

October 2, 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, Cramer, Engel, Hitesman, Miller and Rupert.

Others Present: Scott Hill – HS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director, 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: Ashley Frei, Melissa Daily, Jason Young, Elyse Schopfer, Melissa Stahl, Jen Kimball, Dwight Dauberman – Keystone Natural Turf, Kevin Cunningham – Miller Sports Construction, and Mike Reuther – Williamsport SunGazette.

CHILD BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE

A motion to approve EE #293's child bearing/child rearing leave request from October 4, 2023 through January 1, 2024 was moved by Miller, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, accepted the letter of resignation from Gregg Anthony from his 7th Grade Girls Basketball coaching position due to the restructuring of the JV/Varsity Girls Team

EMPLOYMENT – COACHES

A motion to approve Julie Anthony as the 2023-2024 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach at a stipend of \$2,674 and Aaron Green & Gregg Anthony as co-coaches of the 2023-2024 8th Grade Girls Basketball team, sharing the stipend of \$3,435 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT'S ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

ATHLETIC FIELDS PRESENTATION

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, presented information to the school board about concerns with the turf on the existing football field. He offered two solutions; one being replacing the natural turf; the second being replacing the surface with artificial turf. He also spoke about the soccer field and potential track. Finally, he discussed that other district upgrades or projects will be needed, such as high school renovation work, high school gymnasium work, and potential projects at Rommelt Elementary. He will be looking for advisement from the school board on how to prioritize these potential projects that lie ahead.

KEYSTONE NATURAL TURF

Dwight Dauberman from Keystone Natural Turf has submitted a proposal for the re-sodding of the football field with bluegrass sod at a cost of \$116,000. Mr. Dauberman explained that his proposal does not include any changes to drainage or any work to the crown on the field. It is his opinion that those items are sufficient. With changing the field to bluegrass, he estimates that a total of 25 events could occur on the field. He would suggest having the sod installed in mid-November so that the field is ready for Fall 2024.

MILLER SPORTS CONSTRUCTION

Kevin Cunningham from Miller Sports Construction presented proposals for both natural turf and artificial turf. His presentation focused more on the natural turf as the field won't be able to be used as a multi-function field (not big enough for soccer). His proposal for natural turf was \$1,007,094.42. He suggests removing the high jump area from the field and moving the field slightly East to gain more area. He believes that the drainage system needs to be rebuilt, and the shifting of the field would require the movement and reinstallation of the goal posts. His proposal also addresses some of the walkway around the field. If the District wants to use the field for graduation, he would need to know by November. If the District wants to use the field for Fall 2024, he would need to know by end of January.

Board members then discussed priorities and next steps for the District.

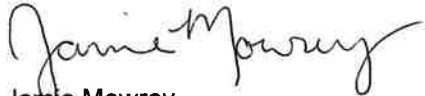
HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM UPDATES

Mr. Jared Whitford, Drama Director, updated the school board on the high school auditorium construction. Renovations are ahead of schedule. Seats have been removed, carpet has been removed, some wiring has been run, and the painters have begun painting. Work should be completed by December for the chorus and band concert.

There will be an executive session following the board meeting regarding negotiations and personnel; no action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Bukeavich. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary