

May 20, 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, Persun and Branton.

Others Present: Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Scott Hill – Assistant Principal, Bill Reifsnyder – Maintenance Director, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Eric Gerber, Christy Lusk, Chris Lusk, Scott White, Brenda Trimble, Tom Lorson, Kyle Benson, Melissa Bradley, Melissa Stahl, Emily Wagner, Lin Fessler, Becky Swinehart, Genie Bausinger, Joette Siertle, Dawn Wein, Emalee Wein, Alisha Wein, Jessalee Kline, Scott Manning, Michael Allison, Keith Cremer, Liz Steppe, Tara McGlensey, Brooke Cohick, Karen Geise, Tina Pulver, Sarah Pulver, Robyn Rummings, Elise McBride, David Miller, Maddie Garner, William Reighard, Kathleen Flerlage, Lee Bernstein, Bryan Hockman, Nicole Hockman, Tara Stryker, Mary Kay Bukeavich, Art Saxe, Danelle Saxe, Amanda Foster, Isabella Foster, Manny Tsikitas, Alex Tsikitas, Noah Tsikitas, and Pat Crossley – Sun Gazette.

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

The following citizens spoke on the following topics:

Christy Lusk – athletic conference.  
Melissa Stahl – ESL in the budget.  
Melissa Gardner – paid coaching positions.  
Art Saxe – paid coaching positions.  
Bill Reighard – wood and metal shop classes.

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

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$757,822.41 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

#### **APPROVE FOOD SERVICE BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$6,600.34 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, Persun-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 \$3,563.32 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, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of May 6, 2019, as written was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

## **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **THE NUTRITION GROUP AGREEMENT**

A motion to approve the The Nutrition Group to oversee the district's cafeteria for the 2019-2020 school year with no increase in breakfast or lunch prices and guaranteed revenue of \$11,332 was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-abstain, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET**

A motion to approve the Capital Reserve Project Budget for 2019-2020 in an amount not to exceed \$40,000 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **RESIGNATION**

A motion to accept the resignation of Chenoa Lindsay as a Food Service Employee effective April 29, 2019 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

A motion to approve A. Grace Hicks as the school Dental Hygienist for 15 days per school term at the rate of \$125 per day was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **GUEST TEACHER**

A motion to approve the addition of Amy Brooks, Dylan Casale, Lynne Hopkins-Alvarez, Wendy Hunter, Dylan Leahy, Margaret Merk, MaryEllen Miele, Alec Tallman, and Maree VanStavoren to the Guest Teacher list as provided by Blast IU was moved by Anthony, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHER**

A motion to approve Albright Studios as the district's Photographer for 2019 through 2022 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **ATHLETIC CONFERENCE**

A motion to move to the Mid-Penn Conference for all sports excluding football and to the Northern Tier Conference for football effective the 2020-2021 school year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-no, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-no, Page-no, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **CHAPERONES FOR OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIPS**

A motion to approve the following chaperones for out-of-state field trips was moved by Miller, seconded by Anthony. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

- Susan Branton & Christopher Branton to chaperone FCCLA students in Anaheim, CA on July 2-6, 2019
- Sue Bowman to chaperone FBLA students in San Antonio, TX on June 27 – July 3, 2019.

## **PAID WRESTLING COACH POSITIONS**

A motion to have the athletic committee review and recommend the number of paid wrestling coaches was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET FOR 2019-2020**

A motion to approve the 2019-2020 proposed final budget, with revenues of \$19,638,181 and expenditures of \$19,765,152 was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. The taxes to support the budget will be 16.78 mills in real estate taxes, 1.1% in earned income taxes, and .5% in real estate transfer taxes. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-no, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-no, Page-no, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **TABLE FURLOUGHS**

A motion to table furloughs and non-renewals of Temporary Professional Employees was moved by Page, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Anthony-no, Bachman-no, Bowman-yes, Engel-no, Miller-no, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-no, and Branton-no, motion failed.

## **ECONOMIC FURLOUGH**

A motion to furlough Brooke Cohick from her position on June 6, 2019 for economic reasons based on Public School Code of 1949, Section 1124 (5) Economic Reasons was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-no, Engel-yes, Miller-no, Molino-no, Page-no, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **VOLUNTARY ECONOMIC FURLOUGH**

A motion to furlough Melissa Mix from her position on June 6, 2019 for economic reasons based on Public School Code of 1949, Section 1124 (5) Economic Reasons was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Melissa Mix volunteered to receive an economic furlough. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **NON-RENEWAL OF TEMPORARY PROFESSIONAL EMPLOYEES**

A motion to not renew Jonelle Havard, Kelsey Shannon, and Margaret Sander as temporary professional employees effective June 6, 2019 was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-no, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-no, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **STAFF TRANSFERS**

A motion to transfer staff from their current area of certification to a different area for which they hold professional certification was moved by Anthony, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-no, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-no, Page-no, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

- Sara Beth Ireland from Reading to Elementary K-6
- Lisa Laidacker from Office Technologies to Secondary School Counselor
- Kendra Lewis from Elementary K-6 to Elementary Special Education PK-12
- Ashley Zielewicz from Grades 4-8 (All Subjects) to Special Education PK-12

## **SUPERINTENDENT PAY FREEZE**

A motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Superintendent's voluntary request to forego any pay raise for the 2019-2020 school year was moved by Anthony, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **ACT 93 PAY FREEZE**

A motion to approve a Memorandum of Understanding regarding the Act 93 Group's voluntary request to forego any pay raise for the 2019-2020 school year was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE**

A motion to move the June 17, 2019 board meeting to June 24, 2019 was moved by Anthony, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-no, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-no, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **COURTESY TO THE FLOOR**

The following citizens spoke on the following topics:

Melissa Gardner – paid coaching positions.

Lisa Arp – staffing cuts.

Melissa Stahl – board members.

Jennafer Bowman – election.

Melissa Bradley – funding of sports and clubs.

Brenda Trimble – teacher morale.

Nicole Hockman – budget.

Mindy Smith – teacher input on budgeting process.

Alisha Wein – program cuts.

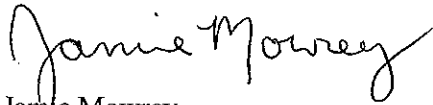
Madeline Garner – program cuts and teacher furloughs.

Adam Dincher – property tax increases.

Madison Losell – program cuts.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:24 PM.

Attest

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Mowrey". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary