

September 11, 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, and Rupert.

Others Present: Jesse Smith – High School Principal, Maria Pierce – Rommelt 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 Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings & Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Tom Burkhart – Solicitor, and Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager.

Visitors: Reanna Peritz, Elyse Schopfer, Melissa Daily, Richard Knecht, and Jen Kimball.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the treasurer's report from August 2023 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,224,145.82, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$24,738.32, Capital Reserve in the amount of \$46,132.41, and GO Note 2022 in the amount of \$62,155.14 as funds become available was moved by Cramer, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of August 21, 2023 as written was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

SMART FUTURES

A motion to approve the Smart Futures Program for the District for students to attain industry recognized credentials by completing a series of online activities in specific career areas was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SCOREBOARD INSTALLATION

A motion to approve 21st Century Signs for the installation of the scoreboards at the ballfields for a cost of \$37,210 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-no, Bowman-no, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-no, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion failed.

After much board discussion about the free scoreboards and the cost of electric and installation costs, a motion to approve 21st Century Signs for the installation of the scoreboards at the ballfields for a cost of \$37,210 was moved by Engel, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF TRENCH WORK AT BALLFIELD COMPLEX

A motion to approve James Wacker LLC to provide the necessary trench work for the baseball and softball scoreboards at a cost of \$9,930 was moved by Cramer, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

CAPITAL RESERVE FUND

A motion to approve the transfer of \$582,284 from the General Fund to the Capital Reserve Fund, which was budgeted under debt service in 2022/2023 in anticipation of being transferred to the Capital Reserve Fund was moved by Rupert, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES – SECOND READING

A motion to approve the second reading of Policy No. 006- Meetings, Policy No. 216.1 – Supplemental Discipline Records, and Policy No. 251 – Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

A motion to approve Christine Miller's overnight/out of state field trip request to take three Varsity Cheerleaders to Walt Disney World on November 16 – 20, 2023 was moved by Cramer, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, accepted a letter of resignation from Margaret Yerena from her High School General Food Service Worker position effective August 29, 2023.

EMPLOYMENT – VAN DRIVER

A motion to approve Hannah Hinds as the Van Driver/Stock Room Attendant effective September 8, 2023 at a rate of \$12.04 per hour in accordance with the South Williamsport Education Support Professionals Association, was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – GENERAL FOOD SERVICE WORKER

A motion to approve Julie Kline as a General Food Service Worker at the High School effective August 30, 2023 for 3.25 hours per day at a rate of \$13.18 per hour in accordance with the South Williamsport Education Support Professionals Association was moved by Cramer, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – HEALTH SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

A motion to approve Carolyn Dangle and Melissa Yetter as Health Support Staff effective at the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year for 7 hours per day, 182 days per year with a starting rate of \$20.05 per hour with benefits in accordance with the South Williamsport Education Support Professionals Association was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – FALL PLAY STIPENDS

A motion to approve Jared Whitford as Director of the Fall play at a stipend of \$2,000 and Miki Rebeck as Music Director for the Fall play at a stipend of \$1,000 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTE

A motion to approve Crystal Smith as a Classified Substitute (LPN) for the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – GUEST TEACHERS THROUGH BLAST IU PROGRAM

A motion to add Lauren Crouch, Chelsea Miller, and Nicolas Severini to the list of Guest Teachers as submitted by Blast IU 17 for the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – GUEST TEACHER

A motion to approve Elizabeth Haldeman as a Guest Teacher for the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – ATHLETIC COACHES AND WORKERS

A motion to approve Ryan Barnes as a Volunteer Football Coach, Megan Starkweather as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach, and Susan Albert as a Game Worker was moved by Bachman, seconded Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – HIGH SCHOOL COUNSELOR

A motion to approve Reanna Peritz as a School Counselor at the Junior Senior High School effective on or before October 12, 2023 pending release from her current employer, as a 200-day position at salary step M-1 with the salary to be updated when a new South Williamsport Area Education Association Agreement has been approved, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brigandi, seconded by Bukeavich. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:57 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary