

April 1, 2019

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order this evening in the library of the High School by the President, Chris Branton.

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

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

Others Present: Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning, Michele Loomis – Elementary Principal, Scott Hill – Assistant Principal, Bill Reifsnyder – Maintenance Director, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Assistant Business Manager.

Visitors: Emily Wagner, Ellen Koser, Joan Helmrich, Lesa Hennigan, Greg Hennigan, Pam Reifsnyder, Melissa Bradley, Brenda Trimble, Melanie Shephard, Lauren Reynolds, Anita Leahy, Aaron Reidy, Dean Kriebel, Amy Kriebel, Alisha Wein, Annie Fessler, Jen Bowman, Lea Fessler, Chris Molino, Joe Engel, Renee Eiswerth, Chris Eiswerth, Christy Lusk, Jennifer Holtzapple, Melissa Stahl, Tara McGlensey, Madison Cooper, Crystal Harker, Greg Forsburg, Rebecca Swinehart, Steven Cappelli.

#### **PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The following citizens spoke on the following subjects:

Brenda Trimble – public comments during Board discussion of agenda items.

Lin Fessler – Girls' volleyball.

Greg Hennigan – paid coaching.

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

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of February 2019 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Anthony. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

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

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,269,549.87 as funds become available was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

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

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$11,854.07 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-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 \$2,910.55 as funds become available was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of March 4, 2019, as written was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

## **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD SECRETARY**

A motion to appoint Jamie Mowrey as Board Secretary effective April 1, 2019 was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **CONFERENCE REQUESTS**

A motion to approve conference requests was moved by Bachman, seconded by Anthony:

- Robyn Rummings to attend the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association Music conference to be held in Pittsburgh, PA on April 3-6, 2019.
- Sarah Ireland to attend the PAFPC Annual Conference in Seven Springs, PA on May 5-8, 2019.

Roll Call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the South Williamsport Area School District and the South Williamsport Education Association pertaining to the retirement benefits for Jodi Puller was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll Call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **RETIREMENT**

A motion to approve Jodi Puller's letter of resignation for retirement purposes was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll Call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **SOFTBALL COACH**

A motion to change the paid 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant softball coach to a volunteer position was moved by Molino, seconded by Engel. Roll Call: Anthony-no, Bachman-no, Bowman-no, Engel-no, Miller-no, Molino-no, Page-no, and Branton-no, motion failed.

## **SPRING COACHES**

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

**Baseball** – Pat West – Volunteer

**Track & Field** – Dave Weaver – Volunteer; Jodi Puller – Volunteer

**Boys Jr High Soccer** – Emmanuel Tsikitas – Volunteer

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

## **GUEST TEACHERS**

A motion to approve the addition of Cletus Waldman to the Guest Teacher list submitted by Blast IU 17 was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **APPROVAL OF FIELD TRIPS**

A motion to approve the following out-of-state field trip request and overnight field trip request was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman.

- Manny Tsikitas' out-of-state field trip request to take Gifted Students to Baltimore Aquarium and John Hopkins University in Baltimore, MD on May 31, 2019.
- Christine Miller's overnight field trip request to take cheerleaders to Pine Forest, PA on June 13-16, 2019. All chaperones are district employees.

Roll Call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **STUDENT TEACHING AGREEMENT**

A motion to approve the Cooperative Pre-Service and Student Teaching Program five-year Agreement with Susquehanna University for placement of student teachers beginning with the 2019-2020 school year through the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll Call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **BUDGET UPDATE**

Jamie Mowrey, Assistant Business Manager, provided the board with a budget update for the 2019/20 school year. Salaries decreased due to removing an unfilled part time custodian position and an unfilled paraprofessional position. Health insurance costs came in at 3% rather than 4%. Additional savings were found under retiree health insurance costs due to retirees aging out. Special education costs for purchased professional services are expected to be \$127,000 higher than 2018-2019. Overall, there is a \$20,600 increase in information technology (excluding salaries and benefits) and an \$11,000 increase in custodial/maintenance (excluding salaries and benefits). Jamie then presented a plan to realize net savings of \$490,771 as a result of reductions in staffing. Reductions in staffing will be further discussed at the April 15, 2019 board meeting.

## **REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF LERTA RESOLUTION**

A motion to take from the table the LERTA resolution was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bowman. The board invited Steven Cappelli, South Williamsport Borough Manager, to speak and clarify questions on the LERTA resolution.

After a 10 minute presentation by Steven Cappelli and 15 minutes of discussion, Miller made a motion to table this motion until an updated LERTA resolution is received, seconded by Page. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL**

A motion to put Girls' Volleyball into the normal budget process with adjusted amounts from what was presented at the Athletic Committee meeting and to review the program after 2 years was moved by Miller, seconded Bachman. Roll Call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **COURTESY TO THE FLOOR**

The following citizens spoke on the following subjects:

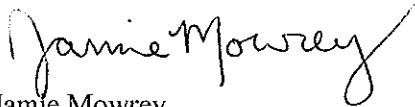
Melissa Bradley – speaking volume of board members during board meeting, track uniforms, budget document request, price shopping.

Ellen Koser – cyber charter schools.

Lin Fessler – girls' volleyball.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:34PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary