

November 7, 2022

The work session of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:01 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, and Rupert.

Others Present: Maria Pierce – Director of Student Services/Rommelt Elementary, Michele Loomis – Central Elementary, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnnyder – Director of Buildings & Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Hilarie German, Jeff Richards, Tara Battaglia, Rebecca Sones, Ashley Zielewicz, and Mike Reuther – SunGazette.

ACTION ITEMS

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve Hugh Sprague as School Accountant at a salary of \$45,000 effective November 14, 2022 and Jayne McLaughlin as a Food Service Worker at the High School for 3.5 hours per day at \$12.93 per hour effective November 8, 2022 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Cramer. Roll Call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, and Rupert-yes.

MCNEES, WALLACE & NURICK LLC

A motion to accept the special education legal services from McNeess, Wallace & Nurick LLC at a rate not to exceed \$425 per hour for a due process for a district student was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll Call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, and Rupert-yes.

CLASSROOM MONITOR PROGRAM

A motion to approve Ashley Frei, Selena Lopez, and Brandi Smith as Classroom Monitors for the 2022-2023 school year was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Cramer. Roll Call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, and Rupert-yes.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PAYS SURVEY PRESENTATION

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, presented the results of the District's PAYS Survey. The PAYS Survey is the Pennsylvania Youth Survey administered to 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grade students to learn about their behavior, attitudes and knowledge concerning alcohol, tobacco, other drugs and violence. The survey is completely anonymous. 80% of South Williamsport students completed the survey.

PANORAMA SURVEY DATA

Panorama Education is an independent education technology company that partners with schools and districts to support student literacy and social emotional learning (SEL). Schools use the technology to gather feedback from students, families, and educators. There are five areas of questions; supportive relationships, social awareness, challenging feelings, self-efficacy, and emotional regulation. Overall, there was 89% participation for grades 3-5 and 79% participation for grades 6-12.

SAFE SCHOOLS COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT

The Safe Schools Committee was developed and will begin on November 9, 2022. The committee will meet four times a year. Topics include school safety, social emotional learning, etc.

AMPLIFY CKLA

Dr. Michele Loomis, Central Elementary Principal, provided a history of the Amplify CKLA curriculum, including current implementation of the program and a snapshot of student data.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY RENOVATION PROJECT.

Dr. Briggs presented 7 options for the Central Elementary project as generated by McKissick Associates that were requested at the October 3, 2022 board meeting. Dr. Briggs also presented a request from Vern McKissick to move ahead with the advanced bidding/procurement of equipment for HVAC and electrical to ensure there are no delays when construction is ready to begin.

Various board members spoke about the options as presented. By the end of discussions, there was a consensus to move forward with the base bid, alternate E-1 and alternate E-3.

BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL SCOREBOARD UPDATE

After reviewing the spec sheets for the scoreboards, it was determined that our Maintenance Department will be unable to install the necessary poles. The District will now be reaching out to companies to secure estimates for the cost of installing the poles.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN REVIEW

The Health and Safety plan was reviewed with no changes suggested. It is required that it be reviewed every 6 months. Official approval of the Health and Safety plan will occur at the November 21, 2022 board meeting.

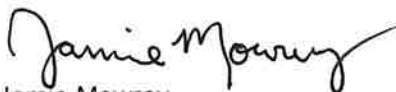
2023 BOARD MEETING DATES/TIMES

The 2023 board meeting dates and times will need to be approved at the reorganization meeting in December. Dr. Briggs asked for feedback regarding the number of meetings per month and the start time. There was a consensus that there should be two meetings a month due to the upcoming building project. The start time of 6PM seemed to be agreeable. The official list of dates and time will be presented to the school board at the December reorganization meeting.

There will be an executive session after the meeting regarding student discipline, no action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Rupert, seconded by Brigandi. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:37 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary