

October 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:00 PM in the High School Library by the President, Todd Engel.

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

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

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

Visitors: Jonathan Thompson, Nate Hicks, A Grace Hicks, Renee Dawes, M Hipple, G Dixon, Uriah Pfirman, Brenda Trimble, JJ Manikowski, and Mike Reuther – SunGazette.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for August 2021 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-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 \$2,402,557.82 as funds become available was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-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 \$15,140.38 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-yes, Rupert-yes and Shope-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE CAPITAL RESERVE FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$5,437.85 as funds become available was moved by LaBarre, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-yes, Rupert-yes and Shope-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of September 13, 2021 and September 27, 2021, as written was moved by Cramer, seconded by LaBarre. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-yes; Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

LONG TERM DEBT PRESENTATION

Audrey Bear, Managing Director at Piper Sandler & Company discussed the District's existing debt service which will be paid off during fiscal year 2022-2023. She then offered scenarios about hypothetical \$35,000,000 borrowings to finance a future capital project.

OUT OF STATE AND OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

A motion to approve Robyn Rummung's out of state field trip request to take High School Chorus students to New York City, NY on May 18, 2022 and Jennifer Kimball's overnight field trip request to take FBLA students to Kalahari Resorts from October 31, 2021 – November 1, 2021 was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-yes, Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Stamm, Superintendent, presented a list of resignations that have been accepted.

- Frances Kropp from her High School Secretary position effective April 1, 2022 with last day worked December 22, 2021
- Amy Kriebel and Dean Kriebel from their Event Security Staff positions effective September 29, 2021.

EMPLOYMENT – GAME WORKERS

A motion to approve Heath Barry and Michael Shuman as game workers for the Fall 2021 season was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-yes, Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – SUBSTITUTES

A motion to approve Samuel Weaver as a certified substitute and Michael Steinbacher as a classified substitute for the 2021-2022 school year was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-yes, Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – STIPEND POSITIONS

A motion to approve the following stipend positions was moved by Rupert, seconded by Cramer.

- Senior Class Advisors: Hilarie German/Kelly Shearer - \$315/person
- Junior Class Advisors: Mike Allison/Karen Fink - \$287.50/person
- Sophomore Class Advisors: Keith Cremer/Ambreelinne Birth - \$210/person
- Yearbook Advisors: Betsy Jones and Kelly Shearer - \$812.50/person
- Yearbook Business Advisors: Betsy Jones and Kelly Shearer - \$220/person
- Jr High Yearbook Advisors: Karen Fink and Mike Rodgers - \$440/person
- Key Club Advisors: Scott Manning and Jamie Bloom - \$440/person
- FCCLA Advisor: Patty Schick - \$880
- FBLA Advisor: Jennifer Kimball - \$1,760
- Mini-Thon Advisors: Mike Rodgers/Mike Allison - \$440/person
- Academic Decathlon Advisor: Kevin Eck - \$1,050
- Senior High National Honor Society Advisor: Manny Tsikitas - \$880
- Junior High National Honor Society Advisor: 7th Grade Team - \$440
- Leo Club Advisor: Stephanie Fay/Hilarie German - \$440/person
- Builders Club Advisor: Karen Fink - \$440
- Coordinator – Audio Visual: Keith Cremer - \$475
- Special Education Transition Coordinator: Emily Wagner - \$750
- Title I Coordinators: Tandra Isenberg/Ann Neely - \$2,100/person
- Pathway Chairs: Jamie Bloom (EMIT), Scott Manning (HeS), Adam Rubert (BFIT), Elizabeth Steppe (AC), and Emily Wagner (HuS) - \$750/person
- Academic Department Chairs: Jamie Bloom (Math), Ryan Carper (Social Studies), Matt Easley (Science), Jessica Kaledas (Non-Core), and Kelly Shearer (ELA) - \$750/person

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

EMPLOYMENT – MENTORS

A motion to approve the following staff as teacher mentors for the 2021-2022 school year at a stipend of \$500 per person was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer.

- James Girardi for Kendra Billman
- Kendra Lewis for Kendra Lorson
- Melanie Rojas for Karrie Snyder
- Elizabeth Steppe for Kyle Essick
- Emily Wagner for Alyson Stoner

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

EMPLOYMENT – TECHNOLOGY COACHES

A motion to approve technology coaches for the 2021-2022 school year to assist classroom teachers with instructional technology support at a stipend of \$1,000 each was moved by Cramer, seconded by Engel.

Matt Krach	Grades K-1	Mike Rodgers	Social Studies 7-12
Lauren Reynolds	Grades 2-3	Keith Cremer	Science 7-12
Mike Steppe	Grade4/Elem Specials	Kelly Shearer	English 7-12
Tara Battaglia	Grades 5-6	Jamie Bloom	Math 7-12
		Jessica Kaledas	HS Electives 7-12

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

CHILD BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE

A motion to approve EE #472's child bearing/child rearing leave request from December 31, 2021 through the first quarter of the 2022-2023 school year was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-yes, Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY – FIRST AND SECOND READING

A motion to approve the first and second reading of the revision to Policy 717 to add the position of School Police Officer for a district provided cell phone exclusively for school business was moved by Bachman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-yes, Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

AD HOC COMMITTEE

A motion to appoint an ad-hoc committee for the purpose of creating a board member introduction and training program was moved by Shope, seconded by Rupert. Board members Bowman and LaBarre volunteered to serve on the committee. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, LaBarre-yes, Rupert-yes; and Shope-yes; motion carried.

UPDATE ON SCHOOL BOARD VACANT POSITIONS

The School Board currently has a vacant Region I position and a vacant Region III position. The Region I position will be through December 2021. The Region III position will be through December 2023. Positions were advertised, with responses due on October 12, 2021. Responses will be presented to the board at the October 18, 2021 Work Session to be discussed and voted upon.


COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:
Grace Hicks – Panorama survey
Renee Dawes – Student Information System update

There will be an executive session after the meeting for real estate matters. No action to follow.

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

Attest


Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary