

February 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:02 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, Cramer, Engel, Fiorini, McGinn, Miller, and Molino.

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

Visitors: Alyson Stoner, Andrea Turner, Ann Neely, Brandi Smith, Brenda Trimble, Carrie Kistner, Cheryl Loudenslager, Connie McLaughlin, Danelle Saxe, Emily Wagner, Hilarie German, John Compton, K S, Lindsay Sartori, Nicholas Ring, Robyn Rummings, Ryan Miller, Steve Rupert, Tammy Miller, Tara McGlensey, Tara Stryker, Tina Pulver, Zack Thompson, Agnes Coder, Amy Pregent, Courtney Lynch, Matt Krach, Melissa Ogden, Lauren Reynolds, Mary Geise, Kevin & Melissa Stahl, Carlie Gerber, Lisa Arp, Stephanie Trimble, Sara Engel, Andrea Kremser, Michael Reuther – SunGazette.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for December 2020 was moved by Fiorini, seconded by McGinn. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-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 \$597,819.42 as funds become available was moved by Bingham, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-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 \$2,587.46 as funds become available was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-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 January 11, 2021, as written was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

2019/2020 LOCAL AUDIT REPORT

John Compton and Nicholas Ring from Baker Tilly US, LLP, gave a presentation on the Single Audit of the District as of June 30, 2020. A single audit involves both a financial statement audit and a compliance audit. Both audits resulted in an unmodified opinion which is the best opinion that can be given. When comparing the budget to actual results, revenues were \$70k over budget, expenses were \$824k under budget, leading to a positive budgetary variance of \$739k. Ending fund balance was \$1,631,173 which represents 8.4% of budgeted expenditures or approximately 1 months' worth of operating expenses. The Government Finance Officers Association's (GFOA) recommendation is to have two months' worth of operating expenditures in fund balance which equates to \$3.2 million or 16.7%.

A motion to accept the 2019-2020 Audit Report was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-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. Ann Neely, Title Coordinator, provided information to the Board regarding the roll of each item. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

MOUNTIE CARE CLOSETS

Cheryl Loudenslager and Emily Wagner provided an update to the Board regarding the development of Care Closets within each school building to provide students with resources, such as hygiene products, to eliminate outside stress so that students can learn and thrive in education.

EMPLOYMENT – SABBATICAL LEAVE

A motion to approve a half year medical sabbatical leave of absence for employee #357 from January 21 through June 4, 2021, consistent with Pennsylvania School Code and District Policy #338, was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – RESIGNATION

A motion to accept the letter of resignation from Deborah Swinehart from her paraprofessional position at Central Elementary effective January 29, 2021 and the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Kevin Eck from his high school English teaching position effective June 4, 2021 was moved by Bingham, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – SPRING COACHES

A motion to approve Spring 2021 coaches and their stipends was moved by McGinn, seconded by Cramer.

- Baseball: Steve Sennett as 1st Assistant at \$2,674; Kurt Wertz as JV Head Coach at \$2,241; Dom Harding as a Volunteer; and Chase Waller as a Volunteer.
- Softball: Tom O'Malley as Head Coach at \$4,880; Adam Lorson as 1st Assistant at \$2,674; Corey Goodman as a Volunteer; and Scott Lowery as a Volunteer.
- Boys' Tennis: Kent Young as Head Coach at \$3,373 and Theresa Summerson as 1st Assistant at \$2,586.
- Track – Kim Schwoyer as Head Coach at \$3,455.
- Junior High Girls' Soccer: Jane House as Head Coach at \$2,340 and Marc Lovecchio as 1st Assistant at \$2,006.
- Junior High Boys' Soccer: Adam Rubert at Head Coach at \$2,340, Manny Tsikitas as 1st Assistant at \$2,006; and Chris Vanaskie as a Volunteer.

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

APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST READING

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 218.3: Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault and Policy No. 103: Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting School was moved by Bingham, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

2021-2022 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

A motion to approve the first reading of the 2021-2022 school calendar was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

RECORD MANAGEMENT PLAN

A motion to approve the Records Management Plan as an addendum to Policy No. 800: Records Management was moved by Engel, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

ATHLETIC HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN – PARENTS OF SENIORS

A motion to amend the Athletic Health and Safety Plan to provide two tickets to each South Williamsport Area School District senior athlete for each home game was moved by McGinn, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

2021-2022 IU#17 GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET

A motion to approve the 2021-2022 Intermediate Unit #17’s General Operations Budget in the amount of \$3,022,418 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

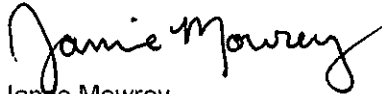
2021 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO BLAST IU #17 BOARD

A motion to approve the recommended names to the Blast IU #17 Board to fill unexpired terms to 6/30/22, to fill full three-year terms to 6/30/23, and to fill full three-year terms to 6/30/24 was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Fiorini-yes, McGinn-yes, Miller-yes, and Molino-yes, motion carried.

An executive session will be held after the meeting. No action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Fiorini, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary