

December 3, 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: Bachman, Bowman, Cramer, Engel, Fiorini, McGinn, Miller and Molino.

Others Present: Mark Stamm – Superintendent, 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, Jeff Rowe – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Nicole Hockman, Brenda Trimble, Liz Steppe, Thomas Deljanovan, Steven Rupert, Chris Molino, Amy Pregent, Melissa Bradley, Josalyn Bradley, Melissa Stahl, Sadie Stahl, Patrick Moore, Jennifer Bentley, Mike Pulizzi, Adam Dincher, Tara Stryker – Nutrition, Inc., Vern McKissick – McKissick Associates, and Audrey Bear – Piper Jaffray & Co.

REORGANIZATION

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Engel nominated Mr. Miller to be the Temporary President for the purpose of reorganization, seconded by Mrs. Bachman. Being no further nominations, Mr. Miller took over as Temporary President.

READING OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Mrs. Mowrey gave the results of the election held in November. Mrs. Susan Bowman was elected to a four year term for Region One. Mrs. Diane Cramer was elected to a four year term for Region Two. Mr. Todd Engel was elected to a four year term for Region Three. Mr. Nicholas Fiorini was elected to a four year term for Region Three. Mr. Paul McGinn was elected to a four year term for Region Two.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Miller administered the oath of office to the elected members.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Miller requested nominations for the office of President. Mr. Engel nominated Mr. Miller, seconded by Mrs. Bowman. Being no further nominations, Mr. Miller closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mr. Miller was elected President for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Miller requested nominations for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Molino nominated Mrs. Bowman, seconded by Mrs. Cramer. Being no further nominations, Mr. Miller closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mrs. Bowman was elected Vice President for the ensuing year.

ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2020

A motion to adopt the school board meeting dates for 2020 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bowman. Dates are January 6, January 20, February 3, March 2, April 6, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 15, July 6, August 3, September 14, October 5, November 2, and December 7. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE MEETING DATES FOR 2020

A motion to adopt the school board committee meeting dates for 2020 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bowman. Dates for the Vision and Leadership Committee are January 6, March 2, May 4, July 6, September 14, and November 2. Dates for the Operations Committee are February 3, April 6, June 1, August 3, October 5, and December 7. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2019 was moved by Bachman, second by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-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 \$1,394,912.05 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-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 \$100,676.98 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE CAPITAL RESERVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$4,168.71 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of November 4, 2019, as written was moved by Engel, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

FEASIBILITY STUDY

A motion to accept the Feasibility Study as presented by McKissick Associates was moved by Bachman, seconded by Engel. Phase 3 of the Feasibility Study concluded with a K-6 structure at Central Elementary and a 7-12 structure at the Junior-Senior High School. 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. This concludes the Feasibility Study. The next step will be to hire an architect to enter into the final design process. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

LONG TERM DEBT PRESENTATION

Audrey Bear from Piper Jaffray & Co presented 4 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. The third scenario postponed the project and borrowing until school year 2022/2023 which is the first year that the District doesn't have a debt payment. That scenario assumed that the net debt service payment would remain at \$1,300,000 over 30 years which results in being able to borrow \$24,700,000. The fourth scenario postponed the project and borrowing until school year 2022/2023 which is the first year that the District doesn't have a debt payment. That scenario assumed that we would need to borrow \$33,000,000 with payments over 30 years. That resulted in a net debt service payment of \$1,700,000. To afford that scenario, the District would have to raise real estate taxes approximately .5 mills for 2 years in a row.

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve Chad Quimby as an Elementary Volunteer Basketball coach for the 2019-2020 season was moved by Bachman, seconded by McGinn. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Kimberly Schwoyer as Head Track Coach at a stipend of \$3,342 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Molino. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Blake Helminiak as a custodial substitute was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Kathy Eggerton as a Guest Teacher was moved by Bachman, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

CHILD BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE REQUESTS

A motion to approve employee #856's child bearing/rearing leave request from January 21, 2020 – May 22, 2020 and employee #1007's child bearing/rearing leave request from February 16, 2020 – end of the 2019/2020 school year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

ACT 1 INDEX OPT OUT RESOLUTION

A motion to approve a resolution for the 2020-2021 fiscal year that any increase in real estate property taxes will not exceed the adjusted 2020-2021 index of 3.7% was moved by Bachman, seconded by Fiorini. Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager explained that there are typically 2 referendum exceptions that allow the District to go above the Act 1 index. Those are for Special Education expenditures and for Retirement Contributions. Based on the calculations for those 2 exceptions, the District does not qualify. By agreeing to stay within the Act 1 index, the District does not need to comply with the preliminary budget requirements which would require that a preliminary budget be adopted by January 29, 2020. Instead, the board would have to comply with adopting a proposed final budget by May 31, 2020 and a final budget by June 30, 2020. The Act 1 index of 3.7% equals .62 mills. This equates to a potential tax increase of \$62 on a property with an assessed value of \$100,000. The adoption of this resolution does not mean that the District will be raising taxes; it simply limits how much the District can raise taxes if they choose to do so during the budget process. It was also noted that the District's taxable assessed value also dropped \$835,470. This equates to a \$14,019 loss in real estate tax revenue. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Molino-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following topics were discussed by the following individuals:

Melissa Bradley– Feasibility Study & Project Process

Erica Molino – Support for sixth grade students

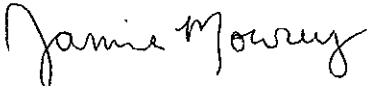
Thomas Deljanovan – Feasibility Study

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 Engel, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:22 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary