

October 5, 2020

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:10 PM as a blended in person at BLAST IU17 on Reach Road/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: Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Shelby Akers, Claire Alexander, Kelly Allison, Megan Apker, Lisa Arp, K B, Kandy Baier, Ashley Bastian, Kristin Bastian, Jazzmin Baysore, Kellie Breen, Holly Bennett, Jessica Betz, Connie Bilby, Amy Bower, Don Bower, Melissa Bradley, Stephanie Bradley, Jacqueline Bragunier, Daphne Branton, Filicia Brewer, Ben Brigandi, Mary Kay Bukeavich, Deanna Bump, Samantha Burkhart, Emily Butler, Seth Caputo, Dana Carlson, Ryan Carper, Hailey Carson, Jake Casella, Brandy Cawley, Erik Cawley, Agnes Coder, Payton Cooley, Raven Cooley, Linda Crawley, McKenna Cremer, Sue Davenport Fils-Aime, Ellen Davis, Renee Dawes, Adam Dincher, Sandy Dudek, Joseph Eckard, Matthew Easley, Cassie Engel, Sara Engel, Shana Ertel, Shelbie Eshleman, Stephanie Fay, Karen Fink, Danielle Fiorini, Kathleen Flerlage, Jenny Foote, Matthew Foote, Stephanie Fortin, Christina Frame, Diane Franzen, Ashley Frei, Bobbi Jo Fry, Hali Fullmer, Melissa Gardner, Karen Geise, Mary Geise, Hilarie German, James Girardi, Katie Goodman, Joe Gowan, Jeanette Green, Rachel Hammer, Cara Hannan, Marcie Harding, Caden Harris, Katrina Harvey, Kayla Haug, Mary Helminiak, Anna Henley, Lesa Hennigan, Elisha Hertwig, Grace Hicks, Cortney Hill, Amber Holbrook, George Holtzapple, Jennifer Holtzapple, Rob Houseknecht, Joe Howard, Lindsay Huff, Yvonne Inners, Sarah Ireland, Tambra Isenberg, Darbie Johnson, Betsy Jones, Leigh Jones, Jessica Kaledas, Jamie Keeler, Angela Keller, Jennifer Kimball, Rita Kimble, Cyprus Kline, Emily Kline, Julie Kline, Richard Knecht, Kurt Knerr, Tessa Knerr, Katie Knoop, Amanda Knowlden, Ellen Koser, Matt Krach, Andrea Kremser, Marquelle Labarre, Lisa Laidacker, Kristin Lambert, Anita Leahy, Tasha Lehman, Yvonne Lentz, Bonnie Lepley, Kendra Lewis, Selena Loiselle, Cheryl Loudenslager, Danielle Lombard, Chris Lusk, Courtney Lynch, Colette Manning, Julie Marzzacco, Kaitlin Masser, Heather Masters, Janice McEwen, Lila McEwen, Michelle McGee, Nicole McGinn, Tara McGlensey, Alayna McGovern, Vanessa McKernan, Connie McLaughlin, Jenna McWilliams, Becky Mensch, Amber Meredith, Kjirsten Meredith, Christine Miller, Jaclyn Miller, Laura Miller, Tammy Miller, Colleen Minier, Kimberly Moore, Janice Morehart, Alicia Naugle, Devan Niven, Holly Niven, Jodi Nolan, Stacey Noltee, Anastasia Noviello-Miller, Melissa Ogden, Heidi Ort, Natasha Osborne, Leslie Paternostro, Amber Paules, Nicole Persun, Jennifer Pettit, Jamie Pike, Christine Pinkerton, Amy Pregent, Tina Pulver, Beth Register, Ashley Reidy, Bill Reifsnyder, William Reighard, Kim Reynolds, Lauren Reynolds, Tim Rissel, Janice Ritter, Alexis Robson, Mindy Rodarmel, Michael Rodgers, Jessica Ross, Robyn Rummings, Brittney Runner, Steve Rupert, Josie Sahm, Lindsay Sartori, Danelle Saxe, Patty Schick, Elizabeth Segraves, Jessica Segraves, Alycia Shaffer, Gretchen Shaffer, Laila Shams, Lisa Shams, Kelsey Shannon, Kelly Shearer, Melanie Sheppard, Chris Silvagni, Jessica Smith, Stanley Smith, Heather Smith-Rupert, Becky Sones, Kara Spangler, Melissa & Kevin Stahl, Lindsay Stamm, Elizabeth Steppe, Mike Steppe, Melissa Steslow, Gina Stoetzel, Dawn Storms, Ashley Stout, Tara Stryker, Cindy Sullivan, Becky Swinehart, Bailey Taylor, Staci Thiel, Brenda Trimble, Stephanie Trimble, Cindy Troutman-Myers, Andrea Turner, Sue Villella, Jackie Vogel song, Nadine W, Amanda Wadsworth, Emily Wagner, Adrienne Wertz, Tiffanni Wheeland, Anthony Whitcraft, Kelly Whitcraft, Amanda White, Dan Williamson, Kris Wirth, Jodi Wolesslagle, Honesti Yeagle, Jason Young, Susan Zaydell, Dana Zellers, Ashley Zielewicz, Alynna, Markus, and Mike Reuther – SunGazette.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 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.

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,693,225.05 as funds become available 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.

APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$8,522.84 as funds become available 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.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of September 14, 2020, as written 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.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

RESIGNATION

A motion to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Lisa Laidacker, a High School Guidance Counselor, effective December 22, 2020 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.

EMPLOYMENT – WINTER COACHES AND GAME WORKERS

A motion to approve winter coaches and game workers was moved by Engel, seconded by McGinn.

- Boys' Basketball: Rob Houseknecht as head coach at \$4,731; Art Hengler as JV head coach at \$3,565; Scott Lowery as 8th grade coach; Pat McCormick as volunteer; and Connor McCormick as volunteer.
- Girls' Basketball: Justin Marnon as head coach at \$4,731; Ryan Brown as assistant varsity/head JV coach at \$3,565; and Tom Marnon as volunteer.
- Wrestling: Eric Gerber as head coach at \$4,744; Tyler Watts as varsity assistant coach at \$3,022; Nick Lorson as head junior high coach at \$2,593; Chris Lusk as junior high assistant coach at \$2,006; Eric Caschera as volunteer; Robert Gardner as volunteer; Paul Gephart as volunteer; Nate Jones as volunteer; Scott White as volunteer; and Erick Fortin as volunteer.
- Game Workers: Jean Lowery, Justin Marnon, Natasha Marnon, Mike Yourish, Tom Marnon, Shane Reeder, and Mark Watts.

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

EMPLOYMENT – EXTRA DUTY POSITIONS

A motion to approve extra duty positions for the 2020-2021 school year and their stipends was moved by Bachman, seconded by Fiorini.

- Senior Class Advisors: Keith Cremer/Scott Manning - \$315/person
- Junior Class Advisors: Hilarie German/Kelly Shearer - \$287.50/person
- Sophomore Class Advisors: Mike Allison/Karen Fink - \$210/person
- Freshmen Class Advisors: Keith Cremer/Ambrelinne Birth - \$200/person
- Yearbook Advisors: Betsy Jones and Kelly Shearer - \$812.50/person
- Yearbook Business Advisors: Betsy Jones and Kelly Shearer - \$220/person
- Jr High Yearbook Advisors: Karen Fink and Mike Rodgers - \$440/person
- Key Club Advisors: Scott Manning and Jamie Bloom - \$440/person
- FCCLA Advisor: Patty Schick - \$880
- FBLA Advisors: Adam Rubert and Jennifer Kimball - \$880/person
- Mini-Thon Advisors: Mike Rodgers/Mike Allison - \$440/person
- Academic Decathlon Advisor: Kevin Eck - \$1050
- Senior High National Honor Society Advisor: Celeste Ryan - \$880
- Junior High National Honor Society Advisor: 7th Grade Team - \$440
- Leo Club Advisor: Stephanie Fay - \$880
- Coordinator – Audio Visual: Keith Cremer - \$475
- Title I Coordinators: Tamra Isenberg/Ann Neely - \$2100/person

Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-no, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES – SECOND READING

A motion to approve policies for second reading was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer.

- Policy No. 103 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Students
- Policy No. 104 – Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting Staff
- Policy No. 317.1 – Educator Mindset
- Policy No. 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries

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

APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST READING

A motion to approve policies for first reading moved by Engel, seconded by McGinn.

Policy No. 247 – Hazing. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

Policy No. 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-abstain, Bowman-no, Cramer-no, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-no, motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM

A motion to have Dr. Stamm, Superintendent, bring recommendations back to the School Board for a Comprehensive Mental Health Program for Students was moved by McGinn, 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.

REPORT AND RECOMMENDATION ON REOPENING SCHOOLS

Dr. Stamm, Superintendent, gave a report on a recommendation on reopening schools. It is his recommendation that schools reopen for full time instruction effective October 13, 2020 for Central and Rommelt Elementary Schools and October 15, 2020 for the Junior Senior High School.

A motion to reopen schools for full time instruction effective October 13, 2020 for Central and Rommelt Elementary Schools and October 15, 2020 for the Junior Senior High School was moved by Cramer, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-no, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-no, McGinn-no, Miller-no, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

OLD/NEW BUSINESS

Board members discussed the 3-year teacher mentor program and bullying policies.

There was an executive session prior to the board meeting for legal advice. No action to follow.

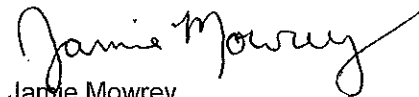
COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following topics were discussed by the following individuals:

- Raven Cooley – iPad insurance
- Melissa & Kevin Stahl – mental health & bullying
- Kandy Baier, Kim Reynolds, Jessica Smith, Brandy Cawley & Kara Spangler – returning 5 days
- Ellen Koser – lunchroom monitors
- Melissa Bradley – teacher concerns
- Holly Bennett – surveys
- Kara Spangler – desk shields and lunchroom monitors
- Gretchen Shaffer – hybrid/remote learning
- Andrea Turner – zoom classrooms during quarantine; tickets to sports
- Adam Dincher – legality of Covid exposure/bullying
- McKenna Cremer – resuming clubs at the high school
- Emily Wagner – replacing school counselor

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bachman, seconded by Engel. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary