, motion to **CLOSE** the Public Hearing on the CPF Plan: Bennett / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous

Collier interrupted the special meeting and opened the Bus Replacement Plan Hearing:

The Bus Replacement Plan was summarized by Superintendent Hite. Hite explained that the anticipated number of buses the Corporation will need to purchase for each year of the plan, 2020-2024, is listed, as well as the estimated replacement costs. The plan is based upon the presumption that the minimum useful life of a school bus is not less than 12 years. Collier asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing none, Motion to **CLOSE** public Hearing on Bus Replacement Plan: Sullivan / Second: Deck / Vote: Unanimous

Collier interrupted the special meeting to Open 2020 Budget Hearing:

A summarization of the 2020 Budget was presented by Superintendent Hite. Hite explained that the actual budget is advertised online in the Gateway program which the public has access to. The 2020 Budget is as follows:

Fund Name: Adv. Budget: Adv. Tax Levy: Adv. Tax Rate:

Debt Service \$ 779,175 \$ 739,703 0.1812

Education \$ 8,973,586 \$ 0 0.0000

Operations \$ 5,631,710 \$3,734,064 0.9147

Totals: \$15,384,471 \$4,473,767 1.0959

Collier asked if there were any comments from the public. Hearing no further comments, Motion to **CLOSE** Budget Hearing and resume regular meeting: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

TENTATIVE CERTIFIED TEACHERS AGREEMENT

As part of the Teacher Collective Bargaining Process under SB 390, the School Board publicly discussed the tentative agreement. Mr. Hite summarized the changes as follows:

ECA Changes:

Add Swimming 7-12 (Summer) - Stipend \$400

Add Swimming MS Assistant - Stipend \$500

Baseball (Summer) Stipend increased from \$500 to \$750

Volleyball Girls JC – Stipend reduced from \$700 to \$400

Volleyball Girls SCE – Stipend reduced from \$700 to \$400

Volleyball Girls (Summer) – Stipend reduced from \$1,415 to \$1,200Add

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Bowling stipend \$1,000

Changed name of Outdoor Club to Travel Club – Stipend \$443

Base Salary

Base salaries of teachers currently employed shall be set at \$1,000 increase.

Salary range for 2019-20 will increase from \$38,200-\$70,200 to \$38,200-\$71,200

Health Insurance

Health Insurance increased by 3%. To help offset the increase, Employer contribution will increase by 2%.

There were no public comments.

OVERNIGHT STAFF PROFESSIONAL LEAVE:

The following professional leave request was presented and approved by the Board as follows:
Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

Professional Leaves:

Kim Reed and Liz Warrix to 2019 21st CCLL Multi-State Conference, Evansville, IN 10/7-10/9, 2019

ANNOUNCEMENTS: (SUPERINTENDENT)

Superintendent, Rod Hite, made the following announcements:

Next Regular Board Mtg.: Monday, October 21, 2019 @ 6:00 P.M

Next Endowment Mtg.: Monday, September 30, 2019 @ 5:00 P.M at Jeff Craig Library

ADJOURNMENT: 7:10 P.M.

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

Kathryn Collier, President

Josh Deck, Vice President
Unable to Attend

Joseph Bennett, Secretary

Greg Bosaw, Member

Unable to attend
Adam Cole, Member

Unable to attend
Amy Combs, Member

Tye Sullivan, Member

(Board approved: 10/21/2019)