

July 14, 2025

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:01 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, Engel, Hitesman, Miller, and Rupert.

Others Present: Dyan Frame – Central Elementary Principal, Brett Herbst – Athletic Director, Dwight Woodley – Director of IT/Innovative Learning, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and Fred Holland – Assistant Solicitor.

Visitors: Jeff Foreman – McKinley Architects, Dustin Isenberg, Andy Brown, Eric Gerber, Mark German, and Kris Runner.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

ROMMELT BUILDING FEASIBILITY STUDY

Mr. Jeff Foreman, Senior Project Manager/Architect with McKinley Architecture & Engineering, presented a draft version of the Rommelt Building Feasibility Study which included the Study Scope, Process, Executive Summary, Options Considered with estimated costs, Existing Conditions Assessments for Architectural, Mechanical, and Electrical, and existing references.

ACTION ITEMS

TREASURERS REPORT

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

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,162,865.97, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$195,726.39, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$270.00, and GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$9,278.08 as funds become available was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of June 23, 2025 as written was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST READING

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 317 – Conduct/Disciplinary Procedures, Policy No. 317.1 – Educator Misconduct, Policy No. 320 – Freedom of Speech by Employees, and Policy No. 718 – Service Animals in School was moved by Bachman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES – SECOND READING

A motion to approve the second 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 Hitesman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

2025-2026 BLAST IU WEBSITE HOSTING AGREEMENTS

A motion to approve the Website Hosting Agreements with Blast IU 17 to host the District's website and for Mountie Academy for the 2025-2026 year at a cost of \$1,000 per agreement was moved by Miller, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SALE/DISPOSAL OF ROMMELT KITCHEN EQUIPMENT

A motion to approve the sale or disposal of Rommelt Kitchen Equipment was moved by Miller, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

FITNESS CENTER AND SPORTS PERFORMANCE CENTER

A motion to approve the following quotes from Stray Dog Strength for upgrades to the District's Fitness Center at the Junior Senior High School and the Sports Performance Center in the Rommelt gymnasium, with funds for this purchase coming from the Capital Reserve Fund was moved by Bachman, seconded by Hitesman.

- Performance Center Flooring - \$66,719.63
- Performance Center Equipment - \$107,725.70
- Fitness Center Flooring - \$18,958.22
- Fitness Center Cardio - \$20,498.01
- Fitness Center Equipment - \$30,362.00

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

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs accepted letters of resignation from the following employees

- Maria Pierce from her Rommelt Elementary Principal/Director of Student Services position effective July 31, 2025
- Cory Goodman from his Assistant Varsity Softball Coach position effective June 30, 2025
- Chris Schuler from his Volunteer Softball Coach position effective June 30, 2025
- Adam Lorson from his Volunteer Softball Coach position effective June 30, 2025

EMPLOYMENT

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

ATHLETIC COACHES FOR THE 2025-2026 SEASON

- Tony Birch as 2nd Assistant Coach for football with a stipend of \$2,674
- Ellen Benfer as Co-Percussion Instructor with a stipend of \$1,139
- Theresa Summerson as Girls Tennis Head Coach with a stipend of \$4,006
- Theresa Summerson as Boys Tennis Assistant Coach with a stipend of \$2,981
- Katie Spangler as Head Volleyball Coach with a stipend of \$3,976
- Rachel Knee as JH Assistant Cheerleading Coach with a stipend of \$2,006
- Teyla Mane as a Cheerleading Volunteer
- Tom O'Malley as JH Head Softball Coach with a stipend of \$2,740
- Tom O'Malley as Varsity Head Softball Coach with a stipend of \$5,445

PARAPROFESSIONALS

- Kelsey Barrett at Central Elementary effective at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year for 6.5 hours per day at a rate of \$16.74 per hour in accordance with the South Williamsport Education Support Professionals Association.
- Jaclyn Dangle at Central Elementary effective at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year for 6.5 hours per day at a rate of \$16.74 per hour in accordance with the South Williamsport Education Support Professionals Association.
- Kathryn Miller at the Junior Senior High School effective at the beginning of the 2025-2026 school year for 6.25 hours per day at a rate of \$16.74 per hour in accordance with the South Williamsport Education Support Professionals Association.

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

COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Eric Gerber – 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



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary