

March 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order this evening in the conference room of the Rommelt Building by the President, John Engel

The meeting opened with a Moment of Silence and Pledge to the Flag.

Board Members Present: Anthony, Bachman, Branton, Broskey, Davenport, Fiorini, Persun, Pulizzi, and Engel.

Others Present: Mark Stamm-Superintendent, Jesse Smith-High School Principal, Dwight Woodley-Rommelt Principal, Kathy Furman-Central Principal, Bill Reifsnnyder-Maintenance Director, Fred Holland-Solicitor, and Dennis Artley-Business Manager.

Visitors: Dean Kriebel, Brenda Trimble, Michelle Finn, Pam Reifsnnyder, Christy Gehr, and Michael Gehr

#### **APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2017, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

#### **APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,070,012.28 as funds become available was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

#### **APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$81,950.56 as funds become available was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Pulizzi. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

#### **APPROVE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$3,245.60 as funds become available was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Branton. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of February 6, 2017, as written was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Persun. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

## **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

Moved by Fiorini, seconded by Anthony to approve the following conference requests:

- **Sara Ireland**, to attend PARPC Annual Conference to be held at Seven Springs Resort on May 7, through May 10, 2017.
- **Emily Wagner** to attend Distinguished Educator Tour at Lakeland AFB, San Antonio, Texas on April 10, through April 14, 2017. The event is sponsored by United States Air Force at no cost to the district.

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, and Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

A motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the South Williamsport Area School District and the South Williamsport Education Association relating to the Collective Bargaining Agreement for section 5.16 Retirement requirements was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION**

A motion to accept the retirement resignation of Bonnie Rosamilia from her position as High School English teacher effective at the end of the current school year, was moved by Davenport, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION**

A motion to accept the retirement resignation of Kim Pfirman from her position as Elementary Physical Education teacher effective at the end of the current school year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Pulizzi. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION**

A motion to accept the retirement resignation of Deborah Broskey from her position as a LPN effective at the end of the current school year was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-abstain, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION**

A motion to accept the retirement resignation of Cheryl Pfirman from her position as an Instructional Paraprofessional effective at the end of the current school year was moved by Broskey, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION**

A motion to accept the retirement resignation of Louise Waldman from her position as an Instructional Paraprofessional effective at the end of the current school year was moved by Persun, seconded by Davenport. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **RETIREMENT/RESIGNATION**

A motion to accept the retirement resignation of Edward Karney from his position as a custodian at the high school effective June 2, 2017, was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Branton. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **RESIGNATION AIDE**

A motion to accept the resignation of Laura Danley from her position as an Instructional Paraprofessional effective February 17, 2017, was moved by Broskey, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **RESIGNATION GIRLS SOCCER COACH**

A motion to accept the resignation of Christa Matlack from her position as Head Girls Soccer Coach effective February 13, 2017, was moved by Davenport, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **TRANSFER REQUEST**

A motion to approve the transfer request of Lisa Burkett from Instructional Paraprofessional to Personal Care Paraprofessional effective March 7, 2017, was moved by Persun, seconded by Broskey. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

### **PART-TIME CUSTODIAN**

A motion to approve Jessica Bauer as part-time custodian effective March 6, 2017, for five hours per day for the school year at a rate of \$9.00 per hour in accordance with the A.F.S.C. M. E. Collective Bargaining Agreement was moved by Persun, seconded by Branton. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, And Engel-yes, motion carried.

## **FULL-TIME CUSTODIAN**

A motion to approve Alisha Hart as full-time custodian effective March 6, 2017, for eight hours per day at a rate of \$9.00 per hour in accordance with the A.F.S.C.M.E. Collective Bargaining Agreement was moved by Branton, seconded by Davenport. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

## **AFSCME JOB BID**

A motion to approve Scott Robbins. as 2nd Shift Leader in accordance with the A.F.S.C.M.E. Collective Bargaining Agreement was moved by Bachman, seconded by Broskey. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

## **SPRING COACHES**

A motion to approve the appointment of the following spring coaches was moved by Branton, seconded by Pulizzi.

### **Boys Junior High Soccer**

Wayne Swinehart – Volunteer  
Manny Tsikitas – Volunteer

### **Baseball**

Jeff Knarr – Assistant Coach - \$1,490  
Dan Pinkerton – Volunteer

### **Track**

Matt Deblander – 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant - \$2,169  
Kerry Taylor – 2nd Assistant - \$1,823  
Annie Fessler – 3rd Assistant - \$1,490  
Greg Anthony – Volunteer

### **Boys Tennis**

Theresa Summerson – Asst Coach -\$3,078  
**Game Manager - \$35/ event**  
Terry Knecht – Baseball  
Lisa Hennigan – Softball  
Kim Pfirman – Jr High Soccer

Roll call: Anthony-abstain, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

## **SUBSTITUTES**

A motion to approve the addition of the following individual to the substitute list was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Branton. Alexandra Gowan/Elementary

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

## **CHILD-BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE**

A motion to approve the child-bearing/childrearing leave request of Stephanie Fay beginning May 12, 2017, through October 12, 2017, was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Broskey.

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

## **APPROVE POLICYS SECOND READING**

A motion to approve the second reading of the following policies was moved by Anthony, seconded by Fiorini.

- Policy #808: Food Services
- Policy #827: Conflict of Interest
- Policy #626: Federal Fiscal Compliance
- Policy #626.1: Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs

Roll Call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, Persun-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

## **JUSTICE WORKS YOUTHCARE PROGRAM**

A motion to approve an agreement for the remainder of the 2016-2017 school year for an Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth program with Justice Works Youth Care-Compass Academy was moved by Davenport, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF BOARD COMMITTEE DATES**

A motion to approve the attached Board Committee dates for 2017 was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Broskey. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

## **TRANSPORTATION CONTRACT EXTENSION WITH SUSQUEHANNA TRANSIT**

A motion to approve a five(5) year contract extension with Susquehanna Transit to provide transportation for the district through June 30, 2022, was moved by Anthony, seconded by Branton. After about ten minutes of discussion Mr. Pulizzi made a motion to table this motion, seconded by Bachman. The administration will come back to the board with more information.

## **SOCCER FIELD UPDATE**

Dr. Stamm provided the Board with an update and recommendation about the district soccer fields. In January, the board discussed three options for improving the conditions of district soccer fields.

1. A proposal from Larson Design Group to construct two new soccer fields on district property. Estimated cost \$150,000 excluding an irrigation system and electrical service.
2. A proposal from Keystone Natural Turf to level and recondition the existing practice field. Estimated cost \$45,000.
3. A proposal from Keystone Natural Turf to improve the quality of the playing surface of the borough soccer field which is currently used by the district.

The Board had also asked for clarification that the proposed full-size soccer field could be completed by Keystone Natural Turf on the existing site and the expiration dates for the construction permits. After a meeting with Justin Keister from Larson Design Group, it was determined that although the soccer field can be constructed on the existing site, the permits have drainage requirements that must be included. In addition, Mr. Keister had reservations with planting seed without a guaranteed water source. The construction permits for the soccer field expire May 10, 2021, and can be renewed if necessary. After discussions with Mr. Keister, it is apparent that any construction on the district soccer field property will cost more than the board feels comfortable with at the time. After discussions with the Board and the meeting with Mr. Keister, it is recommended that no action be taken on the district soccer fields until all athletic fields can be examined as part of the district-wide feasibility study in the near future.

Dr. Stamm then recommended that the board authorize Keystone Natural Turf to complete necessary improvements to the borough soccer field including composting, rolling, reseeding, and other steps as necessary under the supervision of Bill Reifsnyder, Director of Buildings and Grounds. Borough Manager, Mike Miller, is in agreement with these improvements. Estimated cost for these improvements is approximated \$6,300. Mrs. Davenport made a motion to approve this recommendation, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Pulizzi, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest

Dennis A. Artley  
Board Secretary