

February 6, 2023

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 – Assistant HS 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 Reifsnnyder – Director of Buildings & Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Fred Holland – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Jason Young, Angela Mitcheltree, Aaron Mitcheltree, Hayes McEwen, Janice McEwen, Hilarie German, Elyse Schopfer, Jared Whitford, Olivia Rogers, Krista Rogers, Melissa Stahl, Connie McLaughlin, Travis Rogers, Trevor Blenman, Patrice Blenman, Becci Swales – Baker Tilly, Liz Mahaffey – Baker Tilly, Wayne Brookhart – Sitelogiq, and Mike Reuther – Williamsport SunGazette.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the treasurer's report from January 2023 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.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$810,997.30, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$11,004.53, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$5,163.00, and GO Note 2022 in the amount of \$64,193.46 as funds become available was moved by Hitesman, 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.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of January 23, 2023 as written was moved by Cramer, 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.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

AUDITOR PRESENTATION AND ACCEPTANCE OF THE 2021-2022 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Becci Swales and Liz Mahaffey from Baker Tilly presented the 2022 audit results to the Board of Directors. The auditors have an unmodified (or "clean") opinion on the financial statements and an unmodified opinion on compliance as related to the District's major federal award programs, and no findings related to federal programs.

A motion to approve the 2021-2022 audit report was moved by Rupert, 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.

ENTRY PLAN

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, presented his Entry Plan to the School Board. Within the Entry Plan, he laid out his professional goals, including artifacts on how he plans on accomplishing those goals. He then explained some statewide issues that are facing public education and how he plans on moving the District forward.

CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION CREDENTIALS

A motion to approve the following CTE credentials was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert.

- 261201 Biotechnology – First Aid and CPR – American Heart Association
- 150403 Electromechanical Technology – Lock Out, Tag Out – OSHA
- 469999 Construction Trades, Other – Lock Out, Tag Out – OSHA
- 469999 Construction Trades, Other – Ladder and Scaffold Safety – OSHA
- 480501 Machine Tool Technology – Lock Out, Tag Out – OSHA
- 480501 Machine Tool Technology – S/P2 Machining – S/P2
- 480508 Welding Technology – Lock Out, Tag Out – OSHA
- 520302 Accounting Technology – S/P2 Professional Skills – S/P2

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

RIVER VALLEY INTERNET BACKUP CONTRACT

A motion to approve the RWAN Internet Backup Contract with Blast IU17 and River Valley Internet at a cost \$4,550 per year effective July 1, 2023 – June 30, 2028 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Cramer.

Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-no, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

ADOPTION OF PRELIMINARY 2023-2024 GENERAL FUND BUDGET

A motion to approve the preliminary 2023-2024 general fund budget with revenues of \$20,974,194 and expenses of \$20,974,194 which contains a real estate tax millage of 19.86 mills was moved by Rupert, 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.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

A motion to approve Amy Vance's overnight field trip request to take three FCCLA students to the FCCLA State Leadership Conference in Seven Springs, PA on March 19-22, 2023 and Jennifer Kimball's overnight field trip request to take two FBLA students to the State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA on April 17-19, 2023 was moved by Miller, 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 - RESIGNATION

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, accepted letter of resignation from Selena Loiselle from her 2nd Grade teaching position at Central Elementary School effective February 20, 2023.

EMPLOYMENT

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

- Custodian – Transfer for Cyndi Lowell from her part time 2nd shift custodial position to full time 2nd shift custodian effective January 30, 2023 at a rate of \$11.50 per hour in accordance with the AFSCME agreement
- Food Service – Marquelle LaBarre Rexford as a Food Service Worker at Central Elementary School for 6.5 hours per day at \$12.93 per hour effective February 7, 2023 in accordance with the Education Support Professionals Association
- Guest Teachers for the 2022-2023 School Year – Alamaría Miller

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

EMPLOYMENT – COACHES

A motion to approve the following coaches and their stipends/rate of pay for the 2023 Spring season was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Miller.

- Baseball – Casey Waller as Head Coach at \$5,106; Steve Sennett as Assistance Varsity Coach at \$2,856; Chase Waller as JV Head Coach at \$2,420; Jesse Bolt as a volunteer; and Kurt Wertz as a volunteer

- Boys Tennis – Kent Young as Head Coach at \$4,069 and Theresa Summerson as Assistant Coach at \$2,744.
- Softball – Tom O'Malley as Head Coach at \$5,106; Cory Goodman as Assistant Coach at \$2,674; Adam Lorson as a volunteer; Scott Lowery as a volunteer; and Chris Schuler as a volunteer.
- Track – Kim Schwoyer as Head Coach at \$3,681; Matt DeBlander as 1st Assistant Coach at \$3,356; Dave Weaver as Assistant Coach at \$2,142; Jake Lusk as Assistant Coach at \$2,142; and Kerry Taylor as a volunteer.

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

APPROVE POLICIES – SECOND READING

A motion to approve the second reading of Policy No. 200 – Enrollment of Students, Policy No. 202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students, Policy No. 217 – Graduation, Policy No. 233 – Suspension and Expulsion, Policy No. 251 – Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care, and Other Educational Instability, Policy No. 810 – Transportation, and Policy 221 – Dress & Grooming with recommended change was moved by Cramer, 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.

2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR – SECOND READING

A motion to approve the second reading of the 2023-2024 school calendar 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.

PROPOSED 2023-2024 IU#17 GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET

A motion to approve IU#17's 2023-2024 General Operations Budget in the amount of \$3,215,109 was moved by Bachman, 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.

2023 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO BLAST IU #17 BOARD

A motion to approve the recommended names to the Blast IU#17 Board to fill three-year terms 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.

AWARD OF BID FOR ADVANCED PROCUREMENT OF HVAC EQUIPMENT

A motion to award the bid for the advanced procurement of HVAC equipment to Silvertip, Inc. for the base bid of \$985,000 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

AWARD OF BID FOR ADVANCED PROCUREMENT OF ELECTRICAL EQUIPMENT

A motion to award the bid for the advanced procurement of electrical equipment to Turnkey Electrical, Inc. for the base bid of \$302,870 was moved by Brigandi, 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.

SCOREBOARD PROJECT AT THE BALLFIELDS – PHASE II

A motion to approve the agreement with Larson Design Group for work related to Phase II of the electrical project at the ballfields at a cost of \$13,850 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-no, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-no, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF FIRM FOR PRECONSTRUCTION PHASE OF CENTRAL ELEMENTARY PROJECT

A motion to approve Sitelogiq as the construction management company for the preconstruction phase of the Central Elementary renovation project at a cost not to exceed \$20,000 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

RFP FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMPANY

A motion to authorize District Administration to advertise a request for proposal for a Construction Management Company for the Central Elementary Project 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.

EMPLOYMENT – VOLLEYBALL COACH

A motion to approve Katie Spangler as Girls Volleyball Head Coach for the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend of \$3,750 was moved by Miller, 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.

AGREEMENT WITH LARSON DESIGN GROUP FOR GEOTECHNICAL SERVICES AND SURVEY

A motion to approve the Agreement with Larson Design Group for Geotechnical Services at a cost not to exceed \$23,000 and Survey at a cost not to exceed \$6,000 plus the cost of reimbursable expenses, as related to the Central Elementary Building Project was moved by Rupert, 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.

NEW BUSINESS

POLICY 707

The school board briefly discussed Policy 707 and whether it should be amended to allow for food/drink in certain circumstances.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Hayes McEwen – Policy 707
- Melissa Stahl – renovation of the High School Auditorium
- Travis Rogers – budget for drama
- Krista Rogers – investment in drama program
- Connie McLaughlin – Mountie Backpack program
- Patrice Blenman – racism

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Cramer. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:13 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary