

November 2, 2020

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:04 PM in the auditorium of the High School by the Vice President, Sue Bowman.

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

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

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

Visitors: Connie McLaughlin, Dave Turner, Andrea Turner, Sara Thomas, Nichole Owens, Cheyenne Keller, Holly Niven, Bree O'Dell, Madison Aldendeifer, B Cohick, Brenda Trimble, Melissa Stahl and Mike Reuther – SunGazette.

#### **PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS**

The following topics were discussed by the following individuals:

- Connie McLaughlin – bullying

#### **APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for September 2020 was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-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 \$1,436,465.92 as funds become available was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-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 \$45,283.39 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, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of October 5, 2020, as written was moved by Cramer, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **APPROVAL OF SPECIAL SICK LEAVE**

A motion to approve Special Sick Leave for PSERS purposes for the following employees and dates was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bachman.

- Employee #1169 for September 21-29, 2020
- Employee #46 for September 9-17, 2020
- Employee #260 for September 8 – 17, 2020
- Employee #1062 for October 8-12, 2020
- Employee #390 for October 13, 2020

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

### **FLEXIBLE INSTRUCTION DAYS – PDE APPROVAL**

Dr. Stamm updated the board that the district's application to use flexible instructional days (FIDs) was approved by PDE for the 2020-21, 2021-22 and 2022-23 school years. This allows the district to use up to five (5) days per year as flexible instruction to provide instruction remotely in the event school is closed for inclement weather or other emergency closing. With the extended disruption to school so far, Dr. Stamm is not anticipating using any FID days for this school year.

### **ENROLLMENT UPDATE**

Dr. Stamm updated the board on the district's most recent enrollment numbers. Enrollment numbers as of October 22, 2020 are as follows:

- Total census = 1,233 (down from 1,276 in 2019/20)
- Kindergarten = 76 (down from 103 in 2019/20)
- Elementary K-6 = 652
- Secondary 7-12 = 581
- Largest Class = Grade 11 with 119
- Smallest Class = Kindergarten with 76
- Mountie Academy
  - Total enrollment is 173 (20-21 budget is for 47 students)
  - Elementary K-6 = 47
  - Secondary 7-12 = 126
- Home School = 39 (up from 26 in 2019/20)

### **RESIGNATION**

A motion to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Celeste Ryan, a High School Foreign Language Teacher, effective November 24, 2020 and the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Lisa Beach, the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/PIMS Coordinator, effective December 22, 2020 was moved by Engel, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

### **EMPLOYMENT – LUNCH MONITORS**

A motion to approve lunch monitors for the 2020-2021 school year at a rate of pay of \$11.29 per hour in accordance with the Education Support Professionals Association was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bachman.

- Jessica Bower at Central Elementary
- Julie Horning at Central Elementary
- Alicia Porter at Central Elementary
- Heather Henry at Rommelt Elementary

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

### **EMPLOYMENT – COACHES**

A motion to approve volunteer coaches for the 2020-2021 season was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bachman.

- Boys' Basketball – Ethan Loudenslager and Chad Quimby
- Wrestling – Christian Cioffi – Varsity volunteer; Joe Engel and Ernie Naugle – Elementary volunteers.

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

### **COMPREHENSIVE SCHOOL-BASED MENTAL HEALTH PROGRAM**

Dr. Stamm gave the board an update on the development of the Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health Program. The Mental Health Program is going to be a tiered system of programs that use common language, is accessible, and provides robust continuation of services to all students when needed. The base of the pyramid contains Foundational Elements which entails professional development to support a healthy school workforce, family-school-community partnerships, and equitable and sustainable funding. Tier I is Universal which contains positive social, emotional, and behavioral skills program and overall wellness for all students. Tier II is Targeted which provides supports and early interventions for students identified through needs assessments as being at-risk or already displaying unhealthy behaviors. Tier II is Intensive which provides intensive interventions for students with serious concerns that impact daily functioning.

There are 5 steps in development and implementing this tiered Mental Health Program. Step 1 is the development of robust and relevant background resources. This step has been completed. Step 2 is resource mapping and gap analysis. This step is in process. Step 3 is the formation of a stakeholder team for program advisement, awareness campaign, and funding recommendations. This step is in process. Step 4 is the development of Tier I programs. This step is under review. Step 5 is implantation of the program. This step has not been started.

### **APPROVE POLICY 247 – SECOND READING**

A motion to approve Policy No. 247 – Hazing for second reading was moved by Molino, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

### **APPROVE POLICY 249 – SECOND READING**

A motion to approve Policy No. 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying for second reading was moved by Molino, seconded by Cramer.

A motion to table Policy No. 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying to be reviewed by the stakeholder team under the Comprehensive School-Based Mental Health plan was moved by Molino, seconded by Bowman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

### **OLD/NEW BUSINESS**

Board members discussed the cost of broadcasting meetings from Blast IU, bidding process for various district purchases, sports league change.

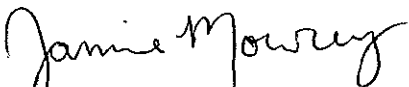
### **COURTESY TO THE FLOOR**

The following topics were discussed by the following individuals:

- Nichole Owens – Mental Health Program
- Madison Aldendieffer - Bullying

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bachman, seconded by Engel. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:19 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary