

April 6, 2020

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:00 PM as a virtual meeting on the Zoom platform 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: Becky Swinehart, Bill Reifsnnyder, Brenda Trimble, Candice Staggert, Chris Lusk, Manny Tsikitas, Heidi Ort, Jesse Smith, Justin Silverstrim, Kelly Brooks, Kim Bollinger, Kristin Bastian, Lesa Hennigan, Matt Eisley, Melissa Bradley, Michele Loomis, Patty Schick, Rob Houseknecht, Robyn Rummings, Ryan Carper, Sandy Hess, Stanley Smith, Tammy Robbins, Tara McGlensey, Tyler Schonewolf, Andrea Kremser, Tywana Gafins, Linda Miller, Leslie Raeside, Julie Brenner, Keith Korhoner, Kelly Allison, Shannon Bays, Jessica Kaledas, Ashley Zielewicz, and Scott Shaffer.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2020 was moved by Fiorini, second 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.

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$2,220,038.48 as funds become available 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.

APPROVE FOOD SERVICE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$70,734.61 as funds become available 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.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of March 2, 2020, as written 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.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

The Superintendent provided an update to the board on recent activities with students and staff since schools closed on March 13, 2020. This included:

- Information on the Food Backpack distribution program which is continuing each Wednesday from Messiah Lutheran Church. Building principals, Officer Samar, and Dr. Stamm are distributing the bags to families. Participation has grown from 29 students to 51 students.
- Facility cleaning and grounds care are continuing with limited crews. Facility Manager started preventative maintenance this week. All CDC guidelines for social distancing and necessary safety equipment are being followed.

- Continuity of Education plan is posted on the district web site on Mountie Learning Moments. The plan was also submitted to PDE as required. This is considered a "living" document that will be revised and updated as the district moves from Enrichment to Planned Instruction. Administration is exploring the feasibility of Planned Instruction for grades 9-12 starting by May 1, 2020. Based on data collected from technology access surveys, this appears likely given existing district equipment and number of families with limited access.
- Superintendent is finalizing the submission of PDE grant for Continuity of Education plan for \$76,300; the maximum allowable under the grant funding guidelines. The grant funds are for software and hardware to support connectivity and access for students and staff.
- High School Principal is in discussions with junior and senior class advisors regarding events like prom, awards ceremony, and graduation. None of these events are canceled yet. Alternative locations, dates, and formats are being considered.
- Elementary principal Dr. Michele Loomis reports that 70%-80% student engagement with teachers on a routine basis.
- PIAA offices closed on March 13, 2020 have not reopened, nor have they made any announcements regarding Spring and Fall Sports.

POLICY NO. 006.2 REMOTE ATTENDANCE

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy 006.2 Remote Attendance to allow the continuation of regularly scheduled board meetings when board members are unable to attend for emergency situations was moved by Bingham, 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 waive the second reading requirement for Policy 006.2 Remote Attendance was moved by Bachman, seconded by McGinn. Roll call: Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

MEMORANDUMS OF UNDERSTANDING

A motion to authorize the administration to enter into Memorandums of Understanding and other agreements as necessary for continuation of employment relationships and other contracts; which will be submitted to the Board at a later date for retroactive approval 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.

APPROVAL OF RE-NEGOTIATED TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT

A motion to approve the Re-Negotiated Transportation Agreement with Susquehanna Transit Company at 75% of the normal daily rate for the 2019-2020 school year while school is closed 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.

GRADUATION REQUIREMENTS

A motion to authorize the superintendent to modify graduation requirements as needed to ensure students eligible for graduation on March 13, 2020 are able to participate in commencement activities and receive their diploma was moved by McGinn, 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.

SUSPENSION OF BUILDING PROGRAM FOR 90 DAYS

A motion to suspend the building project for 90 days for the purpose of re-evaluating the District's educational delivery model and funding priorities was moved by Engel, 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.

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve Robin Borick, Kevin Kilpatrick and Emily Sampsell as Guest Teachers was moved by Bingham, 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.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN AMERICAN FEDERATION OF STATE, COUNTY, AND MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES (AFSCME) AND SWASD – 2020-2025

A motion to approve the AFSCME negotiated agreement 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.

APPROVAL OF POLICIES – SECOND READINGS

A motion to approve the second readings of the following policies was moved by Bingham, seconded by Cramer.

- Policy No. 200 – Enrollment
- Policy No. 202 – Eligibility of Non-Resident Students
- Policy No. 233 – Suspension and Expulsion
- Policy No. 626 – Procurement Procedures

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

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SOLICITOR

A motion to appoint Fred A. Holland as school district solicitor for the 2020-2021 school year 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.

APPROVAL OF FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

A motion to approve an agreement with Nutrition, Inc. to oversee the District's cafeteria for the 2020-2021 school year, with no increases in student breakfast or lunch prices and a guarantee to the District of a profit of \$2,086.17 was moved by Engel, seconded by Fiorini. Full price breakfast costs \$1.05 for grades K-6 and \$1.15 for grades 7-12. Full price lunch costs \$2.25 for grades K-6 and \$2.50 for grades 7-12. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

There were 2 executive sessions held in March. On March 2, prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting, there was an executive session regarding legal matters. No action to follow. On March 31, there was an executive session to practice using Zoom for the April 6 board meeting. No action to follow.

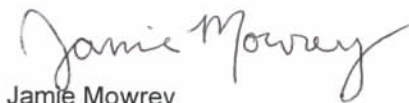
COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following topics were discussed by the following individuals:

Keith Korhoner – Apps used by teachers.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Engel, seconded by Bingham. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:59 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary