

December 7, 2020

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:00 PM on the online 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, Miller, and Molino.

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

Visitors: Adam Dincher, Adrienne Wertz, Agnes Coder, Amber Holbrook, Amber Meredith, Amy Kriebel, Amy Pregent, Andrea Turner, Ashley Reidy, Ashley Zielewicz, Becky Swinehart, Bill Reifsnyder, Bobbi Jo Fry, Bonnie Lepley, Brandi Liddic, Brandi Smith, Brenda Trimble, Christina Frame, Christy Pinkerton, Connie McLaughlin, Dan Williamson, Dan Zeigler, Danelle Saxe, Darbie Johnson, Darrel Jones, Elizabeth Steppe, Ellen Koser, Emily Butler, Emily Wagner, Eric Gerber, Erin Hamilton, Hilarie German, Holly Bennett, J B, Jamie Bloom, Jamie Keeler, Janice McEwen, Jen Bowman, Jessica Kaledas, Jessica Seagraves, Jodi Nolan, Juliana Shatzer, K B, Katie Knoop, Katrina Harvey, Kevin Eck, Kris Runner, Krista Rogers, L Reynolds, Laila Shams, Lesa Hennigan, Lila McEwen, Linda Miller, Lindsay Sartori, Lisa Arp, Mary Geise, Matt Bashista, Matt Krach, Melanie Rojas, Melissa Bradley, Melissa Ogden, Melissa Stahl, Missy Gardner, Nicole Owens, Nicole Persun, Olivia Turner, Payton Cooley, Raven Cooley, Richard Brooks, Rob Houseknecht, Robyn Rummings, Sandi Finnerty, Sara Engel, Scott Hill, Selena Loiselle, Shana Ertel, Staci Thiel, Steven Rupert, Taelynn Mahosky, Tammy Miller, Tara McGlensey, Tim Rissel, Tina Pulver and Mike Reuther – SunGazette.

## **REORGANIZATION**

### **ELECTION OF TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT**

Mrs. Bachman nominated Mr. Miller to be the Temporary President for the purpose of reorganization, seconded by Mr. Fiorini. Being no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was moved by Mrs. Bachman, seconded by Mr. Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried and Mr. Miller took over as Temporary President.

### **ELECTION OF PRESIDENT**

Mr. Miller requested nominations for the office of President. Mrs. Molino nominated Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Engel. Being no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was moved by Mrs. Bachman, seconded by Mr. Fiorini. All members present voting yes, Mr. Miller was elected President for the ensuing year.

Mr. McGinn arrived at the meeting at 7:04 PM.

### **ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT**

Mr. Miller requested nominations for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Molino nominated Mrs. Bowman, seconded by Mrs. Cramer. Mrs. Bachman nominated Mr. Fiorini, seconded by Mr. Engel. Being no further nominations, a motion to close nominations was moved by Mrs. Cramer, seconded by Mr. Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-Mr. Fiorini, Bingham-Mr. Fiorini, Bowman-Mrs. Bowman, Cramer-Mrs. Bowman, Engel-Mr. Fiorini, Fiorini-Mr. Fiorini, Miller-Mr. Fiorini, and Molino-Mrs. Bachman. Mr. Fiorini was elected Vice President for the ensuing year.

**ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2021**

A motion to adopt the school board meeting dates for 2021 was moved by Bachman, seconded by McGinn. Dates are January 11, February 1, March 1, April 12, May 3, May 24, June 7, June 21, July 12, August 2, September 13, October 4, November 1, and December 6. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-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 2021**

A motion to adopt the school board committee meeting dates for 2021 was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Cramer. Dates for the Vision and Leadership Committee are July 12, September 13, and November 1. Dates for the Operations Committee are August 2, October 4, and December 6. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-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 2020 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.

**APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,356,099.65 as funds become available 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.

**APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$31,160.10 as funds become available 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.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of November 2, 2020 and November 20, 2020, as written 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.

**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 Bingham.

- Employee #809 for October 19-30, 2020
- Employee #1057 for October 29-November 3, 2020
- Employee #986 for November 13-25, 2020
- Employee #1291 for October 26-November 6, 2020
- Employee #1161 for November 9-12, 2020
- Employee #303 for November 9-20, 2020
- Employee #240 for November 11-13, 2020

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

**EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT FOR CONFIDENTIAL SUPPORT PERSONNEL**

A motion to approve the Employment Agreement for Confidential Support Personnel 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.

**EMPLOYMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT**

A motion to approve Chloe Smith as a 240 day Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent effective December 8, 2020 at a salary of \$31,200, prorated for working a partial year was moved by Cramer, 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 – FRENCH TEACHER POSITION**

A motion to approve Margaret Rammon as a Junior/Senior High School French Teacher effective December 1, 2020 at a salary of step B-4 \$51,421 prorated for working a partial year was moved by Bingham, 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 – LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE COUNSELOR POSITION**

A motion to approve Alyson Stoner as a long-term substitute Counselor position at the high school at a rate of \$150 per day plus benefits was moved by Miller, 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.

**EMPLOYMENT – WINTER COACHES**

A motion to approve coaches for the 2020-2021 winter season was moved by Bingham, seconded by Engel.

- Boys' 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball – Dean Kriebel at \$2,674
- Wrestling Volunteers – Don Bower, Luke Franzen, Josh Hakes, Mark Killian, Kris Runner, Art Saxe, and Chad Banzhof.

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 GAME WORKER**

A motion to approve Stacie Bieber as a game worker for the 2020-2021 winter season 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.

**EMPLOYMENT – GUEST TEACHERS**

A motion to approve Sheri Hitesman, Kendra Pardoe, and Hadly Raven as guest teachers for the 2020-2021 school year 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.

**TRANSPORTATION DRIVER**

A motion to approve Jeffrey Dugan as the driver of bus 2155 for the 2020-2021 school year 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.

**ACT 1 INDEX OPT OUT RESOLUTION**

A motion to adopt a resolution for the 2021-2022 fiscal year that any increase in real estate property taxes will not exceed the adjusted 2021-2022 index of 4.2% was moved by Bingham, 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.

**BACKHOE RENTAL WITH SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT BOROUGH**

A motion to approve a rental agreement with the South Williamsport Borough to rent a backhoe for a deposit of \$1,000 and \$55 per hour running time based on the hour meter was moved by Bingham, 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.

### **MOUNTIE ACADEMY LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE**

A motion to approve the hiring of a long term substitute to assist with the increase in enrollment in Mountie Academy at a cost of \$150 per day plus benefits was moved by Miller, 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 POLICY 913 – FIRST READING**

A motion to approve the addition of language to Policy No. 913 to define gift, award with a minimum threshold of \$250 per recipient, scholarship with a minimum threshold of \$500 per recipient for four consecutive years, and graduating senior was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Bingham.

A motion to amend the motion to remove the minimum threshold in the definitions was moved by Bowman, seconded by Molino. Roll call: Bachman-no, Bingham-no, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-no, Fiorini-no, McGinn-no, Miller-no, and Molino-yes, motion failed.

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

### **COVID-19 UPDATE**

Dr. Stamm gave an update on COVID-19 and its impact on the district. Board members then discussed learning options – in-person, hybrid or remote.

### **COURTESY TO THE FLOOR**

The following topics were discussed by the following individuals:

- Tammy Miller – Health and Safety Plan
- Janice McEwen – Health and Safety Plan
- Adrienne Wertz – Mountie Academy
- Richard Brooks – remote learning
- Melissa Bradley – Mountie Academy
- Emily Wagner – scholarships
- Mary Geise – quarantine rates at the High School
- Holly Bennett – hybrid option, true positive rates
- Raven Cooley – in person attendance with rising cases
- Andrea Turner – Mountie Academy, Zoom during quarantine
- Amber Holbrook – students in child care settings during remote
- Sara Engel – closing by building vs district wide
- Jen Bowman – remote board meetings

### **FINAL REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS**

Board members discussed whether sports should continue if school is being held remotely.

Mrs. Bingham left the meeting at 9:45 PM.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Engel. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:48 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary