

October 16, 2023

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:04 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, Cramer, Engel, Hitesman, Miller 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: Hilarie German, Richard Knecht, Audry Aiken, Ashley Frei, Elyse Schopfer, and Mike Reuther - SunGazette.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the treasurer's report from September 2023 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-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 \$3,418,237.02, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$69,354.07, Capital Reserve in the amount of \$71,379.92, and GO Note 2022 in the amount of \$99,742.79 as funds become available was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of September 11, 2023 and October 2, 2023 as written was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

OUT OF STATE AND OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

A motion to approve the following overnight field trip requests was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Brigandi.

- Mrs. Kimball's overnight field trip request to take nine FBLA students to Kalahari Resort on October 29-30, 2023 for the State Leadership Workshop
- Mr. Gerber's overnight field trip request to take varsity wrestling students to Mount Aloysius College on December 15-16, 2023 for a wrestling tournament.

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

JOB DESCRIPTIONS

A motion to approve the updated job descriptions of the Central Elementary School Principal and the Administrative Assistant to Superintendent/PIMS Coordinator/Registrar was moved by Cramer, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT - INFORMATIONAL

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

- Dr. Michele Loomis from her Central Elementary Principal position effective November 10, 2023
- Chloe Smith from her Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/PIMS Coordinator/Registrar position effective October 27, 2023
- Wendy Decker from her High School Instructional Paraprofessional position effective September 29, 2023
- Sandi Finnerty from her Mountie Academy Coordinator, Mountie Academy Learning Support Teacher, and Itinerant Emotional Support Teacher K-12 position effective November 28, 2023 or earlier if released by the District

EMPLOYMENT – INTERIM PRINCIPAL

A motion to approve Patti Cross as the Interim Principal at Central Elementary from approximately November 10, 2023 through Winter break at a rate of pay of \$350 per day was moved by Rupert, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT - STIPENDS

A motion to approve the following extra duty positions for the 2023-2024 school year and their stipend was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Miller.

- Senior Class Advisors: Keith Cremer/Ambreelinne Birth - \$335/person
- Junior Class Advisors: Eric Gerber/Brooke Rowles - \$307.50/person
- Sophomore Class Advisors: Agnes Coder/Mike Steppe - \$230/person
- Freshman Class Advisors: John Peters/Amy Pregent - \$220/person
- Yearbook Advisor: Kelly Shearer - \$1,700
- Yearbook Business Advisor: Kelly Shearer - \$465
- Builders Club Advisor: Karen Fink - \$465
- Jr High Yearbook Advisors: Karen Fink/Mike Rodgers - \$465/person
- Key Club Advisors: Hailey Carson/Rachel Knipe - \$465/person
- SADD Club Advisor: Mike Allison - \$930
- FCCLA Advisor: Amy Vance - \$930
- FBLA Advisor: Jennifer Kimball - \$1,860 (amount will be prorated based on employee's resignation)
- Mini-Thon Advisors: Mike Allison/Mike Rodgers - \$465/person
- Academic Decathlon Advisors: Kyle Essick - \$1,050
- Senior High National Honor Society Advisor: Manny Tsikitas - \$930
- Junior High National Honor Society Advisor: 7th Grade Team - \$465
- Leo Club Advisor: Stephanie Fay/Hilarie German - \$465/person
- Coordinator – Audio Visual: Keith Cremer - \$500
- High School Mentor: Kelsey Shannon (\$500) for Reanna Peritz
- Academic Department Chairs: Jamie Bloom (Math), Matt Eisley (Science); Jessica Kaledas (Non-Core), Josie Kennedy (Social Studies), and Kelly Shearer (English) - \$750/person

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

EMPLOYMENT – GUEST TEACHERS THROUGH BLAST IU

A motion to add Remington Derdel and Elizabeth Haldeman to the list of Guest Teachers as submitted by Blast IU 17 for the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Cramer, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT SUBSTITUTES

A motion to add Sharon Brownsberger as a classified substitute (custodial) for the 2023-2024 school year was moved by Cramer, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – WINTER COACHES

A motion to approve the following coaches for the 2023-2024 winter season was moved by Rupert, seconded by Miller.

- Boys Basketball – Nick Koletar as JV Coach at \$3,685; Scott Lowery as 8th Grade Coach at \$4,440; Braydon Miller as 7th Grade Coach at \$2,674; and Rich Moser as a volunteer
- Elementary Boys Basketball Volunteer Coaches/Elementary Coordinators – Jesse Manikowski and Paul McGinn
- Girls Basketball – Gregg Anthony as JV Coach at \$3,565 and Julie Anthony as a volunteer
- Wrestling – Tyler Watts as Assistant Varsity Coach at \$3,295; Chris Lusk as Junior High Head Coach at \$2,580, and Scott White as Junior High Assistant Coach at \$2,142
- Wrestling Volunteers – Eric Caschera, Robert Gardner, Nate Jones and Ernie Naugle

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

AUDITORIUM CHANGE ORDER

A motion to approve the auditorium change order to remove and dispose of all carpet and carpet adhesives throughout the auditorium was moved by Miller, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

PAYS YOUTH SURVEY

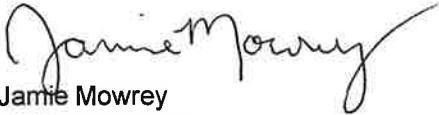
A motion to approve the PAYS Youth Survey as a pilot for 4th grade was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bowman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Cramer-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

Mrs. Bachman arrived at 6:14 PM.

There will be an executive session following the board meeting regarding personnel matters and 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 6:15 PM.

Attest


 Jamie Mowrey
 Board Secretary