

December 5, 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, Brigandi, Bukeavich, Cramer, Engel, Hitesman, Miller, and Rupert.

Others Present: Jesse Smith – High School Principal, Maria Pierce – Rommelt Principal/Director of Student Services, 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, Matthew Krach, Lauren Reynolds, and Mike Reuther – Williamsport SunGazette.

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Rupert nominated Mr. Engel to be the Temporary President for the purpose of reorganization. A motion to close nominations and approve Mr. Engel as Temporary President was moved by Mr. Brigandi, seconded by Mrs. Bachman. All members present voting yes, Mr. Engel took over as Temporary President.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Engel requested nominations for the office of President. Mr. Brigandi nominated Mr. Engel. Being no further nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mr. Engel was elected President for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Engel requested nominations for the office of Vice President. Mrs. Cramer nominated Mr. Rupert. Being no further nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mr. Rupert was elected Vice President for the ensuing year.

ADOPTION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2023

A motion to adopt the school board meeting dates for 2023 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Rupert. Work session dates are January 9, March 6, April 3, May 1, June 5, October 2, and November 6. Regular meeting dates are January 23, February 6, March 20, April 17, May 22, June 19, July 17, August 21, September 11, October 16, and November 20. Reorganization meeting is December 4. Meetings will be held at the High School Library at 6PM. Roll call: Bachman-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 \$672,203.28 and Food Service Fund in the amount of \$51,791.87 as funds become available was moved by Cramer, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-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 November 21, 2022 as written was moved by Bachman, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

DEBT PRESENTATION

Audrey Bear, Managing Director at Piper Sandler & Company, presented the School Board with interest rate trends and a hypothetical scenario of 2 additional \$9,995,000 borrowings.

APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST READING

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 236.1 – Threat Assessment, Policy No. 805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response, and Policy No. 805.2 – School Security Personnel was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

CHILD BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE REQUESTS

A motion to approve the following child bearing/child rearing leave requests was moved by Miller, seconded by Bukeavich.

- EE# 1309 from January 2, 2023 through March 16, 2023
- EE# 1007 from February 5, 2023 through February 4, 2023
- EE# 1001 from February 1, 2023 through March 17, 2023

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

UNPAID LEAVE REQUEST

A motion to approve the unpaid leave request for EE# 1351 for November 17-18, 2022 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-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 the letter of resignation from the following employee:

- Tandra Isenberg from her Reading Interventionist position at Central Elementary effective November 30, 2022, with the understanding that the District can hold her in her current position for up to 60 days

EMPLOYMENT – INSTRUCTIONAL PARAPROFESSIONAL

A motion to approve Stacy Barr as a 1st Grade instructional Paraprofessional at Central Elementary School effective December 6, 2022 with a starting rate of \$13.49 per hour in accordance with the South Williamsport Area Education Support Professionals Association was moved by Miller, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – WINTER COACHES/VOLUNTEERS

A motion to approve Brian McLaughlin and Jodi Wolessagle as Elementary Girls' Basketball volunteers was moved by Bachman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING WITH BLAST IU 17

A motion to approve the MOU for Sheltering and Mass Care Facilities with Blast IU 17 from 2023-2028 was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

BASEBALL/SOFTBALL FIELD SCOREBOARD UPDATE

Dr. Briggs informed the School Board that Phase I of the scoreboard project will begin the week of December 12, 2022, with Jamie Wacker beginning his work as early as December 9, 2022. Phase II will need to be approved at a future meeting. Both scoreboards have arrived and are being appropriately stored.

BUDGET TIMELINE DISCUSSION

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, provided the School Board with a list of anticipated dates for the 2023-2023 Budget process.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brigandi, seconded by Rupert. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary