

November 4, 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 Vice President, Nathan Miller.

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

Board Members Present: Bingham, Bowman, Engel, Fiorini, Miller, Molino, and Persun.

Others Present: Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Michele Loomis – Elementary Principal, Jesse Smith – High School Principal, Scott Hill – Assistant Principal, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/Director of Information Systems, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education/School Psychologist; Bill Reifsnnyder – Maintenance Director, Rob Houseknecht – Athletic Director, Jeff Rowe – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Nicole Hockman, Brenda Trimble, Paul Markle, Yvonne Markle, Jason Barrett, Josalyn Bradley, Melissa Bradley, Melissa Stahl, Joseph Hamm, Liz Steppe, Lauren Reynolds, Jodi Woelaglagle, Sara Engel, Amy Pregent, Hayes McEwen, Janice McEwen, Mary Geise, Pam Reifsnnyder, Diane Cramer, Steven Rupert, Paul McGinn, Christopher Lusk, Jim Dunn, David Lechniak, Robert Hetner, Mookie Sauers, Samantha Branton, Lilly Eiswerth, Tom O'Malley, Dwayne Rummings, Robyn Rummings, Tina Pulver, John Pulver, Vern McKissick & Trina Gribble – McKissick Associates, Audrey Bear – Piper Jaffray & Co., and Mike Reuther – Sun Gazette.

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals spoke about the feasibility study: Melissa Bradley, Melissa Stahl, Sue Bowman, Erica Molino, and Nicole Hockman.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,484,036.27 as funds become available was moved by Persun, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE FOOD SERVICE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$35,810.26 as funds become available was moved by Engel, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of October 7, 2019, as written was moved by Bingham, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve Nancy Bieber, Steve Bieber, Stacie Bieber, Karen Geise, Fran Kropp, Christy Pinkerton, Jaimee Kopp, Susan Albert, Jean Lowery, Justin Marnon, Natasha Marnon, Tom Marnon, Mark Watts, and Terry Kopp as Winter Game Workers for the 2019-2020 season was moved by Persun,

seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Steven Sennett as 1st Assistant Baseball Coach at a stipend of \$2,507 was moved by Engel, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Adam Rubert as Pathway Chair for Business, Finance and Information at a stipend of \$750 was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

SUBSTITUTES

A motion to add Megan Proffitt to the 2019-2020 certified substitute roster was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Miller-yes, motion carried.

OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

A motion to approve Tom O'Malley's overnight/out of state field trip request to take the girls' softball team to Myrtle Beach, SC on March 21 – 27, 2020 to gain experience playing different competition and build team chemistry was moved by Engel, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bingham-no, Bowman-no, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Molino-no, Persun-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

A motion to approve Ryan Carper's out of state field trip request to take 12th Grade American Politics students to Washington, D.C. on May 8, 2020 to visit sites of the nation's capital pertaining to politics, institutions, and liberties discussed throughout the American Politics course was moved by Persun, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

FACILITY USE REQUEST

A motion to approve a facility use request from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Knecht to use the high school auditorium on Saturday, February 22, 2020 for a wedding ceremony was moved by Bingham, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

Gregg Anthony arrived at the meeting at 7:23 PM.

FEASIBILITY PRESENTATION/LONG TERM DEBT PRESENTATION

Vern McKissick and Trina Gribble from McKissick Associates presented an update of Phase 3 of the Feasibility Study. Phase 3 created a plan to have Central Elementary become K-5 and the Junior Senior High School become 6-12. At Central Elementary, 2 additions would be constructed: a 3 classroom Kindergarten wing at the East end of the building and a Gym/Café wing at the North side of the second floor. The Gym/Café wing could have a restroom/concession area and locker area to help service the stadium. Internally, the existing cafeteria/multipurpose room would be converted to a School Counselor, Art, STEM, Media, Makerspace area. At the High School, most renovations would be internally, no additions were considered necessary. The cafeteria and library would be converted to an Art, STEM, Media, Makerspace area, along with a Commons area that could be used for dining or collaborative space. There would be upgrades to the auditorium and reconfiguration of various classrooms. Outside, there would be work done to help identify the main entrance to the building. The Stadium would be built on the current day practice field with easy access to both Central and the High School. The Stadium would include Home bleachers, Visitor bleachers, a press box turf field, playing area measuring 360' by 220' and a pedestrian walkway around the entire field. A bus loop would be built from behind the high school and connect to W Mountain Avenue. This would allow bus traffic to be separate from parent drop off. This would also allow an access road to be built to service the new cafeteria at Central. The bus loop would have parking spots established and be able to be used for parking for events at the buildings. The total project cost is estimated to be between \$29,500,000 and \$30,500,000.

Audrey Bear from Piper Jaffray & Co presented 2 hypothetical debt service studies to show how long term borrowing would fund the project. Under the first scenario, the debt service was limited to 30 years with a total project deposit amount of \$33,286,084. To pay for that scenario, total local debt service annual cost would have to increase from \$1,300,000 to \$1,800,000. The District would have to raise real estate taxes .5 mills for 2 years in a row to afford that scenario. Under the second scenario, the local debt service annual cost was capped at \$1,600,000 with a total project deposit amount of \$33,286,084. The debt would be repaid over 36 years. The District would have to raise real estate taxes .5 mills once to afford that scenario.

After discussion among board members regarding concerns about both the study and the funding, Miller made a motion to have the study revised, showing a K-6, 7-12 alignment; adding a "dirty space" lab at the High School, and get more community input prior to voting on the final direction of the project. The motion was seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-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:

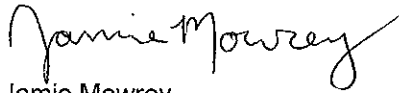
Melissa Stahl, Mary Geise, Melissa Bradley and Dwayne Rummings – Feasibility Study

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be an executive session immediately following the board meeting regarding legal matters. No action will result from this meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Persun. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:21 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary