

September 9, 2019

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:00 PM in the library of the High School by the President, Gregg Anthony.

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

Board Members Present: Bachman, Bingham, Engel, Miller, Molino, Persun and Anthony.

Others Present: Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Michele Loomis – Elementary Principal, Jesse Smith – High School Principal, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education/School Psychologist; Bill Reifsnnyder – Maintenance Director, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Melissa Bradley, Josalyn Bradley, Pam Reifsnnyder, Charles Haefner, Becky Swinehart, Melinda Rodarmel, Cheryl Loudenslager, Ann Neely, Tina Pulver, Tom Lorson, Amy Kriebel, Jackie Hamm, Joe Hamm, Cindy Sullivan, Jonathan Reyes, Brenda Trimble, Tambra Isenberg, Linda Fessler, John Beck and Mike Reuther – Sun Gazette.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for July 2019 was moved by Miller, second by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,285,889.26 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller -yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE FOOD SERVICE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$44,890.82 as funds become available was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller -yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE CAPITAL RESERVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$12,333.25 as funds become available was moved by Persun, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller -yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of August 19, 2019, as written was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller -yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

MTSS TEAM PRESENTATION

The board listened to a presentation made by the MTSS Team, represented by Becky Swinehart, Cheryl Loudenslager, Tambra Isenberg and Mindy Rodarmel. The MTSS Team explained how the program, a Multi-Tiered System of Supports, is helping to advance students' reading abilities. Training programs, which were grant funded, helped teachers learn a new approach to teaching reading which is having significant positive results for students.

ELEMENTARY CLUB – GIRLS WHO CODE

The board listened to a presentation given by Tina Pulver about a new program called Girls Who Code. This after-school elementary program would help empower female students in grades 3 – 5. After the presentation, a motion to create a Girls Can Code program under the supervision of Tina Pulver and Tara McGlensey was made by Miller, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Dr. Mark Stamm provided an enrollment summary as of September 5, 2019, which shows total students at 1,283. The average class size from grades kindergarten through grade 8 is 25 students. Dr. Stamm then indicated that the kindergarten faculty is struggling with having 26 students in each of their classes. A motion to add 4 paraprofessionals to assist the kindergarten faculty was made by Miller, seconded by Molino. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

SYLVAN DELL CONSERVATION PROJECT

Dr. Mark Stamm reviewed the final draft documents for the Management Authority of the Sylvan Dell Conservation Project and discussed the role of the Management Authority with the Lycoming County Planning Commission. Dr. Stamm is recommending that the board does not enter into the agreement to become members of the Management Authority. A motion to not enter into the agreement was made by Miller, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-no, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

CONFERENCE REQUESTS

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

- Lisa Arp, Kathy Flerlage, Tandra Isenberg, Natasha Lehman, and Michele Loomis to attend the ECRI Training on October 22-24, 2019 held at PaTTAN in Harrisburg, PA.
- Stephanie Fay to attend the ABCs of the Foreign Language Training on October 15, 2019 at BLaST IU 17 in Williamsport, PA.

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

RETIREMENT

A motion to accept the resignation for retirement purposes of Darlene Shade from her elementary Instructional Paraprofessional position effective August 19, 2019, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

RESIGNATION

A motion to approve the resignation of Paul "Smokey" Stover from his position of Head Varsity Baseball coach effective August 29, 2019 and the resignation of Alyssa Noll from her position as high school instructional paraprofessional effective August 20, 2019 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve the employment of Instructional Paraprofessionals was moved by Persun, seconded by Miller:

- Jessalee Kline as an Instructional Paraprofessional for the Supplemental Learning Support Program (Grades 9-12) at the Junior Senior High School at a rate of \$12.74 per hour.
- Julie Brenner as an Instructional Paraprofessional for the Life Skills Support Program (Grades K-6) at Central Elementary at a rate of \$12.74 per hour.

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

A motion to approve Thomas O'Malley as the Junior High Softball Coach for the 2019 Fall Season at \$2,173 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-no, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve coaches and game workers for the 2019-2020 season was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun:

- Girls' Junior High Basketball: Aaron Green as 8th Grade Head Coach at \$2,897 and Gregg Anthony as 7th Grade Volunteer Coach.
- Junior High Softball: Adam Lorson as Assistant Coach at \$1,150; Cory Goodman as Volunteer; Scott Lowery as Volunteer; Jesse Smith as Interim Assistant Coach at \$689; and Rob Houseknecht as Interim Head Coach at \$815.

Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-no, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried. Anthony abstained from voting for himself as 7th Grade Volunteer Coach.

A motion to approve Terry Kopp as security staff for the 2019-2020 school year was moved by Persun, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Samara McLaughlin as Elementary Special Education teacher for the Life Skills program at Central Elementary (grades K-6) at step M-8 with an annual salary of \$61,697 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion to approve substitutes for the 2019-2020 school year was moved by Persun, seconded by Miller:

- Certified Substitutes: Thomas Henderson, Mary Sumpter
- Classified Substitutes: Ashley Helmrich

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

TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS

A motion to approve Nubia Garrido and Christine Shifflet as transportation drivers for the 2019-2020 school year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY 005 – SECOND READING

Policy 005 will change the standing committees of the board from five committees to two committees: the Vision & Leadership Committee and the Operations Committee. The Vision & Leadership Committee will focus on the future of the District while the Operations Committee will focus on existing programs and operations of the District. This new committee structure will go into effect in January 2020. A motion to approve Policy 005 – Second Reading was moved by Persun, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried. As a result of this, the remaining committee meetings in 2019 are cancelled.

APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST READING

A motion to approve Policies – First Reading was moved by Persun, seconded by Miller:

- Policy 004 – Membership
- Policy 150 – Title I – Comparability of Services
- Policy 201 – Admission of Students
- Policy 204 – Attendance
- Policy 208 – Withdrawal from School
- Policy 209 – Health Examinations/Screenings
- Policy 220 – Student Expression/Distribution and Posting of Materials
- Policy 702.1 – Crowdfunding
- Policy 913 – Non-school Organizations/Groups/Individuals

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

FACILITY USE REQUEST

A motion to approve a facility use request from Citizens Northern Bank to use the high school auditorium, cafeteria, and five classrooms for a corporate training on Sunday, October 13 and Monday, October 14 was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

FACILITY USE FEE WAIVER

A motion to waive the usage and personnel fee for Citizens Northern Bank due to their support for the South Williamsport Education Foundation was made by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

VACANT REGION III SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER

An application was received from Nicholas Fiorini for the vacant region III position. A motion to appoint Nicholas Fiorini as school board director was made by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Anthony-yes, motion carried.

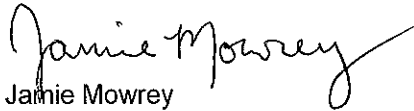
COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following topics were discussed by the following individuals:

- Tambra Isenberg – Title I parent night
- Linda Fessler/Terri Packard – Volleyball program
- Melissa Bradley – Sylvan Dell Conservation Project, Soccer Field Condition
- John Beck – Varsity Softball Coach

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Engel. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary