

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 17, 2020**

**REGULAR 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 W. Main Street, Vevay, Indiana, beginning at 6:00P.M.

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

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>	Mr. Deck, Vice President:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bennett, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Bosaw, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Cole, Member:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Combs, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Sullivan, Member:	<u>Present</u>	<i>Mr. Hite, Superintendent:</i>	<u>Present</u>

Others in attendance: Wilma Rosenberger, Matthew Hocker, Dana Keith, Greg Curlin, Sean McGarvey, Tony Spoores, David Todd, John Sieglitz, Patti Kappes, Ashley Kitts. Marlene Baker, Kyatalin Baker, Ava Cole, Macy Collier, Emily Miller, Halle Archer, Sam Ridener, Allena Weaver, Terra Oeffinger, Hailey Sainz, Carly Archer, Lisa Ridener, Scott Weaver, Zach Weaver, Ethan Weaver, Carrie Barwick, Cayla Rogers, Lori Sainz, Scott Sainz, Sharon Deck, Marty Robertson, Tara Justice, Joe Robertson, Victoria Miller, Keli Gabbard, Travis Miller, Ashley Wehner, Kassidy Gabbard, Patrick Jones, Taylor Miller, Roy Leap, and Amanda Cole.

**OVERALL AGENDA:**

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

**CELEBRATING SUCCESS RECOGNITION:**

MS Principal Sean McGarvey nominated the Novice FFA Switzerland County Parliamentary Procedure team. FFA Sponsor Ashley Wehner introduced members Ava Cole, Macy Collier, Kyatalin Baker, Emily Miller, Halle Archer, Sam Ridener, Allena Weaver, Terra Oeffinger and Hailey Sainz. The team placed 2nd at the District and Section levels and 5th at State. Team members Megan Wetzel and Sam Schroer were unable to attend.

Mrs. Kitts nominated SCES 4th Grade Students Mason Jones and Makayla Miller, the winners of the Annual American Legion Flag Education Program for their outstanding knowledge of our country's flag.

JC Principal Mr. Tony Spoores nominated JC 4th Grade Students Emma Justice and Graham Crepin, winners of the Annual American Legion Flag Education Program for their outstanding knowledge of our country's flag.

Each nominee was recognized by the Board with a presentation of medallions and certificates for their achievements.

**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 should be withheld from comments without that person's written consent.*

The floor was opened for public comments, hearing none, public comments were closed.

#### **CONSENT AGENDA ITEMS:**

It was recommended the Board approve the following Consent Agenda items as presented. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous Approved items are as follows:

- Meeting Minutes: Regular Board Meeting 1/14/20;
- Monthly Financial Report: December, 2019
- Payroll/Vendor Claims:
 

<u>Prewritten Vouchers#'s:</u>	57421-57488;
	57487 replacement check 56738
	57489 - 57514;
<u>New Vouchers:</u>	57515-57586
<u>Payroll:</u>	1/31/20
	2/14/20 replacement check 32775
- Approval of Grants/Donations: NONE
  - \$56,000.00 - CFSCI Grant for Technology Endowment Fund
  - \$ 9,800.00 - CFSCI Grant for Designated Endowment Fund
  - \$ 7,000.00 - VSCF for HS Incentive Trips
  - \$ 2,000.00 - CFSCI Grant for Pacer Band Endowment Fund
  - \$ 1,000.00 - VSCF for College & Career Day Fair
  - \$ 800.00 - CFSCI Grant for Pacer Band from the Kevin McSwain Memorial Endowment Fund
  - \$ 450.00 - CFSCI Grant for FFA Washington DC Leadership Conference from the Debbie Minch Memorial Endowment Fund

- \$ 250.00 - CFSCI Grant for Switzerland County Elementary School Library from the Charles & Carol Seymour Endowment Fund
- \$ 250.00 - CFSCI Grant for Switzerland County FFA program
- ECA Fundraisers: 2019/2020:
  - SCHS, Varsity Girls Basketball: Elementary Basketball Camps for 1<sup>st</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> grades, 3/30-5/7, 2020
  - SCHS, Varsity Softball: Spirit Wear, 2/17 - 3/1, 2020
  - SCES, 2nd & 5th Grades: Love the Hungry Food Packing, on-going through 5/10/2020
  - SCES: Pacer Pride T-Shirt Sales, 2/24-3/6, 2020
  - HS/MS/JC, Band/Choir: Flowers and Sausage Catalog Sales, 3/2 - 3/16, 2020
- Overnight Field Trips/Staff Professional Leaves:
  - Field Trips
    - JC 6th Grade Class, Camp Livingston, Bennington, IN, 5/11-5/13, 2020 (Lesa McGarvey, Lacey Peelman, and Allen Chase)
    - SCES 6th Grade Class, Camp Livingston, Bennington, IN, 5/11-5/13, 2020 (Molly Toomey, Britney Presnell, and John Scott)
  - Professional Leaves:
    - Patti Kappes to Indianapolis, IN for IASBO Budget Workshop, 2/25-2/26 & 3/10-3/11, 2020.
    - Patti Kappes to French Lick, IN for IASBO Annual Meeting 5/6 - 5/8, 2020.
    - Darren Byrd to Cincinnati, OH for Glazier Football Clinic, 2/21-2/23, 2020.
    - Ryan Jesop to Cincinnati, OH for Glazier Football Clinic, 2/21- 2/23, 2020
    - Amanda Meyer to Indianapolis, IN for IDOE Item Writing Workshop, 2/25-2/26, 2020.

Tye Sullivan asked for clarification on the dates of the 6th Grade Camp Livingston field trips as the dates on the request form differed from the dates on the Board agenda. It was confirmed that the dates on the Board agenda are the correct dates.

## REPORTS

### Board Committee Reports:

Facilities & Grounds: (Bennett/Cole): Mr. Hite reported that a long range planning meeting is scheduled for 7PM this evening, February 17, 2020.

Endowment: (Superintendent Hite): Bob Kasper of Windsor Group attended the January 28, 2020 meeting and provided the investment report for the quarter ending December 31, 2019. Short Term gains were \$5,441 for a new balance of \$48,649. Long term investment showed a gain of \$67,125 for a balance of \$1,594,092.

Negotiations / Discussion: (Collier/Deck): Mr. Hite reported that Contract Bus Driver negotiations have been completed and will be voted on later in the meeting.

Athletic Council: (Sullivan/Bosaw): Next meeting March 16, 2020, after the Regular School Board meeting.

Curriculum Update:

Principals and Teachers presented ISTEP and ILEARN Data for English and Math.

Switzerland County Elementary - Principal Ashley Kitts and Teacher Cayla Rogers

Jefferson-Craig Elementary - Principal Tony Spoores and Teacher Megan Griffin

Middle School - Principal Sean McGarvey and Teachers Amanda Cole

High School - Principal David Todd and Teacher Carrie Barwick

**PERSONNEL:**

It was recommended that the Board approve the following Extra Curricular Activity assignments as presented:

Assignments:

- David Gee as MS Boys Track Head Coach for the 2019-2020 school year.  
Motion: Deck / Second: Combs / Vote: Unanimous
- James Richards as MS Wrestling Volunteer Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Deck / Vote: AYES: Deck, Bosaw, Combs and Sullivan / NAYS: Collier, Bennett and Combs

Mr. Sullivan commented that he and Mr. Bosaw sit on the newly established Athletic Council. This past summer the Council adopted a Pacer Code of Conduct to establish guidelines for parents, fans, and anyone that is affiliated with the Athletic Department. In doing so, one of the discussions they had was the representation of our coaches (assistants, varsity coaches, middle school coaches and volunteers) in a social media type of a platform. Mr. Sullivan stated that in the next Athletic Council meeting, they need to work with the Athletic Directors to keep driving this message to our coaches. Mr. Sullivan feels they have done an excellent job aligning their programs from middle school to high school but driving this message to our coaches is imperative in terms of the overall perception of our athletics and teams. Mr. Sullivan stated that the reason he is bringing this up is because this recommendation has not made good choices, in his opinion, on social media. Mr. Sullivan feels the candidate used social media as an outlet to express opposition to board policy, athletic policy and also athletic discipline decisions. Mr. Sullivan further stated that he is torn with this decision and struggling with this for that very

reason because this is a topic that was touched on extensively as an Athletic Council. He has discussed this at great length with Mr. McGarvey. Mr. Sullivan further stated that he was going to put a lot of trust into the Administrators' recommendation and their support of this decision. He wants it known that he is dissatisfied with a lot of what has been posted on social media and we are better than that and that is a perception not just for sports and for school but everyone sitting in this room is better than that and we need to practice that everyday.

Mrs. Combs asked why this is being brought to the Board with only three matches left. Mr. Hite responded that this just came to our attention. Mr. Hite further explained that Mr. Richards has been a volunteer assistant coach for the past six years. This year we changed middle school coaches and that position was approved; however, the new coach did not turn in a recommendation for the volunteer assistant coach position. Once Mr. McGarvey learned that Mr. Richards was assisting this year, he met with him regarding expectations.

Mr. Bennett commented that we are 90% - 95% into the season and it should have been caught on day one that we had people coaching that were not brought to the Board and it is a struggle on this decision.

Mr. Bosaw commented that it is a struggle given that we are so far into the season. He further stated that we do not want to be disruptive to the program and that is a consideration that needs to be weighed.

It was recommended that the Board approve the resignations of the following personnel as presented: Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

- Renee Gregg, Transportation Assistant, effective 2/28/2020.
- Robert Maust II, JC Teacher, effective 2/7/2020.
- Angel Haynes, SCES Part-time IA, effective 2/6/20.

The following employment retirements were presented and accepted by the Board as follows: Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous.

- Louis Peelman, SCES Custodian, effective 1/30/2020.
- Michelle Fox, SCHS Teacher, effective 2/28/2020.
- Linda Johnson, JC Teacher, effective 5/30/2020.

Mr. Hite congratulated them and wished them the best. Mr. Hite stated that we will be recognizing them during the July 2020 board meeting with all current retirees.

The following employment termination was presented and accepted by the Board as follows: Motion: Sullivan / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous.

- Cindy Haskell, SCSC Deputy Treasurer, effective 2/12/2020.

It was recommended that the Board approve the employment of the following personnel as presented: Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

- Margie Blatsioris for the HS Special Education/English Teaching position for the

- remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Christie Stucker for the open JC Teaching position with an emergency license for the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.
- Trudy Yocum for the Bus monitor position retroactive to January 13, 2020.
- Meagan Kilborn for the SCES part-time Instructional Aide position for the 2019-2020 school year.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

It was recommended that the Board approve the allowance of Transfer of Appropriations for year end 2019 as presented. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Cole / Vote Unanimous

It was recommended that the Board approve the re-appointment of Mary Jane Rogers to the Switzerland County Library Board for a 4-year term beginning 2/1/20 - 1/31/24. Motion: Combs / Second: Bosaw / Vote Unanimous

The awarding of contracts for bus route bids was recommended for approval for the 2020-2024 school year. Sealed Bus Route bids were received February 14, 2020 at 9:00 A.M. Motion: Sullivan / Second: Deck / Vote Unanimous

Bus Route Bids 2020 - 2024					
Route #	Successful Bidder	Bid Miles	Daily Rate	2019-20 Miles	2019-20 Cost per Day
1	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	47.0	\$ 285.00	57.0	\$ 335.73
4	Jerry Monjar	45.0	\$ 280.00	50.4	\$ 311.47
9	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	67.0	\$ 280.00	68.6	\$ 236.85
10	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	37.5	\$ 265.00	44.5	\$ 229.69
14	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	34.0	\$ 263.00	34.5	\$ 195.92
17	Tamara Cole	24.0	\$ 289.00	31.6	\$ 251.00
20	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	44.5	\$ 292.00	39.8	\$ 298.10
23	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	26.0	\$ 253.00	30.0	\$ 269.82
25	Doug McNeeley Jr.	59.5	\$ 318.00	72.8	\$ 338.52
26	Agloria A. Asbury	34.0	\$ 260.00	53.3	\$ 366.17
29	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	59.5	\$ 315.00	58.0	\$ 302.18
32	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	42.0	\$ 282.00	48.2	\$ 307.52
41	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	56.0	\$ 305.00	59.6	\$ 307.54
63	Jerry Monjar	37.0	\$ 275.00	47.8	\$ 303.05
Express 1	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	28.0	\$ 50.00	28.0	\$ 144.55
Express 2	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	28.0	\$ 50.00	28.0	\$ 159.00
Career Center	Pleasant View Transportation LLC	56.5	\$ 240.00	62.0	\$ 213.90
<b>Total</b>			<b>\$ 4,302.00</b>		<b>\$ 4,571.01</b>
<b>Savings per Day</b>			<b>\$ 269.01</b>		
<b>Savings per Annual</b>			<b>\$ 48,421.80</b>		

Mr. Hite thanked Roger Christman and all of the drivers for a great job.

**USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:**

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

- SCHS Gym - VHS Alumni Annual Dinner Meeting, Saturday, 8/29, 2020 from 10:00am - 3:00pm, with Waiver of Fee–**Y** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - **Y**.
- SCHS Gym - After Prom, Friday, 4/17, 2020 5:00pm - 4/18, 2020, 5:00am, with Waiver of Fee–**Y** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - **N**.
- SCES Cafeteria - Patriot High School Alumni, Saturday, 5/23, 2020 from 4:00pm - 9:00pm, Waiver of Fee–**Y** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - **Y**
- JC/MS Cafeteria - Kaulene Green for Daughter's Baby Shower, Saturday, 3/21, 2020 from Noon to 4:00pm, with Waiver of Fee– **N** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - **N**.
- JC Gym – YPAC 12u Fastpitch Softball Indoor Practices, 3/17, 3/19, 3/24, 3/26, 3/31, 4/6, 4/13, 4/16, 4/20, 4/22, 4/27, 4/3, 5/4, 5/6, 5/11, 5/18, 2020 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm, with Waiver of Fee – **N** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - **N**.
- SCES Gym – YPAC 10u for Fastpitch Softball Indoor Practices, Mondays & Wednesdays, 2/19 – 5/21, 2020 from 6:00pm – 7:30pm, with Waiver of Fee –**Y** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability- **N**.
- SCES Gym – YPAC 8u & 12u for Fastpitch Softball Indoor Practices, Tuesdays & Thursdays, 2/19 – 5/21, 2020 from 5:30pm – 8:30pm, with Waiver of Fee –**Y** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - **N**.
- JC Gym - SC Pacers 10u Baseball Practice, 3/2, 3/4, 3/9, 3/11, 3/16, 3/18, 3/23, 3/25, 3/30, 4/1, 2020 with Waiver of Fee – **Y** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - **N**.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT):**

Superintendent Hite made the following announcements:

- Facility Planning Mtg.: Monday, February 17, 2020 following Board Meeting,
- Next Endowment Mtg.: Tuesday, February 25, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. at Jefferson-Craig
- Next Board Mtg.: Mon., March 16, 2020 @ 6:00 P.M.

**ADJOURNMENT: 7:25 P.M.**

Motion to adjourn: Combs / Second: Bosaw / 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, Member

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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: 3/12/20)*