

June 5, 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: Bowman, Brigandi, Bukeavich, Engel (attended virtually through Microsoft Teams), Hitesman, Miller, and Rupert.

Others Present: 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: Brenda Trimble, Ashley Frei, Michelle Gibbs, Cherie Moyer, Jodi Nolan, Audrey Bear – Piper Sandler, and Mike Reuther – Williamsport SunGazette.

ACTION ITEMS

SUBMISSION OF ACT 34 MATERIALS

A motion to approve the submission of Act 34 materials to the PA Department of Education for their review and record keeping was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

RESOLUTION TO INCUR DEBT

A motion to approve a resolution to incur non-electoral debt pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act, and to evidence such indebtedness by the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2023, for the purpose of planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping additions, renovations and improvements to the School District's existing school buildings and grounds, renovations and improvements to the athletic fields and any other additional capital projects or capital equipment as may be determined by the School District was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SPECIAL BOARD MEETING DATES

A motion to approve adding Tuesday, July 25, 2023 and Tuesday, August 1, 2023, as special board meetings, in regards to reviewing and awarding bids in relation to the Central Elementary building project and any other items that properly come before the board was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

DEPOSITORIES

A motion to approve Woodlands Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), and Muncy Bank and Trust as depositories of school funds for the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Rupert, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

A motion to designate the Williamsport Sun-Gazette as the newspaper of general circulation for the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Miller, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

NITTANY LEARNING SERVICES

A motion to approve the two-year contract with Nittany Learning Services to provide a customized learning program to select students in grades 7-12 at a rate of \$59,417 per year was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP

A motion to approve Christine Miller's overnight field trip request to take South Varsity Cheerleaders to Pine Forest Cheer Camp on June 10-13, 2023 was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve Alex Morrow as the Assistant Junior High Boys Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$2,006 and Lindsay Duhaine as a volunteer Cheer Assistant for the 2022-2023 season was moved by Miller, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

DISPOSAL/SALE OF OLD TECHNOLOGY AND BAND EQUIPMENT

A motion to approve the disposal/sale of old technology equipment (iPads and Apple TVs), the old timpani set, and old acoustical shells from the High School auditorium was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

APPROVAL OF EXPENDITURES

Dr. Briggs discussed the adoption of a resolution that would allow the Superintendent and Business Manager to approve expenditures (not to exceed a monetary threshold that the board sets) for the upcoming building projects and work in the auditorium.

2023-2024 FINAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, discussed the 2023-2024 Final Budget. The 2023-2024 Final Budget contains revenues of \$23,004,431, expenditures of \$23,437,500, and a real estate tax millage increase of .25 mills. The deficit in the budget of \$433,069 is a planned deficit in order to use Assigned Fund Balance for technology expenditures. This version of the final budget will be presented at the June 19, 2023 board meeting for official board approval.

2023-2024 CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, discussed the 2023-2024 Capital Reserve Budget. This budget shows potential expenditures of \$370,250. These funds are separate from the 2023-2024 Final Budget as discussed above.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

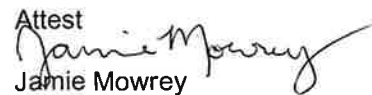
The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Jodi Nolan – Rommelt Secretary position

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Brigandi. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:41 PM.

Attest


Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary