

April 12, 2021

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:02 PM in the auditorium of the High School 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, and Miller.

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

Visitors: Micah LaBarre, Mitchell LaBarre, Dwight Woodley, Becky Swinehart, Jessica Kaledas, Robyn Rummings, Steve Rupert, and Brenda Trimble.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR RESIGNATION – ERICA MOLINO

A motion to approve the letter of resignation from Erica Molino from her position of school director of Region II was moved by Miller, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

SCHOOL DIRECTOR RESIGNATION – PAUL MCGINN

A motion to approve the letter of resignation from Paul McGinn from his position of school director of Region II was moved by Miller, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for February 2021 was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$2,327,985.43 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, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$89,424.15 as funds become available was moved by Miller, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of March 1, 2021, as written was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

UPDATE ON EMERGING FROM THE PANDEMIC

Dr. Mark 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.

FINANCIAL UPDATE, 2021/2022 BUDGET DISCUSSION AND FEDERAL COVID FUND UPDATE

Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, provided the school board with a financial update on the 2020/2021 school year. Revenues are projected to be \$418,455 greater than budget due to favorable earned income tax collections and federal COVID grants received after the budget was approved. Expenses are projected to be \$49,874 greater than budget due to greater expenses related to federal COVID grant expenses not known before the budget was approved and savings in salaries and benefits realized. Projected increase in fund balance will be approximately \$291,000.

Mrs. Mowrey then presented a draft of the 2021/2022 budget. This draft has total revenue at \$19,086,721 and expenses at \$19,357,541, resulting in a decrease to fund balance of \$270,820. This draft budget has no increase in real estate taxes or increase in state funding. A real estate tax increase was discussed for the purposes of covering the annual lease payment for the iPads. A real estate tax increase of .32 mills would be required to offset the lease payment. Mrs. Mowrey also discussed state funding. The state budget will likely not pass as presented by Governor Wolf in February 2021 and no update has been received since then which is typical.

Mrs. Mowrey then gave a presentation on Federal COVID Funding that the District has received or is scheduled to receive. There have been 8 different Federal COVID grants issued to the District that total \$4,647,185. Mrs. Mowrey then updated the board on what these funds have been spent on or what the current plan is to spend the funds.

EMPLOYMENT - RESIGNATIONS

A motion to approve the following resignations was moved by Bingham, seconded by Bachman.

- John Hitesman for retirement purposes from his High School English teacher position effective June 4, 2021.
- Cindy Troutman-Myers for retirement purposes from her Elementary Art teacher position effective June 4, 2021.
- Richard Zalonis for retirement purposes from his High School American History/Psychology teacher position effective June 4, 2021.
- Ann Engel for retirement purposes from her Central Elementary instructional paraprofessional position effective June 4, 2021.
- Kimberly McGee for retirement purposes from her Central Elementary lunchroom monitor position effective June 4, 2021.
- Keenan Michael from his Assistant Track Coach position effective March 8, 2021.

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

EMPLOYMENT – ASSISTANT TRACK COACH

A motion to approve Jake Lusk as an assistant track coach for the 2021 season with a stipend of \$2,006 was moved by Miller, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT - SUBSTITUTE

A motion to add Alicia Robey to the classified substitute list for the 2020-2021 school year was moved by Bingham, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – GUEST TEACHERS

A motion to approve Divia Feinstein, Caleb Huff-Love, and Brian Vanvestraut as Guest Teachers for the 2020-21 school year was moved by Miller, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT SOLICITOR

A motion to appoint Fred A. Holland as school district solicitor for the 2021-2022 school year was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-no, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF COMPENSATION PLAN FOR ATHLETICS AND MARCHING BAND

A motion to approve the Compensation Plan for Athletics and Marching Band as submitted by the special board committee was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-no, Cramer-no, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST READING

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 805.1 Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies and Policy No. 805.2 School Security Personnel was moved by Bingham, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

BUS SHELTER

A motion to approve the removal of a bus shelter for Nisbet Terrace along Route 654 and terminate the hold harmless agreement with the property owner was moved by Miller, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

VACANT REGION II POSITIONS

There are currently 2 vacant school director positions for Region II. An advertisement was placed in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette when the first resignation was announced. There was one application that was received from Steven Rupert.

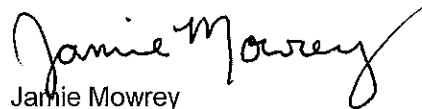
A motion to approve Steven Rupert as school director for Region II was moved by Miller, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Miller-yes, motion carried.

Another advertisement will be placed in the Williamsport Sun-Gazette for the second vacant position, with the intention of filling this vacant position at the May 3, 2021 meeting.

There will be an executive session following the board meeting for personnel matters, no action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bingham, seconded by Engel. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:53 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary