

March 1, 2021

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, McGinn, Miller, and Molino.

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

Visitors: Ann Neely, Ashley Zielewicz, Becky Swinehart, Brenda Trimble, Carl Finnerty, Carlie Gerber, Cheryl Loudenslager, Emily Wagner, Hilarie German, Jeffrey Dugan, Jennifer Kimball, Jessica Kaledas, Lesa Hennigan, Lindsay Sartori, Mary Geise, McKenna Cremer, Megan Jones, Patrick Moore, Richard Knecht, Robyn Rummings, Sara Engel, Steven Rupert, Tara McGlensey, Tara Stryker, Tina Pulver and Patricia Crossley – SunGazette.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2021 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.

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,501,905.63 as funds become available was moved by Cramer, 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.

APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$39,733.94 as funds become available 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.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of February 1, 2021, 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

UPDATE ON EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC

Dr. Stamm, Superintendent, provided an update to the school board on his plan for students, staff, and families as the District looks through the end of the pandemic. Key areas included Academic Recovery, Support Mental Health for All, Refocusing on Where We Were, and Leveraging Technology for Learning. This plan will be a two-year plan that utilizes federal ESSER II pandemic recovery funds for supports.

APPROVAL OF SERVICES AND AGREEMENTS FUNDED BY ESSER II GRANT

A motion to approve the following services and agreements, pending final approval of the ESSER II Grant was moved by Bingham, seconded by Bachman.

- Academic Recovery
 - NWEA MAP Assessment for Math, Reading, Language Arts, and Science – Grades K-12 (2020-2022) \$19,700
- Mental Health
 - Committee for Children (Second Step) K-5 SEL \$11,795
 - Bullying Prevention Program (Second Step) K-5 \$5,645
 - Committee for Children (Second Step) Digital Program 5 Years for Middle School \$7,342
 - SEL for Adults/Educators Digital Program 1 Year \$2,259
 - Panorama – Universal SEL Screener 5 Year License K-12 \$23,875

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 POLICE OFFICER

A motion to appoint Officer Michael Samar as a School Police Officer effective July 1, 2021 with an annual salary of \$47,370 under the Act 93 agreement as a 200-day position was moved by Fiorini, 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.

SUBMIT APPLICATION UNDER ACT 67 OF 2019

A motion to submit an application consistent with Act 67 of 2019 to the Court of Common Pleas to appoint Officer Michael Samar as the School Police Officer, granting him authority to issue citations, make arrests, and carry a firearm in the performance of his duties 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 – RETIREMENT

A motion to accept the letter of resignation for retirement purposes from Denise Smith from her high school English teaching position effective June 4, 2021 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 - RESIGNATIONS

A motion to accept the letter of resignation from Jessica Bower from her Central Elementary lunch room monitor position effective February 7, 2021 and the resignation from Kenneth Pittinger from his bus aide position effective February 16, 2021 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.

EMPLOYMENT – ENGLISH TEACHER POSITION

A motion to recall Brooke Cohick as a secondary English teacher at the Junior/Senior High School beginning with the 2021-22 school year at step M-14 at an annual salary of \$73,603 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 – INSTRUCTIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL/BUS AIDE

A motion to approve Alicia Porter as an instructional paraprofessional at Central Elementary for 3.5 hours per day at a rate of \$12.99 per hour and as a bus aide for 2 hours per day at a rate of \$10.00 per hour in accordance with the Education Support Professionals Association was moved by Engel, 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 – LUNCH MONITOR

A motion to approve Holly Lyons as a lunch monitor at Central Elementary for the 2020-21 school year at a rate of \$11.29 per hour in accordance with the Education Support Professionals Association was moved by Miller, 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 – ASSISTANT TRACK COACH

A motion to appoint Keenan Michael as an assistant track coach for the 2021 season at a stipend of \$2,500 was moved by Miller, 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 – SPRING COACHES

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

- Track: Matt DeBlander as an assistant coach at \$2,674; Dave Weaver as an assistant coach at \$2,006; Sam Buck as a Volunteer; and Kerry Taylor as a Volunteer.
- Softball: Chris Schuler as a Volunteer.

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 Dominick Bragalone, Thomas Gargiulo, Cammy Hemenway (Stevens), Sarah Keiser, Chelsea Miller, Griffin Molino, Bryan Patel, Amanda Pollari, and Carly Rogers as Guest Teachers for the 2020-21 school year 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 (abstained with regard to Griffin Molino), motion carried.

2021-2022 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR

A motion to approve the second reading of the 2021-2022 school calendar was moved by Miller, 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 POLICIES – SECOND READING

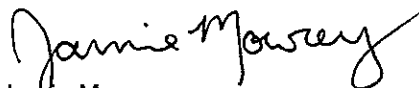
A motion to approve the second reading of Policy No. 218.3: Discipline of Student Convicted/Adjudicated of Sexual Assault and Policy No. 103: Discrimination/Title IX Sexual Harassment Affecting School was moved by Miller, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes,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

FINAL REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

Mrs. Erica Molino stated her intention to submit a letter of resignation as a school board director prior to the next meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bingham, seconded by Fiorini. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:03 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary