

November 20, 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, Miller and Rupert.

Others Present: Scott Hill – Assistant High School Principal/Athletic Director, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings & Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, and Tom Burkhart – Solicitor.

Visitors: Michael Bowman, Andy Hansen, Jason Young, Jen Bowman, Lauren Reynolds, Bill Reynolds, and Katie Caputo.

TEMPORARY BOARD SECRETARY

A motion to approve Dwight Woodley as temporary board secretary for the November 20, 2023 regular board meeting was moved by Miller, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the treasurer's report from October 2023 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-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 \$1,748,329.51, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$51,410.05, and GO Note 2022 in the amount of \$814,651.28 as funds become available was moved by Rupert, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of October 16, 2023 and November 6, 2023 as written was moved by Bachman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion to approve the Health and Safety plan was moved by Bachman, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

A motion to approve Mrs. Rummig's out of state field trip request to take High School Chorus students to New York City, NY on May 15, 2024 to attend the Making Music workshop and a Broadway show was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

LITTLE LEAGUE INCORPORATED AGREEMENT

A motion to approve the agreement with Little League Incorporated to allow SWASD baseball and softball teams to use Little League's batting cage facilities for practices at no cost to the district was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

ELA ATHLETIC FIELDS SAMPLING AND SURVEY COSTS

The school board was presented with 3 options of soil samples and 3 options of survey costs for future athletic field construction and/or improvements.

- Soil sample cost of \$3,700 for the football field (top soil only)
- Soil sample cost of \$7,500 for the practice field
- Soil sample cost of \$7,500 for the borough property
- Survey cost of \$15,400 for the football field
- Survey cost of \$13,100 for the practice field
- Survey cost of \$9,800 for the borough property

A motion to eliminate testing on the practice field was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel.

Motion amended to test only on the current football field was moved by Rupert, there was no second on the motion.

Motion was amended to test all three fields was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-no, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-no, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT - INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, accepted letters of resignation from the following individuals:

- Nick Koletar from his JV Boys Basketball Head Coach position effective October 31, 2023
- Irina Plotnikova from her High School Instructional Paraprofessional position effective November 20, 2023
- Hannah Hinds from her Van Driver/Stock Room Attendant position effective November 17, 2023

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve the following employment was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Cramer.

Coaches & Game Workers

- Boys Basketball – Rick Moser as JV Head Coach at \$3,565 and Nick Koletar as a volunteer
- Girls Basketball – Ryan Brown as a volunteer
- High School Wrestling Volunteers – Ji Hamman, Lane Lusk, and Dave Murray
- Elementary Wrestling Volunteers – Don Bower, Joe Engel, Luke Franzen, Shane Gephart, Travis Rogers, Kris Runner, and Jessica Smith
- Game Workers – Curtis Anthony, Don Bower, Claudia Green, Ernie Naugle, Chad Quimby, and Mark Watts

Classified Substitutes – Lane Lusk (Paraprofessional)

Guest Teachers through Blast IU – Loretta Day, Piper Schwenk, Alyssa Stover, and Kaylee Wade

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

EARLY RETURN FROM CHILD BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE

A motion to approve EE #1007's request to return from child bearing/child rearing leave on January 2, 2024 rather than the original return date of February 4, 2024 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

TAKE A SEAT FUNDRAISER

A motion to approve the Take a Seat Fundraiser that will be implemented by the Education Foundation was moved by Rupert, seconded by Cramer. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

FOOTBALL FIELD UPDATE

Dr. Briggs discussed lighting upgrades at the football field using Musco Lighting.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following individuals spoke about the following topics

- Katie Caputo – funding of the Gifted Program

There will be an executive session following the board meeting regarding personnel matters; 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 7:13 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary