

March 4, 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, Persun, Page, and Branton.

Others Present: Mark Stamm-Superintendent, Jesse Smith-High School Principal, Dwight Woodley-Director of Innovative Learning, Michele Loomis-Elementary Principal, Bill Reifsnyder-Maintenance Director, Jamie Mowery-Assistant Business Manager, Fred Holland-Solicitor, and Dennis Artley-Business Manager.

Visitors: Ellen Koser, Stephanie Davies, Kerry Best, Crystal Harker, Lin Fessler, Brenda Trimble, Joni Keller, Jennifer Pfirman, Luci Steinbacher, Lisa Laidacker, Fran Stetts, Joan Helmrich, Melanie Shephard, Melissa Stahl, Melissa Bradley, Josalyn Bradley, Michelle Finn, Lea Fessler, Grace Persun, Bayleigh Guiser, Mary Bennett, Tara Stryker, John Compton

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of January 2019 was moved by Anthony, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-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 \$1,118,341.95 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, Persun-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 \$85,948.84 as funds become available was moved by Persun, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$24,495.00 as funds become available was moved by Persun, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

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

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

John Compton from Baker Tilly LLC was at the meeting to provide the Board a presentation on the 2017/2018 Audit Report. He started his presentation by comparing budget to actual. Actual revenues were \$174k (.9%) less than final budgeted revenues and most of that was because of earned income tax. Actual expenditures were 55k (.3%) greater than final budget expenditures mostly because of charter school expenses. This provided a \$228k "negative budget variance" (final budget vs. final actual). The next topic that Mr. Compton discussed was fund balance. On June 30, 2018, the total fund balance in the General Fund was \$1,341, 913 of which \$400,000 is for future PSERS rate increases. This represents 6.9% of the \$19.5M F/F budgeted expenditures, which is lower than what Baker Tilly would recommend. One positive thing Mr. Compton pointed out to the Board was that all debt service will be paid off by June 2022.

2017-2018 AUDIT REPORT

A motion to accept the 2017-2018 Audit Report, as prepared by Baker Tilly LLC, was moved by Miller seconded by Page. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion to approve the addition of Sarah Yorks to the certified substitute list and Denise Steinbacher to the cafeteria, secretary, paraprofessional and lunchroom substitute lists was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

SABBATICAL LEAVE

A motion to approve a sabbatical leave of absence for employee #420 from February 1, 2019, to January 31, 2020, was moved by Page, seconded by Bachman. This leave request is consistent with Pennsylvania School Code and District Policy 338 Sabbatical Leave Request. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

SPRING COACHES

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

Track

Colt Young – Volunteer
Alysha Ardell – Volunteer

Softball

Chloe Smith - Volunteer

Spring Game Workers \$35 per game

Terri Knecht –Baseball
Lesa Hennigan – Softball
Matt Bradley – JH Soccer

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

SPRING MUSICAL DIRECTOR

A motion to approve Michelle Rebeck as Music Director for the Spring Play was moved by Anthony, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried

GUEST TEACHERS

A motion to approve the addition of Heide Mnkandhla and Sylvia Reeder to the Guest teacher list submitted by Blast IU 17 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Page. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

A motion to approve the following overnight field trip requests was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller.

- Kevin Eck to take Academic Decathlon students to the Carlisle High School in Carlisle, PA on March 15-16, 2019.
- Patricia Schick to take FCCLA students to the PA FCCLA State Conference at Seven Springs Mountain Resort in Champion, PA, on March 19 through March 22, 2019.
- Christine Miller to take cheerleaders and coaches to the Coach/Athletic Cheer Conference in State College, PA on March 9-10, 2019.

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

APPROVAL OF CHAPERONES FOR OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

A motion to approve the following chaperones to attend the band's overnight field trip to Cleveland Ohio was moved by Persun, seconded by Anthony: Michelle Boyles, Richard Boyles, Diane DeRemer, Scott Deremer, Bruce Loner, and Scott Shaffer. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

2019-2020 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 2nd READING

A motion to approve the 2019-2020 proposed school calendar, on 2nd reading, was moved by Anthony, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried

ELEMENTARY STEM TRANSITION PROPOSAL

Dwight Woodley and Lisa Laidacker spent fifteen minutes presenting a plan to expand the Elementary STEM program at Central Elementary for the 2019-20 school year.

APPROVAL FOR PURCHASE OF NEW ATHLETIC VAN

A motion to purchase a new 10 seat passenger athletic van at a Costars price of \$28,132 was moved by Page, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

REQUEST FOR BOARD APPROVAL OF LERTA RESOLUTION

A motion to approve the LERTA resolution was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. The LERTA resolution would provide a real estate tax exception for new construction, expansion or improvement to eligible properties within the South Williamsport Borough. The real estate tax exemption is on the new construction, expansion or improvement; there is no real estate exemption on the existing assessed value. After about 10 minutes of discussion Molino made a motion to table this motion, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-no, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

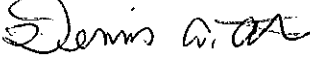
APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF AGREEMENT WITH SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

A motion to approval a memorandum of Agreement with the South Williamsport Education Support Professionals Association regarding the current Collective Bargaining Agreement which runs from July 1, 2016, through June 30, 2019, was moved by Miller, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-no, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

Lin Fessler spent a few minutes talking to the Board about a girl's volleyball program. Following this discussion a motion was made that the athletic committee bring a recommendation to the Board about possible adding a Girls Varsity Volleyball program including scheduling and cost. This motion was made by Persun, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Attest



Dennis A. Artley
Board Secretary