

May 23, 2022

The regular meeting 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, Bowman, Brigandi, Bukeavich, Cramer, Engel, Hitesman, Miller, and Rupert.

Others Present: Jesse Smith – HS Principal, Maria Pierce – Director of Student Services/Rommelt Principal, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education/School Psychologist, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Mike Samar – School Police Officer, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings & Grounds, Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Tom Burkhart – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Brenda Trimble, Mike Allison, Nick Fiorini, Alicia Porter, Audrey Bear – Piper Sandler, and Mike Reuther – Williamsport SunGazette.

#### **APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,423,812.51 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-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 \$49,538.83 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-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 \$974.10 as funds become available was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of April 25, 2022 and May 9, 2022, as written was moved by Bachman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

#### **APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORTS**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Reports for April 2022 was moved by Cramer, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY UPDATE**

Mr. Michael Samar, School Police Officer, spoke to the board about school safety and security updates. He spoke about implementing a triad concept of school-based policing which consists of Educator/Presenter, Informal Counselor/Mentor, and Law Enforcement Officer. He spoke about security items purchased with grant programs and Title IV funds, including portable radios, security cameras, and HALO Smart Vape Sensors. He also spoke about the emergency response model referred to as "Run

Hide Fight” which was implemented in May 2022; this is a transition from the ALICE model which the District used in the past.

#### **PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET FOR 2022-2023**

A motion to approve the 2022-2023 proposed final budget with budgeted revenues of \$20,514,238 and budgeted expenses of \$20,515,354 with real estate tax millage of 18.41 mills, earned income rate of 1.1%, and real estate transfer tax rate of 0.5%, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

#### **RESOLUTION TO INCUR DEBT**

A motion to approve the resolution to incur non-electoral debt pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act, and to evidence such indebtedness by the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2022, for the purpose of (1) planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, installing, furnishing, and equipping of alterations, renovations, additions and improvements to existing facilities of the School District; (2) purchasing capital equipment for use in or in connection with the facilities of the School District; (3) additional capital projects of the School District to the extent approved by the Board; and (4) paying the costs and expenses of issuance of Bonds was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF BOARD TREASURER**

Board Policy 005 stipulates a treasurer must be appointed in May of each school year to serve for a one-year term beginning the first day in July. Mr. Engel requested nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Miller nominated Mrs. Bachman. Being no other nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mrs. Bachman was elected as Treasurer for the next year beginning in July.

#### **EMPLOYMENT – SPEECH PATHOLOGIST**

A motion to approve Stephanie Johnson as a Speech Pathologist/ESL teacher beginning with the 2022-2023 school year at salary step M-15 \$75,344 of the Education Association Agreement was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

#### **EMPLOYMENT – HIGH SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER**

A motion to approved Rachel Knipe as a Secondary Special Education teacher beginning with the 2022-2023 school year at salary step M+30-6 \$60,962 of the Education Association Agreement was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

#### **EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL**

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

- Heather Henry’s resignation from her lunch monitor position at Central Elementary effective June 2, 2022
- Andrea Knapp’s resignation from her Paraprofessional position at the High School effective June 2, 2022
- Julie Marzzacco’s retirement from her Paraprofessional position at Central Elementary effective June 2, 2022
- Sandra Dudek’s retirement from her Paraprofessional position at Central Elementary effective June 2, 2022

#### **EMPLOYMENT – SPRING GAME MANAGERS**

A motion to approve Matt Bradley and Trevor Effen as game managers for the 2022 spring soccer season at a rate of \$35 per game moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

**GRADUATION LIST FOR CLASS OF 2022**

A motion to approve the list of graduate candidates for the Class of 2022 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

**BEACON LIGHT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM/ADULT RESIDENTIAL SERVICES AGREEMENT**

A motion to approve the Beacon Light Behavioral Health System/Adult Residential Services Service Agreement, if services are needed, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

**PROPERTY TAX EXONERATION – SYLVAN DELL**

A motion to remove from the table the property tax exoneration request from Armstrong Township was moved by Engel, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

A motion to approve Armstrong Township’s request to exonerate real estate property taxes for tax year 2020 related to tax parcel no. 02-350-156 in the face amount of \$5,902.20 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

**DISTRICT PHOTOGRAPHER**

A motion to appoint Albright Studios as district photographer for School Portraits and for Athletics/Special Events for a three-year agreement from July 1, 2022 – June 30, 2025 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

**COURTESY TO THE FLOOR**

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

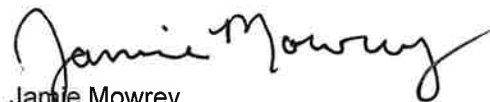
- Nick Fiorini – appreciation for appointment of district photographer; success of our Safety & Security program
- Maria Pierce – recognition of Josie Sahn’s retirement
- Alicia Porter – accessibility to upper playground at Central Elementary

There was an executive session before the meeting regarding student discipline.

There will be an executive session after the meeting regarding safety & security, real estate and personnel. No action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Cramer, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary