

September 8, 2025

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:04 PM in the Large Group Instruction Room in the Junior Senior High School by the President, Todd Engel.

Students from Mrs. Wright's Ready Set School program were recognized for their participation in the program while parents shared their positive review of how the program helped their students.

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: Jesse Smith – High School Principal, Kim Bollinger – Junior High Principal, Dyan Frame – Elementary Principal, Dwight Woodley – Director of IT/Innovative Learning, Technology, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and David Sterngold – Assistant Solicitor.

Visitors: Hilarie German, Christy Pinkerton, Dustin Isenberg, Richard Knecht, Kali Farnsworth, Jeff Mello, Corinn Sees, Dottie Mertz, and Matt Courter - SunGazette.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, informed the school board that the District is in the final stages of the current construction projects at Central Elementary and at the Junior Senior High School and the contractors are working through their final punch lists.

ACTION ITEMS

TREASURERS REPORT

A motion to approve the August 2025 Treasurer's Report 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.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$954,360.71, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$83,315.00, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$36,211.71, GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$8,642.49 and GO Bond 2024 in the amount of \$99,942.85 as funds become available was moved by Hitesman, 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.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of August 18, 2025 as written was moved by Bukeavich, 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.

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

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

- Julie Anthony from her Assistant Girls Basketball Coach position effective August 20, 2025

EMPLOYMENT

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

MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAN

- Transfer Charles Davis from custodian to maintenance effective September 2, 2025
- Approve Dennis Lowell as lead person on second shift effective September 2, 2025

CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – Kathleen Flerlage, Yvonne Lentz and Matthew Masters

GUEST TEACHERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – Kristie Harris, Jessica Smith, and Natalya Steppe

MENTORS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR at a stipend of \$500– Agnes Coder for Halle Sharp and Alyson Reed for Johnna Harper

JUNIOR HIGH MUSICAL STIPENDS

- Jared Whitford as Director at \$1,500
- Steve Bergerstock as Set Building at \$1,000

ATHLETIC VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – Julie Anthony for Girls Basketball and Ashley Burger for Junior High Softball

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

TRANSPORTATION DRIVERS FOR 2025-2026

A motion to approve the following transportation drivers for the 2025-2026 school year was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Bukeavich.

- Assigned Drivers: Wesley Robey, Lee Bernstein, Bob Lunt, Julie Ranck, Sharon Andrade, Nancy Bieber, Ed Danneker, Paul Biblehimer, and Charlie Brooks.
- Substitute Drivers: Curt Clossen, Renee Dawes, Keith Doverspike, Shane Heydrich, Cameron Kephart, Becky Nettleton, Rexallen Schrum, Bob Smith, Jeremy Wilton, and Doug Wirth

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

TRANSPORTATION SCHEDULE FOR 2025-2026

A motion to approve the 2025-2026 Transportation Schedules 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.

APPROVE POLICY – FIRST READING

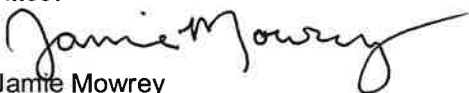
A motion to approve first reading of Policy No. 011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership was moved by Miller, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-abstain, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

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 Miller, seconded by Young. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary