

**SWITZERLAND COUNTY SCHOOL CORPORATION
MINUTES OF THE MARCH 15, 2021**

EXECUTIVE MEETING

5:30 P.M.

REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETING

6:00 P.M.

The Board of School Trustees met before the regular public meeting for an Executive Session beginning at 5:30 P.M. at the Switzerland County Administration Building located at 1040 W. Main Street, Vevay, Indiana, for interviews and negotiations with industrial or commercial prospects or agents of industrial or commercial prospects; with respect to any individual over whom the governing body has jurisdiction to receive information concerning the individual’s alleged misconduct and to discuss, before a determination; the individual’s status; for the discussion of records classified as confidential by the state or federal statute and to discuss a job performance evaluation of individual employees in compliance with the following Indiana Code: I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(4)(6)(7)(9)

Those in attendance: Board Members: Collier, Deck, Bennett; Bosaw, Cole, Combs and Meyer. Others in attendance: Superintendent Hite, and Board Attorney, Matthew Hocker.

CERTIFICATION STATEMENT: The Board discussed no subject matter in the Executive Session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. The Executive Session adjourned.

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 6:03P.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. Cole, Secretary:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Bosaw, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Bennett, Member:	<u>Present</u>	Mrs. Combs, Member:	<u>Present</u>
Mr. Meyer, Member:	<u>Present</u>	Mr. Hite, Superintendent:	<u>Present</u>

Others in attendance: Matthew Hocker, John Sieglitz, Tony Spoores, David Todd, Patti Kappes, Ashley Kitts, Sean McGarvey, Greg Curlin and Dana Keith.

OVERALL AGENDA:

It is recommended that the Board approve the overall agenda as presented with the addition of a Personnel Retirement G.3 (b) and I.3. Resolution Opposing Educational Savings Accounts and Voucher Expansion. Motion: Deck / Second: Bosaw / 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 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: Cole / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

- Meeting Minutes: 02/15/21 Regular Monthly Meeting
- Monthly Financial Report: January, 2021 (Including June - December 2020 Form 9)
- Payroll/Vendor Claims:

<u>Voucher #'s:</u>	Prewritten: 59272-59333;
	New: 59334-59392
<u>Payroll:</u>	2/26/21, 3/12/21
- Approval of Grants/Donations:
 - \$1,193.75 - EMA LifeVac Kits
- ECA Fundraisers: 2020/2021:
 - JC Library: Scholastic Book Fair, 4/5-9, 2021.
 - SCHS Girls Varsity Basketball: Girls Elementary Basketball Camps, 4/12-15; 4/19-22; 5/3-6; 5/17-20, 2021
 - SCES Student Council: Pennies for Patients (Hero Squad), 3/29-4/19, 2021

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Facilities & Grounds: (Bennett/Cole) Mr. Hite reported that the Facility Long Range Work Session will be this evening following the regular meeting. Mr. Hite asked the Facilities and Grounds committee members to attend the next Endowment meeting.

Endowment: (Hite) Mr. Hite reported that the next Endowment meeting is Tuesday, March 16. The county council will be appointing a representative at their next meeting to replace Jim Phipps who has resigned.

Negotiations / Discussion: (Collier/Deck) Mr. Hite reported that there are no negotiations or discussions at this time.

Athletic Council: (Bosaw/Cole) The Spring meeting date has not yet been set.

PERSONNEL:

It was recommended that the Board approve the following Extra Curricular Activity resignations/assignments as presented: Motion: Combs / Second: Bosaw / Vote: Unanimous

Resignations:

- David Wolf as Boys Varsity Soccer Assistant Coach.

Assignments:

- Adam Pietrykowski as Track Boys/Girls Assist #2 (co-coach) for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Casie Jesop as Track Boys/Girls Assist #2 (co-coach) for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Casie Jesop as Cheerleading Sponsor Varsity #2 for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Amy Tinsley as MS Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Hannah Cook as MS Volunteer Softball Coach for the 2020-2021 school year.
- Carrie Johns as MS Soccer Head Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Joe Spillman as MS Football Head Coach for the 2021-2022 school year.

It was recommended that the Board accept the resignation of the following personnel: Motion: Cole / Second: Meyer / Vote: Unanimous

- Holly Deckert as Special Education Teacher at SCES, effective 3/1/2021.
- Kyle Green as HS Teacher, effective 5/28/2021.

It was recommended that the Board accept the retirements of the following personnel: Motion: Deck / Second: Bennett / Vote: Unanimous

- Tina Scudder, SCES Attendance Secretary, effective 6/11/2021.
- Kim Stout, HS Secretary/Treasurer, effective 6/30/2021.

Mr. Hite wished them well in their retirement and thanked them for their years of service.

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

- Sharon Hansel as SCES long term substitute for the remainder of 2020-2021 school year.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board was presented with drafts of the 2021-2022 Parent/Student Handbooks for Jefferson-Craig Elementary, Switzerland County Elementary, Middle School and High School for first reading. The handbooks will be presented for approval at the April 19, 2021 Board meeting. Mr. Hite provided clarification regarding the addition of rules/regulations for students that have elected to go virtual. The Principals are currently gathering data regarding the overall success or lack of success of the virtual academy and that information will be presented at the April regular board meeting. Based on the data and the status of COVID-19 vaccinations, a recommendation will be presented to the Board at a future meeting regarding the continuation of the virtual academy.

It was recommended that the Board approve the 2021 Summer School positions and schedules as presented. Motion: Bennett/ Second: Meyer / Vote Unanimous

It was recommended that the Board approve the Resolution Opposing Education Savings Accounts and Voucher Expansion as presented. Motion: Bosaw / Second: Deck / Vote Unanimous Mr. Hites explained that Senate Bill 413 allows taking public tax dollars and reuse for charter school purposes from our operational fund or funds that would be raised from a referendum within the county. This bill also allows Charter schools to levy taxes on local taxpayers as stated currently. Mr. Hite further explained that House Bill 1005 is expansion of vouchers and if passed as is, would bring the minimum income to 225% of what it is currently which is three times the poverty level and up to 300% in 2022. It uses public tax dollars to pay for personal educational purposes. Indiana is the largest voucher state in the nation and this house bill would expand that by using your tax dollars to fund someone else's private contributions to their school of choice. If the resolution is approved, it will be sent to the state legislatures with Board signatures showing support to leave the funding with public schools.

USE OF FACILITIES REQUESTS:

The Board approved an application for use of school facilities as follows: Motion: Deck / Second: Cole Vote: Unanimous

- Soccer Practice Fields - YMCA Youth Soccer Games/Practices - Monday, 4/5, 2021 - Saturday, 5/22, 2021, weekdays 4pm - 7pm and Saturdays, 8am - 1pm, Waiver of Fee–**Y** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - **N**.
- SCHS Gym – Afterprom Committee for After Prom, Friday, 4/16, 2021, 6:00pm – Sunday, 4/18, 2021, 6:00pm, Waiver of Fee–**Y** & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - **N**.

- SCHS Gymnasium - Switzerland County Community Members, Recreational Basketball, Sundays, 3/28 - 7/25, 2021, 6:00pm - 8:30pm, Waiver of Fee–Y & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - Y.
- SCHS/SCMS/JC Campus - JCES: Laps for Logan - Sunday, 5/16, 2021, 1pm - 4pm, Waiver of Fee–Y & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - Y. Mr. Hite added that he will be speaking to Annabelle Bear about creating this as a service project, supported by Jeff Craig and helped to be organized by Tye Sullivan.
- SCHS Cafeteria – Youth Pacers Athletic Corporation for Equipment Issue, Saturday, 6/19, 2021 from 1:00pm – 7:00pm, with Waiver of Fee–Y & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - N.
- SCHS Cafeteria – Youth Pacers Athletic Corporation for Mandatory Parent Meeting, Thursday, 7/15, 2021 from 6:00pm – 8:30pm, with Waiver of Fee–Y & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - N.
- SCHS Practice Fields – Youth Pacers Athletic Corporation for Youth Football Practice, Mondays – Fridays from 6:00pm – 8:00pm and Sundays from 2:00pm – 4:00pm, July – November 2021 with Waiver of Fee–Y & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - N.
- SCHS Football Field, SCHS & SCMS Practice Fields and Concession Stand – Youth Pacers Athletic Corporation for Football League 2021 Jamboree, Saturday, 8/7, 2021 from 7:00am – 8:00pm, with Waiver of Fee–Y & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - N.
- SCHS Football Field and Concession Stand – Youth Pacers Athletic Corporation for Youth Football Home Games, Sundays 8/22, 9/12, 9/19, 9/26, 2021 from 7:00am – 8:00pm with Waiver of Fee–Y & Waiver of Certificate of Liability - N.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS: (SUPERINTENDENT):

Superintendent Hite made the following announcements:

- Facilities and Grounds Long Range Planning Work Session: Tonight, March 15, 2021 immediately following Regular Board Meeting
- Next Endowment Mtg.: Tuesday, March 16, 2020 @ 5:00 P.M. at the Administration Building
- Next Regular Board Mtg.: Mon., April 19, 2021 @ 6:00 P.M. with Facilities and Grounds Committee meeting immediately following.

ADJOURNMENT: 6:18 P.M.

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

Kathryn Collier, President

Josh Deck, Vice President

Adam Cole, Secretary

Greg Bosaw, Member

Joseph Bennett, Member

Amy Combs, Member

Cliff Meyer, Member

(Board Approved: 4 /19/21)