

May 3, 2021

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:00 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, Cramer, Engel, Fiorini, Miller, and Rupert.

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

Visitors: Michele Loomis, Dwight Woodley, Kristin Bastian, Mike Samar, Brenda Trimble, Mindy Rodarmel, Tandra Isenberg, Ann Neely, Tara McGlensey, Melanie Rojas, Steve Shope, Carlos Rojas, Scott Hill, Bill Reifsnnyder, Pam Reifsnnyder, Richard Knecht, Jesse Smith, and Pat Crossley – Williamsport SunGazette.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

An executive session was held from 7:01 – 7:11 regarding personnel matters.

SUPERINTENDENT EVALUATION

A motion to approve the superintendent's evaluation as conducted by the School Board was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert – abstain, motion carried.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,216,961.58 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$22,291.85 as funds become available was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of April 12, 2021, as written was moved by Bingham, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER EQUIPMENT PURCHASE

A motion to purchase a 2015 Ford Explorer Police Utility Interceptor, vehicle equipment, firearms with safe, and trauma plate for vest from the Borough of South Williamsport at a cost of \$15,380 using capital reserve funds was moved by Bingham, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT - RESIGNATIONS

A motion to approve the resignation of Robert Houseknecht from his position of school accountant on July 22, 2021 and as Athletic Director on June 18, 2021 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bingham. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – ACCOUNTANT

A motion to approve Billee Robbins as school accountant beginning on May 17, 2021 at a starting salary of \$45,000 was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – STAFFING CHANGES

A motion to utilize Federal ESSER funds to add an additional second grade teacher, an additional elementary instructional intervention teacher, and replace the administrative position of Director of Student Services, combined with the position of Rommelt Elementary principal was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. A motion to rescind the motion was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman.

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A motion to utilize Federal ESSER funds to replace the administrative position of Director of Student Services, combined with the position of Rommelt Elementary principal was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-no, Engel-no, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – EMPLOYEE TRANSFER

A motion to approve the request transfer of Scott Hill from Assistant K-12 Principal to Assistant High School Principal and Athletic Director effective July 1, 2021 was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-no, Engel-no, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES – SECOND READING

A motion to approve the second 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, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

2021 GRADUATION LIST

A motion to approve the list of graduate candidates for the Class of 2021 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGE

A motion to move the August 2, 2021 board meeting and operations committee meeting to August 9, 2021 was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bingham-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes, motion carried.

ELECT TREASURER

Per Board Policy #005, the school directors shall annually, during the month of May, elect a Treasurer who shall serve for one year beginning on the first day of July after such election.

Mr. Fiorini nominated Mrs. Cathy Bachman for Board Treasurer. Mrs. Cramer seconded. There being no other nominations, nominations were closed. All members present voted yes to elect Mrs. Bachman as Treasurer.

VACANT REGION II POSITION

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

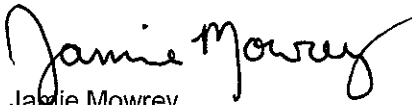
BUDGET DISCUSSION WORK SESSION

Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, answered board member questions about the proposed 2021/22 budget as presented at the April 12, 2021 meeting.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Fiorini, seconded by Bingham. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary