

August 22, 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 – High School Principal, Scott Hill – HS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, Maria Pierce – Rommelt Elementary Principal/Director of Student Services, Michele Loomis – Central Elementary Principal, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education/School Psychologist, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings & Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Elyse Schopfer, Dick Knecht, and Brenda Trimble.

#### **APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the treasurer's report from July 2022 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.

#### **APPROVE BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,768,415.36, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$34,844.02, and Capital Reserve in the amount of \$52,160.56 as funds become available was moved by Miller, 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 MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of July 18, 2022 and August 10, 2022 as written 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.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **EGRANTS SIGNATURE RESOLUTION**

A motion to approve the eGrants Signature Resolution allowing Dr. Eric Briggs to sign electronic agreements with the Pennsylvania Department of Education was moved by Bachman, 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.

##### **PCCD GRANT – TECHNOLOGY EXPENDITURES**

A motion to approve the use of expenditures related to security planning and the purchase of security related technology based on safety needs using the 2023 School Mental Health and Safety funding was moved by Brigandi, 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.

##### **CENTRAL ELEMENTARY BUILDING RENOVATION PROJECT**

A motion to approve moving forward with the Central Elementary Renovation Project at a cost not to exceed \$9,100,000 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-no, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL FIELDS SCOREBOARD PROJECT**

A motion to approve the Scope of Services documents from Larson Design Group for the baseball and softball fields scoreboard project was moved by Rupert, 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.

### **NON-RESIDENT TUITION**

A motion to approve a non-resident student paying tuition to attend the South Williamsport Area School District was moved by Bachman, 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.

### **AGREEMENT WITH COMMONWEALTH UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA**

A motion to approve the five-year agreement with Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania for Internship/Practicum Pre-Clinical, and Student Teacher experiences to operate experiences at the District from 2022 through 2026 was moved by Cramer, 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.

### **EMPLOYMENT - RESIGNATIONS**

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, accepted a letter of resignation from the following employee:

- Amanda (Lili) Crum from her 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Long-Term Substitute Teacher position effective August 16, 2022

### **EMPLOYMENT**

A motion to approve the following employment was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert

- Elementary Art Teacher – Benjamin Foote as Elementary Art Teacher effective the 2022-2023 school year as a Type 01 Emergency Permit requiring the completion of PDE credit coursework as defined under Type 01 Emergency Certification status at a salary of \$46,172 based on step B-1 of the South Williamsport Area Education Association Agreement
- Food Service Workers
  - Lori Harrison at the High School for 6.5 hours per day at \$12.93 per hour in accordance with the Education Support Professionals Association
  - Louise Ferguson at the High School for 3.25 hours per day at \$12.93 per hour in accordance with the Education Support Professionals Association
- Substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year
  - Certified Substitutes – Suzanne Bastian, Jean Cohick, Yvonne Lentz, Phyllis McKernan, Sharon O'Malley, Heather Rogers, Ann Schopfer, and Marjorie Wonderlich
  - Classified Substitutes – Mae Allvord, Megan Apker, Christine Bickel, Chris Gottschall, Johanna Hazel, Heather Henry, Michelle Kemnitz, Ken Mundorff, and Janice Ritter
  - Guest Teachers – Jack Johnson and Lindsey Perry
- Guest Teacher Program through Blast IU
  - Ellen Baysore, Robin Borick, Donna Carey, Barth Carson, Jonathon Correll, John Driscoll III, Elizabeth Haldeman, Ryan Helminiak, Randy Holmes, Wendy Hunter, Christopher Kuriga, Benjamin Landon, Laurie Long, Chelsea Miller, Melissa Mitteer-Bradley, Heidi Mnkandhla, Jodi Nolan, Cheri Ostrom, Matthew Solomon, and Madison VanDuren
- Mentors for the 2022-2023 school year at a stipend of \$500.
  - Sarah Beth Ireland for Marissa Blaise; Tina Pulver for Joella Harvey; Robyn Rummings for Kendra Billman; Jim Girardi for Benjamin Foote; Melanie Rojas for Rena Shively; Kim Bollinger for Rachel Knipe; and Scott Manning for Amy Vance
- Event Security Staff for the 2022-2023 School Year
  - Greg Forsburg, Dick Knecht, Terri Knecht, Ed March, Bob Perry, Frank Zaydell, Cody Strouse, and Brandon Hogue

- Game Workers for the 2022-2023 school year at \$25 per game
  - Nancy Bieber, Stacie Bieber, Karen Geise, Jaimee Kopp, Terry Kopp, Fran Kropp, Christy Pinkerton, Erick Fortin, Ron Hine, Scott Lowery, Craig Kropp, Christy Lusk, Dwight Woodley, Eric Ranck, Heath Barry, Gary Guerrisky, Ned Shaw, Rob Shaw, Emily Wagner, and Cathy Bachman (Volunteer)
- Game Managers for the 2022-2023 school year at \$35 per game
  - Fran Kropp, Karen Geise, Trevor Effen, Matt Bradley, and Manny Tsikitas

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

**TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS FOR 2022-2023**

A motion to approve the following transportation drivers for the 2022-2023 school year was moved by Rupert, seconded by Hitesman.

- Assigned Drivers: Lee Bernstein, Wesley Robey, Matt Horn, Jeff Dugan, Nancy Bieber, Christine Shifflet, Paul Biblehimer, Charlie Brooks, and Paul Chapman
- Substitute Drivers: Keith Doverspike, Rich Hawk, Shane Heydrich, Keith Jordan, Cam Kephart, Becky Nettleton, Brandon Nettleton, Kristopher Runner, Rex Schrum, Doug Wirth, and Bob Smith.

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

**TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE FOR 2022-2023**

A motion to approve the 2022-2023 Transportation Schedules 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.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Cramer. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:34 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary