

March 10, 2025

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Cafeteria by the President, Todd Engel.

The meeting opened with a Moment of Silence and Pledge to the Flag led by students that qualified for the PMEA All State Festivals in Band and Chorus.

Board Members Present: Brigandi, Engel, Lewis, Miller, Rupert, and Young.

Others Present: Jesse Smith – High School Principal, Maria Pierce – Rommelt Elementary Principal/Director of Student Services, Dyan Frame – Central Elementary Principal, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education, Dwight Woodley – Director of IT/Innovative Learning, Brett Herbst – Athletic Director, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and David Sterngold – Assistant Solicitor.

Visitors: Jess Watson, Matt Courter, Becky Sones, Elizabeth Sauers, John Peters, and Richard Knecht.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

CHAMPIONS PROGRAM

Mr. Brian Gresser from Champions KinderCare discussed the Champions programming that could include before and after school care, summer programming, and a Pre-K counts program.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, provided a building project update. At Central Elementary, the basketball hoops are being installed and construction on the future second grade classrooms are moving along. At the Football field, the final walkthrough was done on the bleachers. The District is still pursuing a direction on the outbuildings. At the High School, the former library space is moving along with anticipation of using the space in April. There will be asbestos abatement that will occur, with a letter being sent out to families in advance. For Rommelt, the District is looking at a targeted feasibility study.

SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, informed the school board that there will be a school climate survey sent to the district. Results will be summarized and presented to the school board at a future date.

LYCOMING COUNTY REASSESSMENT MEETING

Lycoming County will be holding a presentation about the reassessment process at the Junior Senior High School Auditorium on Wednesday, March 26, 2025 at 6PM.

ACTION ITEMS

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the February 2025 treasurer's report was moved by Miller, seconded by Young. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Lewis-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 \$1,063,181.77, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$36,731.03, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$74,899.80, GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$2,208.00 and GO Bond 2024 in the amount of \$25,448.18 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of February 10, 2025 as written was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Young. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, accepts letters of resignation from the following employees:

- Jason Wein from his Junior High Head Football Coach position effective February 16, 2025
- William Giles from his Junior High Assistant Football Coach position effective February 23, 2025

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve the following employment was moved by Rupert, seconded by Young.

- Certified Substitute for the 2024-2025 school year: Heather LeBourgeois
- Classified Substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year: Johanna Hazel (cafeteria) and Shawn Miller (custodial)
- Track Coaches for the 2024-2025 school year: Curtis Anthony as an assistant coach at \$2,006 and John Peters as a volunteer.

Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

2024-2025 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR CHANGE

A motion to change Tuesday, April 15, 2025 from a full student school day to a student half day in the morning and afternoon in-service day for staff was moved by Miller, seconded by Lewis. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST AND FINAL READING

A motion to approve the first and final reading of the following policies: Policy No. 103 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Students; Policy No. 1031. – Nondiscrimination – Qualified Students with Disabilities; Policy No. 104 – Discrimination/Harassment Affecting Staff; Policy No. 234 – Pregnant/Parenting/Married Students; Policy No. 247 – Hazing; Policy No. 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying; Policy No. 252 – Dating Violence; and Policy No. 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries was moved by Rupert, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

2025-2026 BLAST IU#17 GENERAL OPERATIONS BUDGET

A motion to approve Blast IU #17's 2025-2026 General Operations Budget in the amount of \$3,438,459 was moved by Lewis, seconded by Young. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

BALLOT FOR 2025 ELECTION OF DIRECTORS TO BLAST IU#17 BOARD

Members of the school board were asked to complete their ballots for the 2025 election of Directors to Blast IU#17's board.

BOYS' JUNIOR HIGH SOCCER CO-OP

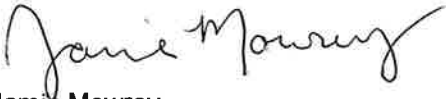
A motion to approve a co-op with St John Neumann for Boy's Junior High Soccer for the 2025 and 2026 seasons was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be an executive session after the board meeting regarding negotiations and a legal matter, no action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Young, seconded by Brigandi. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 PM.

Attest

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Jamie Mowrey". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name and title.

Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary