

April 3, 2023

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, Brigandi, Bukeavich, Engel, Hitesman, Miller, and Rupert.

Others Present: Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnnyder – Director of Buildings & Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Tom Burkhart – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Brenda Trimble, Dick Knecht, Mary Kay Bukeavich – Nutrition Inc, Tara Stryker – Nutrition, Inc, Trina Gribble – McKissick Associates, and Mike Reuther – Williamsport SunGazette.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **ACT 34 RESOLUTION**

A motion to approve the Act 34 Resolution related to the Central Elementary School Additions and Alterations was moved by Bachman, seconded by Rupert. Roll Call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

A motion to approve Shelby Akers as a Classroom Monitor for the 2022-2023 school year and Brianna Strickland as a long-term substitute for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade beginning mid-April through the end of the 2022-2023 school year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Hitesman. Roll Call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **TRANSPORTATION DRIVER**

A motion to approve Sharon Andrade as the bus driver for bus 2155 for the 2022-2023 school year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll Call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **UNPAID LEAVE REQUESTS**

A motion to approve unpaid leave requests from EE#1164 for February 27, 2023, EE#1351 for February 27, 2023, EE#1139 for March 6-10, 2023, EE#1229 for March 1, 2023 was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Brigandi. Roll Call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **AWARD OF HOUSE DEMOLITION QUOTES**

A motion to approve Steinbacher Enterprises for the demolition of the house at 421 W Mountain Ave for the base bid plus bond of \$16,825.00 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll Call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **CREATE NEW POLICIES 137.2 AND 137.3**

A motion to approve the creation of new Policies No. 137.2 – Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students and No. 137.3 – Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students was moved by Bachman, seconded by Hitesman. Roll Call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST READING**

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 137 – Home Education Programs and Policy No. 137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll Call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **MODIFICATION OF ELECTRICAL CONTRACT**

A motion to approve the modification of electrical contract for a decrease of \$108,123 related to a different generator with a better lead time for delivery was moved by Bachman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll Call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY RENEWAL FOR 2023-2024**

Mrs. Mary Kay Bukeavich from Nutrition, Inc, discussed the renewal for the 2023-2024 school year, including the option of electing Community Eligibility Provision (CEP), which would provide free meals for all students. Under the traditional method, meal applications would determine whether students qualify for free, reduced or paid meals. Based on the trend of meals served, it would be projected that the District would have a profit of \$12,223.31. Under CEP, it would be projected that more meals would be served because all students would receive free meals. In return, the District would have a profit of \$2,816.67.

#### **COPS GRANT**

Dr. Briggs discussed COPS Grants with the school board. Under the COPS Hiring Program, the grant would cover up to 75% of salaries and benefits for 3 years, with a required 25% local match. The total amount available over the three years is \$125,000. Under the School Violence Prevention Program, funds are available to improve security at schools and on school grounds. This also has a required 25% local match. We are utilizing Penn Strategies to help complete the grants.

#### **2023-2024 DISTRICT CALENDAR**

Dr. Briggs presented five new options for the 2023-2024 school calendar. After some discussion, a motion to approve Option 2 was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll Call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

**BALLFIELD SCOREBOARDS** - Dr. Briggs gave an update on the scoreboards. There was a meeting between board leadership, Larson Design Group, and Armstrong Township regarding the location of a required electric panel. An alternate plan was discussed and is being worked on.

There will be an executive session after the meeting regarding contract negotiations/personnel. No action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:46 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary