

June 23, 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.

The meeting opened with a Moment of Silence and Pledge to the Flag.

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

Others Present: Brett Herbst – Athletic Director, Dwight Woodley – Director of IT/Innovative Learning, Kim Bollinger – Assistant High School Principal, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and David Sterngold – Assistant Solicitor.

Visitors: Dan Feldhaus – Blast IU 17; Dr. Elizabeth Segraves – Blast IU 17, Christy Pinkerton, Hilarie German, Jaquan Masteller, and Jess Watson & Matt Courter – Williamsport Sun-Gazette.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

MOUNTIE ACADEMY ONLINE LEARNING

Mr. Dan Feldhaus and Dr. Elizabeth Segraves from Blast IU 17 provided an overview of the EQUIP online learning services program.

WEIGHT ROOM DISCUSSION

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, and Mr. Brett Herbst, Athletic Director provided an update about companies the District is working with to obtain quotes for upgrades to the High School Fitness Center and the future weight room at the Rommelt Building. There was also discussion regarding the location of the future weight room at the Rommelt Building.

ROMMELT BUILDING FEASIBILITY STUDY

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, presented information about the progress made by McKinley Architecture, options that are being studied, and a timeline for the completion of the feasibility study.

ACTION ITEMS

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion to approve the May 2025 Treasurer's Report was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$3,400,283.59, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$27,915.92, GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$341,952.17, and GO Bond 2024 in the amount of \$788,860.00 as funds become available was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of June 2, 2025 as written was moved by Engel, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER

A motion to approve change order H-016 for the addition of condensate pumps for \$2,659.39 was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Lewis. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

GENERAL FUND FINAL BUDGET FOR 2025-2026

A motion to approve the 2025-2026 General Fund final budget with budgeted revenues of \$22,977,506 and budgeted expenditures of \$23,149,937 with 0.25 mill real estate tax increase was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

ADOPTION OF THE 2025-2026 TAX LEVY RESOLUTION

A motion to approve the Tax Levy Resolution to support the 2025-2026 General Fund Budget with real estate taxes at 19.35 mills, earned income tax rate at 1.1% and realty transfer tax rate at 0.5% was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

2025 HOMESTEAD/FARMSTEAD EXCLUSION RESOLUTION

A motion to approve the 2025 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution at an assessed value of \$21,417 which calculates to a \$414.42 tax credit was moved by Bachman, seconded by Lewis. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

TITLE I PROGRAMS

A motion to approve Central Elementary school guidelines for implementation of district policy 918: Title I Parent and Family Policy, the Title I Home/School Compact, Memorandum of Understanding with STEP, Inc., Head Start, Parent Right-to-Know, School-Wide Program Information, and Equity Plan was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

AFSCME AGREEMENT FOR 2025-2028

A motion to approve the negotiated American Federation of State, County, and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) Agreement effective July 1, 2025 – June 30, 2028 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

MOU WITH SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT BOROUGH POLICE DEPARTMENT

A motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the South Williamsport Borough Police Department effective June 2025 through June 2027 was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF AGREEMENTS

A motion to approve the listed agreements was moved by Bachman, seconded by Lewis.

- 2025-2026 IDEA Agreement with Blast IU 17
- 2025-2026 Special Education Services Agreement with Blast IU 17
- 2025-2026 Data Center Hosting Agreement with Blast IU 17
- 2025-2026 Technology Services Agreement for Network Engineer/Other Technology Services with Blast IU 17
- 2025-2026 DaRTS Software Agreement with Blast IU 17
- 2025-2026 Hope Enterprises Inc. Agreement for use of the TeenLink facility
- 2025-2026 Contract for Pediatric Therapy Services with UPMCW Williamsport d/b/a UPMC Pediatric Rehabilitation

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

APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST READING

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance, Policy No. 626.1 – Travel Reimbursement – Federal Programs, and Policy No. 827 – Conflict of Interest was moved by Bachman, seconded by Lewis. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

CHILD BEARING/CHILD READING LEAVE

A motion to approve the revised child-bearing/child-rearing leave request for EE #1311 from October 29, 2024 through October 28, 2025 was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Lewis. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – ATHLETIC COACHES

A motion to approve the following coaches was moved by Bachman, seconded by Brigandi.

- Football – Chris Eiswerth as Head Coach at \$7,125; Chris Lusk as 1st Assistant at \$5,119; Doug Thiel as 2nd Assistant at \$2,764; Jason Wein as 4th Assistant at \$2,764; Ryan Barnes as a volunteer; Randy Boone as a volunteer; Rhett Smith as a volunteer; Scott White as a volunteer; Rich Schonewolf as a volunteer; Mark German as JH Head Coach at \$3,120, Eric Gerber as JH Assistant at \$2,674; and Barth Carson as a JH volunteer.
- Marching Band – Jessica Kaledas as Director at \$5,915; Robyn Rummings as Assistant Director at \$3,788; Tina Pulver as Band Front Instructor at \$3,538; Marcus Loner as Percussion Director at \$1,139; and Brianne Carpenter as a volunteer.
- Girls Soccer – Marc Lovecchio as Head Coach at \$4,020; Jane House as Assistant at \$3,129; and Tracy Knoebel as a volunteer.
- Cross Country – Matt DeBlander as Head Coach at \$3,465; Kerry Taylor as a volunteer; and Tracy Wright as a volunteer.
- Junior High Cross Country – Julie Pentico as Head Coach at \$2,234 and Tracy Knoebel as a volunteer.
- Cheerleading – Christine Miller as Head Coach at \$4,020; Mackenzie Miller as Assistant at \$3,129; Lindsay Duhaine as a volunteer and Sue Fils-Aime as JH Head Coach at \$2,340.
- Boys Soccer – Chris Vanaskie as Head Coach at \$4,114; and Alex Morrow as Assistant at \$2,764.
- Baseball – Adam Hook as JV Assistant Coach at \$2,420.
- Volleyball – Halle Sharp as Assistant Coach at \$2,765.
- Girls Tennis – Kent Young as Assistant Coach at \$2,712.
- Boys Tennis – Kent Young as Head Coach at \$4,613.
- Boys Basketball – Joe Simon as Head Coach at \$5,506; Rick Moser as JV Head Coach at \$3,805; Paul McGinn as a volunteer; Nick Koletar as a volunteer; JJ Manikowski as a volunteer; and Scott Lowery as 8th Grade Head Coach at \$4,900.
- Girls Basketball – Jaquan Masteller as Head Coach at \$5,000; Julie Anthony as JV Head Coach at \$3,565; Jodi Wolesslagle as 8th Grade Head Coach at \$3,120; and Brian McLaughlin as 7th Grade Head Coach at \$2,674.
- Track – Tracy Wright as Head Coach at \$3,775; Matt DeBlander as Assistant Coach at \$3,879; Dave Weaver as Assistant Coach at \$2,346; Curtis Anthony as Assistant Coach at \$2,074; and Kerry Taylor as a volunteer.
- Wrestling – Eric Gerber as Head Coach at \$6,059; Tyler Watts as Assistant Coach at \$3,977; Chris Lusk as JH Head Coach at \$2,740; and Scott White as JH Assistant Coach at \$2,278.

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

TENURE

A motion to approve tenure for Ben Foote, Joella Harvey, and Amy Vance was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SOFTBALL JERSEYS

A motion to approve providing the softball jerseys to the Girls Softball team was moved by Bachman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

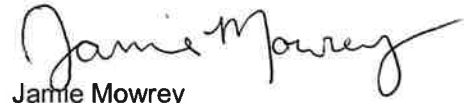
- Hilarie German – coaches that are parents

EXECUTIVE SESSION

There will be an executive session after the meeting regarding personnel; no action to follow.

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

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jamie Mowrey". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary