

November 6, 2017

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order this evening in the Innovative Learning Lab of the Rommelt Building at 7:00 p.m. 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, Miller, and Engel

Others Present: Dr. Mark Stamm-Superintendent, Dwight Woodley-Director of Innovative Learning, Jesse Smith-High School Principal, Matt Fisher-Rommelt Principal, Kathy Furman-Central Principal, Kristin Bastian-Special Education Director/School Psychologist, Bill Reifsnyder-Maintenance Director, Michelle Loomis-Assistant High School Principal, Jamie Mowery-Assistant Business Manager, Dennis Artley-Business Manager and Fred Holland-Solicitor.

Visitors: Cara Morningstar-Sun Gazette, Pam Reifsnyder, Emily Wagner, Tara McGlensey, Liz Frey, Michelle Finn, Megan Bloom, Lee Fessler

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of September 2016 was moved by Persun, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, Persun-yes, Engel-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,203,242.64 was moved by Anthony, seconded by Branton. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Miller-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS

A motion to approve payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$27,215.38 was moved by Davenport, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Miller-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of October 2, 2017, as written, was moved by Branton, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

The Board held an executive session before the meeting to discuss the superintendent's evaluation. The Board has agreed to a 2.5% increase for the superintendent for 2017-2018.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

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

- **Emily Wagner, Kelsey Shannon and Ryan Carper**, to attend College and Career Readiness sponsored Penn College of Technology on November 17, 2017.

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

RESIGNATION

A motion to accept the resignation of Betty Turner from her custodial position effective immediately was moved by Davenport, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Davenport-yes, Persun-yes, Miller-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT WINTER COACHES AND STIPENDS

A motion to approve the employment of the following winter coaches and workers, and their stipends was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman.

Wrestling

Eric Cashera –Volunteer Coach

Andrew Gipe – Volunteer Coach

Billy Kline – Volunteer Coach

Erick Fortin – Elementary Volunteer Coach

Adam Paulhamus –Elementary Volunteer Coach

Scott White – Elementary Volunteer Coach

Don Bower-Elementary Volunteer Coach

Clifford Brown – Elementary Volunteer Coach

Robert Gardner – Elementary Volunteer Coach

Shane Miller – Elementary Volunteer Coach

Art Saxe – Elementary Volunteer Coach

Josh Hakes – Elementary Volunteer Coach

Game Workers \$25 per game

Nancy Bieber - Ticket Seller

Steve Bieber – Ticket Seller

Stacie Bieber – Ticket Seller

Justin Marnon - Scorebook

Tom Marnon – Scoreboard

Bruce Loner – Scoreboard

Stacie Bieber – Scorebook

Karen Geise – Ticket Taker

Christy Pinkerton – Ticket Taker

Fran Kropp – Ticket Taker

Mark Watts – Scoreboard

Tom Hart – Scorebook

Jean Lowery – Scorebook

Helena Floyd – Scorebook

Game Managers \$35 per game

Mark Ranck and Scott Hill

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

GUEST TEACHER LIST

A motion to approve the following additions to the 2017-2018 guest teacher list was moved by Branton seconded by Miller. Brenna Baysore, Kelsey Baysore, Chelsea Fessler, Valerie Fessler, Renee Flock, Michael Hogan, and David Keegan. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Miller-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST

A motion to approve Jennifer Kimball's overnight field trip request to take FBLA students to Harrisburg on November 5-6, 2017, to attend the "State Leadership Workshop was moved by Bachman, seconded by Davenport. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Miller-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

CHILD-BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE

A motion to approve Tara Neff's child-bearing/child-rearing leave request beginning January 10, 2018, through April 6, 2019, was moved by Broskey, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Miller-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

PROPOSED ADDITION OF AN ACT 80 DAY

A motion to approve a change to the 2017-2018 school calendar to add an additional Act 80 professional development day on Friday, January 12, 2018, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Broskey. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Miller-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE

Dr Stamm provided the Board an update on the district strategic plan. The strategic plan is all focused on the teaching and learning process. It's a look at how we teach differently so kids have a chance to learn differently. Along with the strategic plan is a new and simple vision statement which is "Educate every child, to a very high level, in every classroom every day. The strategic plan also has new core beliefs for the district including the following.

- Learner-focused instruction toward a deep understanding of essential skills is more important than quantity, breadth and pace.
- State and national assessments are important indicators of progress toward external standards, but increasing scores or maintaining pace with a core curriculum does not supersede professional judgment to teach the immediate needs of the student.
- Professional grade-level team with sufficient time and robust resources are best situated to make informed decisions on the educational needs of students.
- Meaningful connections between school, students, and families are created through a caring and transparent environment with active sharing of information about learning.

The Innovative Learning Lab is for teachers and students to use to engage in different types of learning styles from white boards to standing desks to round tables to high tech equipment with different models of learning as opposed to the regular desks facing the front of the classroom. This type of environment is one part of it. This lab space is a focused lab where we want to learn things here about how kids learn and about how adults can teach and how we learn. Then we can take this model and expand it throughout an entire building. It's to see how this area works and how we want to expand it. The room is split into zones where teachers and students can experiment with different styles to see what they like before expanding it to the rest of the school. The district is changing the way it approaches learning, and one major way is the very set up of rooms. There are six different learning zones in the room, but this was never intended to be a model that stays exactly how it is. This was meant to be something that expands to learning everywhere throughout the building. It's learning everywhere rather than just inside a classroom for 45 minutes. It's meant to use any type of resource, which we call amplifiers to enhance learning.

Mr. Woodley also spent a few minutes discussing some of the things he is doing including getting the online learning academy set up with the IU. It is set to go live for the second semester. He and the counselors have already had two trainings on the program. They had a cyber café breakfast with some of our charter school parents. He is also conducting whiteboard trainings. Mr. Fisher talked to the Board about a program called Penn College Now. This program will allow students to sign up in 2018-2019 for a financial accounting course and also a web design course. He also talked about some of the programs concerning teachers and students touring industry throughout the area.

Dr. Stamm ended the meeting by presenting a plaque to Jerry Broskey who has been on the Board since 2011. He then also presented a plaque to John Engel who has been on the Board since 2001 and he has been the president for the last 15 years. He thanked both men for their service to the South Williamsport School District.

Moved by Bachman, seconded by Anthony that the meeting be adjourned, all members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Attest

Dennis A. Artley
Board Secretary