

December 4, 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, Brigandi, Bukeavich, Engel, Hitesman, Miller, Rupert, and Young.

Others Present: Jesse Smith – High School Principal, Maria Pierce – Rommelt Principal/Director of Student Services, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education/School Psychologist, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings & Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and Tom Burkhart – Solicitor.

Visitors: Paula Young, Abby Young, and Tara Stryker – Nutrition, Inc.

REORGANIZATION

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Engel requested nominations for Temporary Board President. Mr. Rupert nominated Mr. Miller to be the Temporary Board President for the purpose of reorganization. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mr. Miller took over as Temporary Board President.

READING OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Mrs. Mowrey, Board Secretary, gave the results of the election held in November 2023. Ms. Erin Armond elected to a four-year term for Region Two. Mr. Benjamin Brigandi was elected to a two-year term for Region One. Mrs. Summer Bukeavich was elected to a four-year term for Region Two. Mr. Todd Engel was elected to a four-year term for Region Three. Mr. John Hitesman was elected to a four-year term for Region Three. Mr. Jason Young was elected to a four-year term for Region One.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Miller administered the oath of office to the elected members.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT & VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Miller requested nominations for the office of President. Mr. Hitesman nominated Mr. Engel. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Miller closed nominations for President.

Mr. Miller requested nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. Engel nominated Mr. Rupert. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Miller closed nominations for Vice President.

All members present voting yes, Mr. Engel was elected as President and Mr. Rupert was elected as Vice President. Mr. Engel then presided over the remainder of the meeting.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND WORK SESSION DATES FOR 2024

A motion to adopt the school board meeting dates for 2024 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. Work session dates are January 8, March 11, April 8, May 6, June 3, October 7, and November 4. Regular meeting dates are January 22, February 12, March 25, April 22, May 20, June 24, July 15, August 19, September 9, October 21, and November 18. Reorganization meeting is December 2. Meetings will be held at the High School Library at 6PM. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$602,734.23 and Food Service Fund in the amount of \$12,205.74 as funds become available was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of November 20, 2023 as written was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

A motion to approve Mrs. Kaledas' overnight field trip request to take band students to Troy High School on January 10-12, 2024 for the PMEA District Band Festival was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

A motion to approve Mrs. Kaledas' overnight field trip request to take band students to Danville High School on February 8-9, 2024 for the PMEA District Orchestra Festival was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – HIGH SCHOOL MATH TEACHER

A motion to approve Dylan Freeman as a High School Math Teacher effective January 2, 2024 at a salary of \$48,053 based on step B-1 of the South Williamsport Area Education Association was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT TO THE SUPERINTENDENT/PIMS COORDINATOR

A motion to approve Karen Geise as the Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent/PIMS Coordinator effective October 30, 2023, at a salary of \$42,000 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – SUBSTITUTES/GUEST TEACHERS/STIPENDS

A motion to approve Johnna Harper as a certified substitute for the 2023-2024 school year, add Sheila DuMont to the list of Guest Teachers as submitted by BLaST IU 17 for the 2023-2024 school year, and Sophia Biddle as FBLA Advisor at a stipend of \$930 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

CONFIDENTIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT PERSONNEL COMPENSATION PLAN

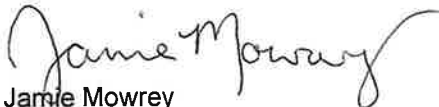
A motion to approve the Confidential Administrative Support Personnel Compensation Plan effective through June 30, 2026 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

ACT 1 INDEX OPT OUT RESOLUTION

A motion to adopt a resolution for the 2024-2025 fiscal year that any increase in real estate property taxes will not exceed the adjusted 2024-2025 index of 7.5% was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bukeavich, seconded by Miller. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary