

March 2, 2020

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, Nathan Miller.

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

Board Members Present: Bachman, Bingham, Bowman, Cramer, Engel, Fiorini, McGinn, Miller and Molino.

Others Present: Madalynn Garner, Student Representative, Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Emily Wagner, Thomas Deljanovan, Melissa Bradley, Josalyn Bradley, Hilda Kropp, Chris Molino, Griffin Molino, Steve Rupert, Don Fullmer, Carl Gee, Craig Kropp, Adam Dincher, Tara McGlensey, Ann Neely and Mike Reuther – SunGazette.

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following topics were discussed by the following individuals:

Melissa Bradley – Communications Position

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2020 was moved by Bingham, second by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,297,438.84 as funds become available was moved by Bingham, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE FOOD SERVICE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$49,697.71 as funds become available was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of February 3, 2020, as written was moved by Bingham, seconded by McGinn. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

AGREEMENT WITH LITTLE LEAGUE INTERNATIONAL

A motion to approve the annual agreement with Little League International for use of parking spots the District's property located near the South Williamsport Park Complex was moved by Bachman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TITLE I PROGRAMS

A motion to approve the Central Elementary school guidelines for implementation of district Policy 918: Title I Parent and Family Engagement, the Title I Home/School Compact, Memorandum of Understanding with STEP, Inc, Head Start, Parent Right-to-Know, and School-Wide Program Information and Equity Plan was moved by Bachman, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

RESIGNATION

A motion to approve the resignation for retirement purposes of Deborah Cooke from her Fifth Grade teaching position at Rommelt Elementary effective June 5, 2020 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve Spring 2020 coaches and their stipends was moved by Bachman, seconded by McGinn.

- Junior High Boys' Soccer: Chris Vanaskie as Head Coach at \$2,173; Manny Tsikitas as Assistant Coach at \$1,839.
- Junior High Girls' Soccer: Marc Loveccio as Assistant Coach at \$1,839 and Tracy Knoebel as a Volunteer.
- Track: Jaid Smeltzer as Assistant Coach at \$1,839 and Chad Eberhart as a Volunteer.

Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Barbara McLaughlin as secretary at Central Elementary was moved by Bingham, seconded by Fiorini. This position is a 200 day position at a starting rate of \$14.29 per hour. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Ashley Bower as an instructional paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.74 per hour was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

A motion to transfer Max Houseknecht from Maintenance 1 to Maintenance 2 effective March 2, 2020 was moved by Engel, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

A motion to add Katie Klingborg to the District's Event Security Staff for Spring 2020 school events was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

A motion to approve Aaron Bogart, Rodney Knier, Abigail Ransom, Luke Rodgers, and Danielle Rohler as Guest Teachers was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS AND FUNDRAISING POSITION

It is the superintendent's recommendation to consider creating a position of Communications Director to oversee a capital campaign and additional funding opportunities for the District. After much discussion, the board requested that Dr. Stamm bring various scenarios back to the Board for further discussion.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

A motion to approve the overnight field trip requests from Jessica Kaledas, Band Director, to take a District orchestra student to Susquehannock High School in Glen Rock, PA from March 12-14, 2020 and three PMEA Region Band students to Honesdale High School in Honesdale, PA from March 26-28, 2020 was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

AFFILIATION AGREEMENT WITH MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY

A motion to approve the five year Affiliation Agreement for Internship/Practicum, Pre-Clinical, and Student Teaching experiences between Mansfield University and South Williamsport Area School District was moved by Bachman, seconded by McGinn. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

ALICE INSTITUTION CERTIFICATION

Dr. Stamm shared with the Board that, for the second year in a row, the District has earned Institutional Certification through ALICE. This recognition is achieved by completing an ALICE response drill, training at least 75% of staff, and submitting an Emergency Operations Plan that meets or exceeds ALICE standards.

2020-2021 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

A motion to approve the second and final reading of the 2020-2021 school calendar was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

SWASD ADMINISTRATIVE COMPENSATION PLAN 2020-2021

A motion to renew the current Act 93 Administrative Compensation Plan for one year in recognition of the administrators' voluntary salary freeze was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

CHANGE IN GRADUATION REQUIREMENT

A motion to amend graduation requirements for the Class of 2021 and beyond from four (4) credits in Social Studies to three (3) credits in Social Studies was moved by McGinn, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

CREATION OF NEW POSITION IN SPECIAL EDUCATION

A motion to create a new position in Special Education to support students enrolled in Mountie Academy and for Itinerant Emotional Support was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Cramer. For budgetary purposes, this position is possible by the resignation of a social studies teacher. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

RENOVATIONS AND BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Dr. Mark Stamm provided the Board with an update of the building project. McKissick Associates completed three days of small group staff interviews. The Building Advisory Team, which is a new seventeen member committee, met for the first time on February 24. McKissick and Larson Design Group are developing detailed cost estimates for a full stadium at the park complex to assist with recommendations on the new stadium. There will be a presentation to the South Williamsport Borough Council on March 9 to ensure the Borough is fully aware of the District's plans and to address their concerns and enlist their support. McKissick will begin conducting detailed land surveys and subsurface test sampling. The Pennsylvania State Police will review the feasibility documents in preparation for an updated Risk and Vulnerability Assessment.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

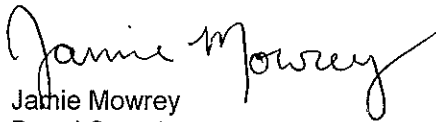
The following topics were discussed by the following individuals:

Don Larson – Alumni Recognition

Craig Kropp – Building Project

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bingham, seconded by Engel. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary