

June 6, 2022

The work session of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:13 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: Bowman, Brigandi, Bukeavich, Cramer, Engel, Hitesman, Miller, and Rupert.

Others Present: Maria Pierce – Director of Student Services/Rommelt Principal, Michele Loomis – Central Principal, Kristian Bastian – Director of Special Education/School Psychologist, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Building & Grounds, Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Elyse Schopfer, Manny Tsikitas, Hilarie German, Anita Leahy, Lisa Arp, Matt Eisley, Lauren Reynolds, Jon Thompson, Jen Bowman, Dottie Mertz, Dr. Eric Briggs, and Mike Reuther – SunGazette.

The Board went into executive session from 6:14 PM – 6:23 PM regarding personnel.

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Lisa Arp – staffing adjustments
- Matt Eisley – staffing adjustments & gifted program
- Manny Tsikitas – staffing adjustments
- Summer Bukeavich – gifted program

ACTION ITEMS

NOTIFICATION TO MCKISSICK ASSOCIATES PC

A motion to authorize the Superintendent to sign the Letter of Understanding with McKissick Associates PC to allow the District to work directly with Larson Design Group or any other engineering firm for work related to the design and construction of athletic fields at the Park Complex was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELD PROJECT APPROVAL

A motion to approve the official notification to Armstrong Township of the intent of the District to install new scoreboards at the Baseball and Softball fields and complete the necessary electrical services at both fields was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-no, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

TURF MANAGEMENT PLAN

A motion to repeal the current turf management plan to allow the Facility Director to develop a modified plan for district athletic fields that more effectively allows the management of expenses was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

REAL ESTATE PURCHASE AGREEMENT

A motion to approve the agreement for the purchase of property located at 421 West Mountain Avenue, South Williamsport, PA 17702, as more particularly identified as Lycoming County Parcel No. 52-002-855, from Mr. & Mrs. Micah Myers for the price of \$201,333.00, with final closing set at date not to exceed 365 days from the agreement date of June 10, 2022 was moved by Miller, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

MOTION TO ALLOW SUPERINTENDENT TO SIGN ON SALES AGREEMENT

A motion to authorize the Superintendent to sign, on behalf of the Board President, the Sales Agreement to purchase 421 West Mountain Avenue, South Williamsport, PA 17702 was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bowman-no, Brigandi-no, Bukeavich-no, Cramer-no, Engel-no, Hitesman-no, Miller-no, and Rupert-no; motion failed.

APPROVAL OF FALL COACHES

A motion to approve the following Fall Coaches for the 2022 season and their rate of pay was moved by Cramer, seconded by Brigandi.

- Boys Soccer Head Coach – Chris Vanaskie at \$3,775
- Cross Country Head Coach – Matt DeBlander at \$3,171
- Football/Varsity Head Coach – Chris Eiswerth at \$6,675
- Football/Junior High Head Coach – Jason Wein at \$3,890
- Girls Soccer Head Coach – Marc Lovecchio at \$3,681
- Girls Tennis Head Coach – Theresa Summerson at \$3,772

Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

A motion to approve Tom Packard as Girls Volleyball Head Coach at \$3,681 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bowman-no, Brigandi-no, Bukeavich-no, Cramer-no, Engel-yes, Hitesman-no, Miller-no, and Rupert-no; motion failed.

APPROVAL OF SUPERINTENDENT

A motion to approve Dr. Eric Briggs as Superintendent with a 5-year contract from July 1, 2022, or as soon as released from his current employer, - June 30, 2027 at a starting salary of \$140,000 was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORIES OF SCHOOL FUNDS

A motion to approve Woodlands Bank and PLGIT (The Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust) as depositories of school funds for the 2022-2023 school year was moved by Rupert, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

A motion to approve the Williamsport Sun-Gazette as the newspaper of general circulation for the 2022-2023 school year was moved by Cramer, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2022-2023 FINAL BUDGET DISCUSSION & STAFFING ADJUSTMENTS

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, reviewed the recommendations for the 2022-2023 final budget with the board. The 2022-2023 final budget is scheduled to be approved at the June 20, 2022 board meeting. This version of the 2022-2023 final budget is a balanced budget with revenues and expenditures of \$20,153,744 and a real estate tax millage increase of 0.75 mills. It also includes the following staffing adjustments:

- Cheryl Loudenslager will be moved from Elementary Education (ESSER position) to the vacant Elementary Special Education position at Central Elementary.
- Melanie Rojas will be moved from her Instructional Intervention Teacher position (ESSER position) to the vacant Elementary Special Education position at Central Elementary.
- Emmanuel Tsikitas will be moved from Librarian to Elementary Education & Librarian. This will fill the currently vacant position in Elementary Specials to teach a combined schedule of Library Sciences/STEM Education.
- Darlene Day, Paraprofessional at Rommelt Elementary, to the JR/SR High School to assist with High School Library.

- Matt Eisley will be assigned Gifted Support for K-12. Due to low course enrollments, Mr. Eisley will be free for 2-3 periods per day to provide this service for students.

The board spoke about the need to keep positions as they currently are versus tax millage impact.

2022-2023 CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, presented recommendations for the 2022-2023 Capital Reserve Budget totaling \$76,191 which includes the purchase of a new Ventrac with attachments, a new ride-on scrubber, building control replacement at Rommelt Elementary, roof repairs at Rommelt Elementary, generator repair at Rommelt Elementary, carpet replacement at Central Elementary, and the purchase of a propress plumbing tool. This 2022-2023 Capital Reserve Budget will be presented for final board approval on June 20, 2022.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN – REQUIRED 6 MONTH REVIEW

Dr. Stamm, Superintendent, provided revisions to the Health and Safety Plan that align with current practices at the end of the school year and will allow flexibility moving forward.

CHEER BOOSTER SHED

The board discussed the Cheer program's request to place a shed in the football stadium for fundraising during home games.

MINI VAN DISPOSAL

The board discussed disposing of the district's mini-van which is no longer being used due to the high cost of repairs needed to pass inspection.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

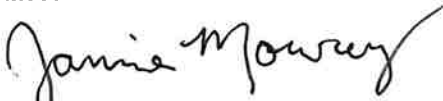
The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Dr. Eric Briggs – appreciation on being hired as next superintendent
- Anita Leahy – 3rd grade class size for 2022-2023
- Jon Thompson – real estate tax increase vs. cutting positions

There will be an executive session following the meeting regarding safety & security and student adjudication.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cramer, seconded by Brigandi. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary