

May 1, 2023

The work session of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 7:03 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, and Rupert.

Others Present: 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, Jason Barrett, Lisa Barrett, Chelsea Rieppel, Kim Moore, Mike Morrison, Jane House, Audrey Bear – Piper Sandler, and Mike Reuther – Williamsport SunGazette.

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **NITTANY LEARNING SERVICES**

The presentation from Nittany Learning Services has been postponed until the May 22, 2023 meeting due to an unexpected timing conflict with a presenter.

### **DEBT PRESENTATION**

Ms. Audrey Bear, Managing Director at Piper Sandler, presented a hypothetical borrowing of \$9.95 million in 2023 and \$5 million in 2024, and showed the impact on debt service from these 2 borrowings.

### **2022-23 SUPERINTENDENT GOAL ARTIFACTS & 2023-24 PERFORMANCE GOALS**

Dr. Briggs presented his 2022-23 Goal Artifacts and his anticipated 2023-24 goals that he will work towards.

### **ATTENDANCE POLICY – CURRENT AND REVISED**

Dr. Briggs presented a revised Policy No. 204 – Attendance and the Student Attendance Manual. These changes are a result of targeted school improvements for student attendance. The Student Attendance Manual will be posted for the start of the 2023-24 school year.

### **SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY**

Dr. Briggs shared school climate surveys created for Parents/Guardians, Staff, and Students. The results of these surveys will be used to evaluate the 2023-24 goals.

### **HALL OF FAME BYLAWS**

Dr. Briggs shared the Hall of Fame Bylaws. The Hall of Fame Committee is performing a social media push for nominations. Two candidates will be selected each year for induction into the Hall of Fame.

### **2023-2024 PROPOSED BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, discussed the 2023-2024 Proposed Final Budget. The real estate tax increase of 1.51 mills from the Preliminary Budget was reduced to a 0.25 mill tax increase. Various other changes were also made. There is also a list of items to be addressed or current unknowns, such as Title revenue, funding from the Commonwealth for Basic Education and Special Education, IDEA revenue, special education contract with Blast IU, alternative education expenses for outside placements, and the Teachers' Agreement has not been finalized. For the budget timeline, the board will need to approve the Proposed Final Budget at the May 22 meeting. The Final Budget will be discussed at the first meeting in June, with approval of the Final Budget at the June 19, 2023 meeting.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**LUNCHROOM MONITORS** – Dr. Briggs gave an update about reaching out for volunteers for lunchroom monitors at Central Elementary and current staffing arrangements.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**RFP FOR CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT COMPANY** – The District has an agreement with SiteLogiq for the preconstruction phase of the Central Elementary project. Discussion was had regarding whether to send out a request for proposal (RFP) or extend the contract with SiteLogiq.

## **COURTESY TO THE FLOOR**

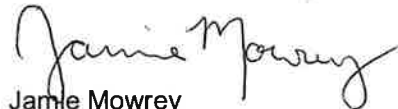
The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Jason Barrett – addressing needs of the sports fields in the building project.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:01 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary