

March 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:07 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 High School Principal/Athletic Director, Maria Pierce – Director of Student Services/Rommelt Elementary, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education/School Psychologist, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnnyder – Director of Buildings & Grounds, Mike Samar – School Police Officer, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Tom Burkhart – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Ann Neely, Jason Young, Brenda Trimble, Tara Battaglia, Jessica Kreitz, Fred Kreitz, Melanie Rojas, Heather Millard, Shawn Millard, Tony Mussare, Mary Mussare, Janice McEwen, Melissa Daily, Melissa Stahl, Elizabeth Kymbly, Melissa Gephart, Shane Gephart, Krista Rogers, Lisa Arp, Jamie Flick, Elyse Schopfer, and Mike Reuther – Williamsport SunGazette.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the treasurer's report from February 2023 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 \$2,272,216.89, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$111,052.64, and GO Note 2022 in the amount of \$37,642.62 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 February 6, 2023 and March 6, 2023 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.

CARNEGIE LEARNING

A motion to approve the purchase of Carnegie Learning for 6th-8th grade math and Algebra I for school years 2023-2024 through 2028-2029 for a total cost of \$85,460.60 with payments of \$17,912.35 in year one and \$13,509.65 for years two through six was moved by Miller, 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.

SECOND STEP CURRICULUM ADDITIONS

A motion to approve the Second Step Curriculum Additions of Child Protection Unit for Early Learning at the primary grades and Learning for Justice at the high school level 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.

2023-2024 HIGH SCHOOL CURRICULUM HANDBOOK

A motion to approve the 2023-2024 High School Curriculum Handbook 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.

APPROVAL OF TITLE I PROGRAMS

A motion to approve the Central Elementary school guidelines for implementation of district Policy 918: Title I Parent and Family Policy, the Title I Home/School Compact, Memorandum of Understanding with STEP, Inc., Head Start, Parent Right-to-Know, School-Wide Program Information, and Equity Plan was moved by Cramer, 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.

CHAPTER 339 GUIDANCE PLAN

A motion to approve the Chapter 339 Guidance Plan 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.

THE MEADOWS LETTER OF AGREEMENT

A motion to approve the Letter of Agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years 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.

COMMUNITY SERVICES GROUP LINKAGE AGREEMENT

A motion to approve the Community Services Group Linkage Agreement for two years from the date of signature was moved by Bukeavich, 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.

PLANCON J

A motion to approve the PlanCon J documents for Central Elementary, Rommelt Elementary, and the Jr/Sr High School for the prior building projects 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.

CENTRAL & ROMMELT ELEMENTARY CLASSROOM CONFIGURATION

A motion to approve the reconfiguration of grades for the 2023-2024 school year where 4th grade students will move to Rommelt Elementary for the entire school year, and that Art, Music, and STEM special area teachers rotate to grade level assigned classrooms to instruct students in their special area content for the 2023-2024 school year for both Central and Rommelt Elementary was moved by Brigandi, 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.

JR/SR HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM RENOVATIONS

A motion to approve an agreement with Illuminated Integration for the Jr/Sr High School Auditorium Renovations not to exceed \$1,326,450.02; which is for the base proposal of \$747,879.21 plus the following options: ETC Prodigy Electric Hoists for \$170,537.00; ETC Hi-Side Fixtures for \$29,711.90; Moving Lights for \$21,079.00; Additional Wireless Microphones for \$12,163.92; New Projection Screen for \$7,758.12; Choral Risers for \$21,914.40; Acoustic Shell for \$30,852.00; and Auditorium Seating Replacements for \$245,920.00 for a total of \$1,287,815.55 plus a 3% contingency for potential change orders; was moved by Miller, 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.

PENN STRATEGIES PARTNERSHIP

A motion to approve the Penn Strategies proposal for a fee of \$5,000 per month for a 12-month agreement, with a 30-day notice for termination, was moved by Bachman, 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.

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve the following employment was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich:

Substitute – Guest Teacher – Patrick McCormick

Coaches for the 2023 Spring Season

- Junior High Boys Soccer – Chris Vanaskie as Head Coach at \$2,500
- Junior High Girls Soccer – Jane House as Head Coach at \$2,500; Marc Lovecchio as Assistant Coach at \$2,142, and Tracy Knoebel as volunteer
- Track – Curtis Anthony as volunteer

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

OLD BUSINESS

Mrs. Cramer would like to revise the 2023/2024 school calendar given that the building project will not start during the summer.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following individuals spoke about the following topics

- Lisa Arp – 2023/2024 school calendar
- Tony Mussare – behavioral health issues in the classroom
- Jamie Flick – legislative update
- Melissa Gephart – mental health/trauma in the classroom

There was an executive session prior to the meeting regarding student discipline.

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 Cramer, seconded by Brigandi. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary