

April 11, 2022

The work session of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:00 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, Brigandi, Bukeavich, Engel, Hitesman, Miller and Rupert.

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

Visitors: Connie McLaughlin, Matt Krach, Elyse Schopfer, Lauren Reynolds, Selena Loiselle, Sara Ireland, Cheryl Loudenslager, Tambra Isenberg, Samara McLaughlin, Melanie Rojas, Tara Battaglia, Tina Pulver, Jacki Miller, Amy Pregent, RaeAnn Pardoe, Jon Thompson, Dr. Pam Kastner, Danelle Saxe, Ashley Bastian, and Mark Maroney – Williamsport SunGazette.

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Connie McLaughlin – bullying/cyberbullying
- Sara Ireland – District calendar & need for professional development days
- RaeAnn Pardoe – District calendar & need for professional development days
- Samara McLaughlin – CKLA curriculum
- Melanie Rojas – need for professional development days
- Tambra Isenberg – Act 80 days
- Dr. Pam Kastner – Act 80 days for professional development

ACTION ITEMS

RESIGNATION

A motion to approve the resignation of Dr. Mark Stamm from his role of superintendent effective June 30, 2022 was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

HIRING PROCESS FOR SUPERINTENDENT

Todd Engel, Board President, discussed the Superintendent hiring process. A public survey is available on the District's website through Thursday, April 14. There are currently 84 responses to that survey. Applications are due by 3PM on Thursday, April 21. The board will meet in executive session on April 21 to review all applications to determine who will be interviewed. An interview committee, comprised of board members, board secretary, administrators, teachers, and community members will conduct the first round of interviews. They will then determine which applicants will return for a second round of interviews. The second round of interviews will consist of the entire board and the board secretary.

APPROVAL OF 2022-2023 DISTRICT CALENDAR

A motion to approve the revised 2022-2023 district calendar was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-no, Brigandi-no, Bukeavich-no, Engel-yes, Hitesman-no, Miller-yes and Rupert-yes; motion failed.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

TOBACCO, VAPE & CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE POLICIES

The board discussed PSBA recommended changes to local policies 222, 227, 227.1, 323 and 904 relating to tobacco and vape products. In addition, the board discussed the adoption of the American Lung Association program INDEPTH as an alternative to suspension and prosecution for first-time incidents for nicotine and vape products.

BULLYING/CYBERBULLYING

The board discussed the streamlined process for the reporting and tracking of bullying incidents and the creation of an awareness program for students and staff.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

The board discussed a change to Policy 827 which is required to stay in compliance with Federal regulations.

FOOD SERVICE RENEWAL

Ms. Mary Kay Bukeavich from Nutrition, Inc. spoke about the food service management company renewal for the 2022-2023 school year. The current Seamless Summer Option which provides free meals for all students has not been extended beyond June 30, 2022. Using that current information, Nutrition, Inc. provided the District with a renewal with breakfast prices at \$1.05 for grades K-6 and \$1.15 for grades 7-12; lunch prices at \$2.25 for grades K-6 and \$2.50 for grades 7-12; and a guarantee of \$307.80 to the District.

DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHER RFP

Dr. Stamm informed the board that the District has a request for proposal for a district photographer due to the current agreement expiring on June 30, 2022. The new agreement may be divided into two services; one for student portraits and one for athletics/special events. Photographers may apply for one or both.

ENROLLMENT UPDATE

Dr. Stamm provided an enrollment update to the board. Kindergarten registration for 2022-2023 is currently at 68 students. Current district enrollment is at 1,206 students. Included in that number are 58 students in Mountie Academy. Excluded from that number are 54 students enrolled in outside cyber schools.

RESIGNATIONS

Dr. Stamm accepted letters of resignation from the following employees:

- Betsy Jones, High School Art Teacher, effective June 2, 2022
- Patricia Schick, High School Family & Consumer Sciences Teacher, effective June 2, 2022
- William Reighard, High School Industrial Arts Teacher, effective June 2, 2022
- Michelle McGee, High School Math Teacher, effective June 2, 2022
- Josie Sahn, 6th grade Teacher, effective June 2, 2022
- Max Houseknecht, Maintenance Worker, effective April 14, 2022

TITLE I REPRESENTATIVE

The District needs a board member to serve as Title I representative. Commitment is three to four meetings a year. Interested board members may email Dr. Stamm or the Board President.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Danelle Saxe & Ashley Bastian – bus stop location in Duboistown

FINAL REMARKS BY BOARD MEMBERS

A motion to approve the school calendar presented at the January 24, 2022 meeting was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich.


A motion to amend the motion to approve the calendar presented at the April 11, 2022 meeting with additional Act 80 days on February 17, 2023 and May 26, 2023 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-no, Hitesman-yes, Miller-no and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

There will be an executive session following the meeting regarding real estate and personnel.

There will be an executive session on April 21, 2022 for the purpose of discussing matters relating to the appointment of the new Superintendent.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rupert, seconded by Brigandi. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Mowrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail on the "y".

Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary