

May 9, 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, Bowman, Brigandi, Bukeavich, Cramer, Engel, Hitesman and Rupert.

Others Present: Scott Hill – HS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, 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, Mike Samar – School Police Officer, Mark Stamm – Superintendent, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Elyse Schopfer, Matt Krach, Vern McKissick – McKissick Associates, and Audrey Bear – Piper Sandler.

ACTION ITEMS

EXTENDED UNPAID MEDICAL LEAVE

A motion to approve the extended medical leave for employee #193 from May 6 through June 2, 2022 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

UNEXPECTED MEDICAL LEAVE

A motion to approve the unexpected medical leave/FLMA request for employee #260 from May 3 through June 2, 2022 was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT CHAPTER NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY SCHOLARSHIP

A motion to approve the creation of a new financial award for graduating seniors to be known as the "South Williamsport National Honor Society Award" to provide two \$500 awards annually was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

POLICY APPROVAL – SECOND READING: TOBACCO, VAPE, AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

A motion to approve the second reading of policies 222, 227, 227.1, 323, and 904 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

FACILITY RENOVATION DISCUSSION

Vern McKissick from McKissick Associates presented two options for facility renovations focused on necessary maintenance items. Option A has an estimated cost of \$28.2 million and Option B has an estimated cost of \$21.6 million.

BOND ISSUE OPTIONS

Audrey Bear from Piper Sandler presented various debt borrowing structures to support a future facility renovation project.

BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, reviewed the proposed final budget with the board. She discussed changes in real estate assessment, property tax relief allocation, earned income tax revenue, and special education subsidy. She also presented some staffing options to consider. A revised proposed final budget with revenue changes will be presented for approval at the May 23, 2022 meeting, with more changes forthcoming for the final budget.

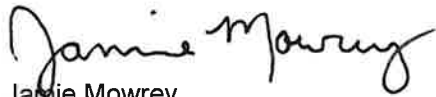
STAFFING – INTERVIEW SCHEDULES

Dr. Mark Stamm, Superintendent, gave an update about current vacancies and the interview process.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary