

May 5, 2025

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:00 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room in the Junior Senior High School by the President, Todd Engel.

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, began the meeting with a statement about a third-grade student.

The meeting opened with a Moment of Silence and Pledge to the Flag led by students from Odyssey of the Mind.

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

Others Present: Dwight Woodley – Director of IT/Innovative Learning, Doug Hoffman – School Police Officer, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and Fred Holland – Solicitor.

Visitors: Tara Stryker, Mary Kay Bukeavich – Nutrition, Inc, Conner Zook, Jon Zook, Emma Woleslagle, Jodi Woleslagle, Ethan Woleslagle, Daniel Woleslagle, Andy Brown, and Matt Courter – Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The board adjourned into executive session for legal matters from 6:07 PM – 6:20 PM.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

LORETTA WOODSON AWARDS

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, presented information about the District's nominees for the Loretta Woodson Awards. The District nominated Brandi Smith for the Loretta Woodson Support Staff Award and Michael Rodgers for the Loretta Woodson Teacher of the Year.

REDKA BEHAVIOR SERVICES

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, spoke about a potential rental relationship with Redka Behavior Services; however, the District learned after the agenda was posted that it will not come to fruition at this time.

BUILDING OPERATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, discussed the April 25, 2025 Building Operations Committee meeting.

2025-2026 PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, fielded questions and had discussions surrounding the 2025-2026 Proposed Final Budget from members of the school board.

2025-2026 CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, and Mr. Bill Reifsnyder, Director of Buildings and Grounds, presented the 2025-2026 Capital Reserve Budget.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,023,054.22, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$54,550.55, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$23,532.50, GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$316,986.33 and GO Bond 2024 in the amount of \$773,692.07 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.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of April 14, 2025 as written was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Young. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

DOMESTIC HOT WATER HEATER

A motion to approve Silvertip Inc's revised proposal to replace a domestic hot water heater at the high school at a cost of \$50,000, with funds coming from the 2025-2026 Capital Reserve Budget, 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.

CHANGE ORDERS

A motion to approve the following change orders was moved by Bachman, seconded by Young.

- General Contract G-012: COR 022 added manhole and cleanout - \$5,693.16; COR 023 additional ADA tactile warning pads - \$2,343.85; COR 024 asbestos pipe removal - \$10,328.99; COR 025 existing well closures - \$6,316.62
- General Contract G-013: COR 026 reinstall existing translucent panels above library \$12,459.49
- General Contract G-014: COR 033 corridor fire rating in Phase 1 - \$3,883.17
- General Contract G-015: COR 015 rain water collector system - \$34,021.07
- General Contract G-016: COR 016 ADA ramp extension, add geotextile and stone - \$34,924.18
- General Contract G-017: Credit for unused site unit price amounts - (\$285,200.00)
- HVAC Contract H-013: COR 021 - DOAS heat trace installation - \$849.46
- General Contract G-018: COR 032 additional plumbing chases for 1st floor classrooms - \$2,101.09; COR 036 Northeast railing gate and hardware changes - \$3,129.31; COR 037 - kitchen sidewalk - \$0
- General Contract G-019: COR 035 additional wall finishes in alt 2 - \$21,949.80
- General Contract G-021: COR 027 roof blocking - \$13,884.35
- General Contract G-022: COR 029 concrete gutter and plantings on east side parking lot - \$22,921.66
- General Contract G-023: COR 031 add vapor seal - \$16,854.79
- General Contract G-024: Credit for unused site unit price amounts - (\$37,300.00)
- Plumbing Contract P-003: Time and material - \$18,187.72; hot water return line - \$4,203.18
- Electrical Contract E-011: Credit for unused site unit price amounts - (\$15,097.00)
- General Contract G-025: COR 038 DOAS support steel in alt 2 - \$3,189.73
- General Contract G-026: COR 039 window lintel changes - \$24,807.33
- HVAC Contract H-014: COR023a furnish and install heat trace - \$14,376.93
- HVAC Contract H-015: COR023b heat trace building control system connection - \$12,123.30

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

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, accepted a letter of resignation from the following employee:

- Aaron Green from his Varsity Girls Basketball Head Coach position effective April 30, 2025

EMPLOYMENT – GUEST TEACHERS

A motion to approve adding Laura Gatch to the list of Guest Teachers as submitted by Blast IU for the 2024-2025 school year was moved by Brigandi, 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.

TENURE

A motion to approve tenure for Marissa Blaise was moved by Miller, seconded by Young. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

2025-2026 FOOD SERVICE MANAGEMENT COMPANY

Mrs. Mary Kay Bukeavich from Nutrition, Inc. provided the school board an update of current year cafeteria operations and spoke about the renewal contract for the 2025-2026 school year.

A motion to approve an agreement with Nutrition, Inc to oversee the District’s cafeteria for the 2025-2026 school year with a guarantee of \$52,116.15 profit was moved by Miller, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-abstain, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH DTAC

A motion to approve the two-year agreement with Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC (DTAC) was moved by Bachman, seconded by Young. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPOINT BOARD TREASURER

Board Policy 005 stipulates a treasurer must be appointed in May of each school year to serve for a one-year term beginning the first day in July. Mr. Engel requested nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Engel nominated Mrs. Bachman. Being no other nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mrs. Bachman was elected as Treasurer for the next year beginning in July.

APPOINTMENT OF DISTRICT SOLICITOR

A motion to appoint McNerney, Page, Vanderlin and Hall as school district solicitor for the 2025-2026 school year was moved by Miller, seconded by Young. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

SUMMER BASKETBALL LEAGUE

A motion to approve the Summer Basketball League Program to use the high school gym every Wednesday from 5:30 PM – 7:30 PM from June 18 – July 23, 2025 was moved by Young, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR CHANGE

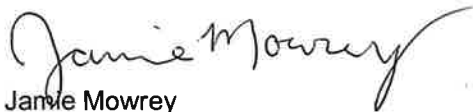
A motion to re-number the weather days in the 2025-2026 school calendar, making May 22, 2026 weather make up day #3 and April 6, 2026 weather make up day #4 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bukeavich, seconded by Brigandi. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary