

December 3, 2024

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Auditorium 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, Lewis, Miller, Rupert, and Young.

Others Present: Kimberly Bollinger – High School Assistant Principal, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and David Sterngold – Solicitor.

Visitors: Matt Krach, Thomas Wippenbeck – SchraderGroup, and Damion Spahr – SitelogIQ.

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, seconded by Mrs. Bachman. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mr. Miller took over as Temporary Board President.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Miller requested nominations for the office of President. Mr. Young nominated Mr. Engel, seconded by Mr. Miller. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Miller closed nominations for President. All members present voting yes, Mr. Engel was elected as President and then presided over the remainder of the meeting.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Engel requested nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. Hitesman nominated Mr. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Bachman. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations for Vice President. All members present voting yes, Mr. Rupert was elected as Vice President.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES FOR 2025

A motion to adopt the school board meeting dates for 2025 of January 13, January 27, February 10, March 10, April 14, May 5, May 19, June 2, June 23, July 14, August 18, September 8, October 6, November 3, November 17, and December 2 (Reorganization & Regular Meeting) to be held at 6PM located in the High School Cafeteria for January meetings and in the High School Library for the remaining dates was moved by Young, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$719,877.61, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$49,908.93, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$6,239.45, and GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$937,007.43 as funds become available was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

TAX COLLECTOR RATES

A motion to approve tax collector rates for the next four-year period at a rate of \$4.00 per bill was moved by Miller, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

AMENDMENT TO GESA AGREEMENT

A motion to approve an Amendment to the initial Guaranteed Energy Services Agreement with Reynolds Energy Services, doing business as SitelogIQ Energy Services, for improvements to the Junior Senior High School at an amount not to exceed \$1,300,000.00 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

CHILD BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE

A motion to approve EE #1307's child rearing leave request from January 5, 2025 to March 7, 2025 was moved by Young, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding with the South Williamsport Area Education Association regarding dental insurance carrier was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

SCHRADER GROUP STADIUM FACILITES STUDY

Mr. Thomas Wippenbeck from Schrader Group updated the school board about the results of the stakeholder meeting regarding the facilities at the Rodney K. Morgan Stadium. The consensus of that meeting seems to lean towards a combined Band Parents and Cheer concession stand at the East end, while wanting to keep and update the existing Mini Thon concession stand and ticket booth at the West end of the field.

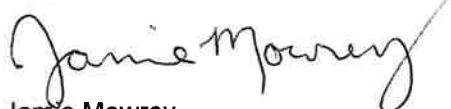
BOARD DISCUSSION

The following topics were discussed under old business:

- Sporting Event ticket prices for students and senior citizens
- Current 5th grade class school activities/events

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Young. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary