

A regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order this evening in the library of the High School at 7:00 p.m. by the president, Chris Branton.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent meditation and Pledge to the Flag.

Board Members Present: Anthony, Bachman, Bowman, Davenport, Miller, Molino, Persun, Page, and Branton.

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

Visitors: Pam Reifsnyder, Josie Sahm, Jodi Puller, Kathleen Flerlage, Selena Loeselle, Tara McGlensey, Tandra Isenberg, Michelle Finn, Mark German, Liz Frey, Melissa Bradley, Zachary Welter, Melissa Stahl.

The Board had an Executive session before the meeting for a personnel item.

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve payment of General Fund bills in the amount of \$558,731.53, was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS

A motion to approve payment of Cafeteria Fund bills in the amount of \$14,694.32, was moved by Persun, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of May 7, 2018, as written, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS

PRELIMINARY ADOPTION OF THE 2017-2018 BUDGET

Moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman to adopt a preliminary final 2018-2019 Budget for the South Williamsport Area School District, with an estimated income of \$19,271,381, and estimated expenditures of \$19,837,476. The Budget will necessitate a real estate tax of 15.75 mills for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2019, Real Estate Transfer Tax at half of 1%, and Earned Income 1.1%. This motion also has the preliminary budget advertised, as required by law, with final adoption to be taken June 25, 2018, or as soon thereafter as the Board wishes to consider the same.

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

RETIREMENT RESIGNATION

A motion to accept the letter of resignation for retirement from Jan Smith, effective June 6, 2018, was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

GUEST TEACHER

A motion to approve the addition of Amanda Crum to the list of Guest Teachers submitted by Blast IU 17 for the 2017-2018 school year was moved by Miller, seconded by Davenport. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, And Branton-yes, motion carried.

SUMMER EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve the following summer workers was moved by Persun, seconded by Bachman. John Covey and Hannah Hines, to the maintenance/custodial department, effective June 7, 2018, through August 24, 2018, for forty hours per week at an hourly rate of \$8.00. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

REMOVAL OF VARSITY SPORT

A motion to remove Golf as a varsity sport for the 2018-2019 season due to lack of participation was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

DONATION FOR TENNIS COURT BENCH

A motion to approve the Board donating \$1,100 for the purchase of one bench for the borough tennis courts was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-No, Bachman-yes, Bowman-Abstain, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING SRO

A motion to adopt a Memorandum of Understanding between the South Williamsport Area School District and the Borough of South Williamsport to supply a School Resource Officer was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. This will be a full-time experienced officer assigned to the district for the school year. The resource officer will be based at the high school but actively responsible for safety and security in all three buildings. In addition, the resource officer will serve as coordinator and trainer of district security staff, serve on the school safety committee, and a safety/security advisor for the superintendent. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP

A motion to approve Kelly Shearer's out-of-state field trip request to take the Senior Class to Inner Harbor, Baltimore, MD on May 22, 2018, was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES –SECOND READING

A motion to approve the second reading of the following policy changes was moved by Anthony, seconded by Davenport.

- 105 Curriculum - English Learner Language changes added
- 237 Electronic Devices – Revision to allow student use of personal electronic devices as a learning tool and in non-instructional setting.
- 246 School Wellness – Revision to school snacks/treats for safety of students
- 302 Employment of Superintendent – Regulatory language updates
- 310 Abolishing a Position – PSBA recommend deleting. Superseded by policy 311
- 311 Reduction in Staff – Regulatory changes to comply with state law
- 808 Food Services – Regulatory changes to comply with student lunch debt
- 906 Public Complaint Procedures – Regulatory changes to add language on federal programs
- 918 Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement – regulatory changes to comply with new federal education law ESSA

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Person-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

PROPERTY ASSESSMENT APPEALS

A motion to authorize the Administration to file tax assessment appeals between July 1, and September 1, of each year for properties that are undervalued as defined in this resolution was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. A property shall be considered undervalued if reassessment based upon the sales price, adjusted by the common level ratio as determined by the State Tax Equalization Board, would result in additional tax revenue to the South Williamsport Area School District of at least \$100.00 per year. This is a continuing resolution. For appeals to be filed in 2018, it is expected that those appeals will cover property sales occurring between July 1, 2015, and June 30, 2018, and that appeals filed in future years will generally be limited to the fiscal year just ended. The Administration shall seek adjustments to tax bills prospectively, effective as of July 1, of the year in which the appeal is filed: thus, for appeals filed in 2018, the administration will seek adjustments to be effective as of July 1, 2019.

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Person-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

ELECTION OF BOARD TREASURER

Mrs. Bowman nominated Nathan Miller for Treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year. Mrs. Page nominated Erica Molino for Treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year. After Mrs. Molino was nominated, she made a motion that Mr. Miller be elected by unanimous ballot, due to her reluctance to serve as Treasurer, seconded by Page. All members present voting yes to elect Mr. Miller as Treasurer for the 2018-2019 school year.

DISTRICT LEADERSHIP AND STUDENT SUPPORTS

Dr. Stamm provided the Board with the District Organizational Chart on the front side of his paper and then a much more detailed structure on the back showing the Elementary Education Program. This structure attempts to show how the educational, social and emotional needs of elementary students will be met. The first part is the creation of three Elementary Program Coordinators, Math Computational Thinking, ELA Reading, and Engineering/Stem. The second part he outlined was some of the responsibilities of the elementary guidance counselor. The guidance counselor will be heavily involved in Tier 1 Interventions, Crisis/Intervention Counseling, Future Ready K-5 and the Mountie Academy K-6.

The last part and a very difficult challenge, are Tier II and Tier III Intervention. Some programs that are currently being considered include an Elementary SAP Team, a contracted Behavior Interventionist, and also becoming a Mental Health Counseling Service Provider.

Mr. Fisher provided the Board with both the current structure of the Rommelt program and then what the program will look like next year. Currently the program is departmentalized with a teacher for each of Math, Language Arts, Reading, Science, Social Studies. The current Daily Schedule includes five academic blocks each fifty minutes in length, thirty minute "Special on a four day rotation, forty-five minute study hall at the end of the day during which some students have Chorus on Monday and Wednesday and Band on Tuesday and Friday with recess on Friday, four thirty minute lunches for a total of four hours forty minutes of daily instructional time.

So, Why the Change? This is a structural change to better meet the needs of students. There will be increased contact time in the areas of ELA and Math. Math instructional time will increase from two hundred and fifty minutes per week to three hundred and seventy-five minutes per week. There will be Math/Science connections- providing more STEM PBL opportunities. There will be better academic time allotment to provided better positions for success in state accountability metrics. There will be greater access to students during the Enrichment/Intervention block and study hall. Students will experience schedule changes in a more elementary format as they transition from the elementary experience in preparation for the JSHS. The schedule for next year adds fifteen more minutes of instructional time for 6th grade and twenty-five minutes for 5th grade. The one large change is the 5th grade will go from five academic blocks of fifty minutes each to two academics blocks each one hundred and fifteen minutes in length plus a forty-five minute Enrichment/Intervention block. The Board spent the next hour discussing these proposed changes.

APPROVAL OF GRADUATION LIST

The motion to approve the attached list of candidates for graduation for the Class of 2018 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Davenport. These candidates must complete all requirements to participate in the graduation ceremony and be awarded a diploma. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

The Board went into an executive session after the meeting for a personnel and legal matter.

Moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman that the meeting be adjourned, all members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Attest

Dennis A. Artley
Secretary