

September 13, 2021

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:15 PM in the High School Auditorium by the President, Nathan Miller.

Mr. Miller read a statement regarding the process surrounding public comment periods during the meeting.

The meeting opened with a Moment of Silence and Pledge to the Flag.

Board Members Present: Bachman, Bowman, Cramer, Engel, Fiorini, Miller, Rupert and Shope.

Others Present: Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Fred Holland – Solicitor, Richard Galtman from Levin Legal Group, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Brenda Trimble, Shawn Millard, Micah LaBarre, Connie McLaughlin Christy Pinkerton, Cassie Engel, Samara McLaughlin, Brian McLaughlin, Heather Scarborough, Brandi Martin, Brett Shaw, Hope Yeagle, Chris Yeagle, Mallory Goode, Dean Jones, Dan Goode, Brennan Cioffi, Kristie Holmes, Filicia Brewer, Tyler Henninger, Ryan Butts, Amanda White, Cecilia Keeler, Jamie Keeler, Emily Butler, Jennifer Bentley, Julie Kline, Ellen Clem, Amanda Splain, Alanah Schlappi, Nancy Winner, Marilu Crowe, Danielle Bradley, James Bradley, J.M., Vanessa McKernan, Noah Hicks, Nate Hicks, A Grace Hicks, Thomas Betz, Jessica Betz, Renee Dawes, Derek Dawes, Jonathan Thompson, Tammy Miller, Summer Bukeavich, Ji Hamman, Corey Weaver, Charles Haefner, J. Maggs, E. Schopfer, Craig Dudek, D. Hawkins, Kelly Quinn, Krista Rogers, Lauren Reynolds, Lisa Arp, Natalie Sanso, Billy, Patrick Bower, Stephanie Bower, Jason Mazullo, Tierney Williams, Melissa Stahl, Amanda Shaffer, Jeff Shaffer Jr., Lauren Miller, Jesse Manikowski, Marlin Angelo, Julia Yeagle, Olivia Goode, Pam Reifsnyder, Bill Reifsnyder, Jesse Smith, Scott Hill, Kristin Bastian, Dwight Woodley, Mike Samar, and Jonathan Bergmueller – SunGazette.

An executive session was held prior to the meeting for legal advice.

A motion to move the 30-minute courtesy to the floor time that occurs near the end of the meeting and add it to the 30-minute preliminary comments on agenda item section was made by Engel, seconded by Shope. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

For the next 60 minutes, the following individuals spoke about the mask mandate:

James Bradley, Student Ceclia Keeler, Student Noah Hicks, Shawn Millard, Krista Rogers, Nate Hikes, Student Coco Kline, Kristy Clark, Tammy Miller, Student Josette Bentley, John Beck, Kelly Quinn, Student Julia Yeagle, Marlin Angelo, Renee Dawes, Summer Bukeavich, John Thompson, Brandi Martin, Jamie Keeler, Filicia Brewer, Lisa Arp, Brian McLaughlin, Grace Hicks, Janet Duffield, Derek Dawes, Heath Jones, and Connie McLaughlin.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

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

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,618,263.33 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE FOOD SERVICE FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Food Service Fund in the amount of \$7,813.02 as funds become available was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes and Shope-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of August 9, 2021, as written was moved by Cramer, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes; Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

HEALTH AND SAFETY DISCUSSION

Dr. Stamm provided the Board with an update on the Secretary of Health's order for masking in schools and the process put into place to request a medical exemption from the mask mandate that included a medical exemption request form created by Levin Legal Group. The form follows a 504 process for students and an ADA process for employees.

A motion to remove the 504 process and create a single page exemption form signed by a parent only was moved by Shope, seconded by Engel. After some board discussion, a motion to move into executive session for legal advice was moved by Bowman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Fiorini-yes, Miller-yes; Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried. The board went into an executive session for legal advice from 8:47 – 9:06. When the meeting resumed, there was discussion of adding a medical requirement to substantiate that the student has the medical condition that the parent claims on the form. No alternate motion was made, so the original motion was voted on using a roll call vote. Mr. Fiorini left during the roll call vote without voting. Roll call: Bachman-no, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-no; Rupert-no; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

Mr. Miller left the meeting immediately after the vote.

With the President and Vice President no longer in attendance, Mrs. Bachman, Treasurer, presided over the remainder of the meeting.

AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH MENTAL HEALTH PSYCHIATRIC SCHOOL-BASED OUTPATIENT SERVICES

A motion to approve the agreement with Community Services Group to establish a Mental Health Psychiatric School-Based Outpatient Services for the 2021-2022 school year was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

TEACHER MENTOR INTERIM PROGRAM FOR 2021-2022

A motion to approve the Interim Teacher Induction Program for the 2021-2022 school term was moved by Engel, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Rupert-yes, and Shope-yes; motion carried.

PROPOSED RE-ENTRY/TIMELINE FOR FACILITY RENOVATIONS

A motion to approve the re-entry/timeline for facility renovations as proposed by McKissick Associates was moved by Cramer, seconded by Shope. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Rupert-yes, and Shope-yes; motion carried.

BLAST IU 17 REPRESENTATIVE

A motion to appoint Cathy Bachman to replace Nathan Miller as the school board representative to Blast IU 17 was moved by Engel, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Rupert-yes, and Shope-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve the hiring of the following individuals was moved by Engel, seconded by Cramer.

- Drama director for the 2021/2022 school year – Jared Whitford with a stipend of \$1,000 for the Fall play and \$2,700 for the Spring musical.
- Food Service – Johanna Hazel for the 3.25 position at the High School at a rate of \$12.68 per hour in accordance with the Education Support Professionals Association
- Athletic Coaches for the 2021-2022 season
 - Michael Gonzalez – Assistant Boys' Soccer Coach at \$2,674
 - Pat McCormick – JV Boys Basketball Coach at \$3,565
 - Dean Kriebel – 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach at \$2,764
 - Dawn Storms – Volunteer for Junior High Cross Country
- Fall Game Workers/Game Managers for the 2021 fall season – Erick Fortin as a game worker and Matt Bradley and Manny Tsikitas as Game Managers
- Substitutes
 - Certified Substitutes: Amanda Crum
 - Classified Substitutes: Megan Apker, Wendy Bennett, James Duffy, Michelle Kemnitz, and Alicia Robey
- Guest Teachers – Suzanne Bastian, Robert Billman, Robin Borick, Dominick Bragalone, Barbara Calaman, Gretchen Carpenter, Benjamin Comfort, Jonathon Correll, John Driscoll III, Vicki Eberhart, Kathy Eggerton, Divia Feinstein, Valerie Foley, Heather Giaudrone, Elizabeth Haldeman, Ryan Helminiak, Cammy Hemenway, Randy Holmes, Lynne Hopkins-Alvarez, Caleb Huff-Love, Wendy Hunter, Christopher Kuriga, Laurie Long, Chelsea Miller, Melissa Mitteer-Bradley, Heidi Mnkandhla, Kendra Pardoe, Bryan Patel, Fillin Peace, Christy Phillips, Amanda Pollari, Abigail Ransom, Brenna Segreaves, Mary Sumpter, and Brian Vanvestraut.

Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Rupert-yes, and Shope-yes; motion carried.

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE FOR 2021-2022

A motion to approve the 2021-2022 Transportation Schedules as was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Rupert-yes, and Shope-yes; motion carried.

TRANSFER TO CAPITAL RESERVE

A motion to approve the transfer of \$489,044 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund for the 2020-2021 fiscal year was moved by Rupert, seconded by Shope. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Rupert-yes, and Shope-yes; motion carried.

SCHOOL BOARD REGION I VACANCY

Two applications were received for the vacant Region I school board position. A motion to appoint Micah Labarre to the vacant Region I school board position was moved by Shope, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Rupert-yes, and Shope-yes; motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Engel, seconded by Rupert. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:52 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary