

November 3, 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.

Student athletes Cole Gerber, Levi Butler, Emma McLaughlin, and Kendall Smith were recognized for their achievements during the Fall 2025 season.

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

Others Present: Jesse Smith – Senior High School Principal, Dyan Frame – Elementary Principal, Chris Eiswerth – Elementary Dean of Students, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education, Dwight Woodley – Director of IT/Innovative Learning, Technology, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and Fred Holland – Solicitor.

Visitors: Matt Krach, Richard Knecht, and Matt Courter - SunGazette.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2026 SCHOOL BOARD MEETING DATES

The school board reviewed a draft list of meeting dates for 2026. Dates will be presented at the December reorganization meeting.

I.U. CLASSROOMS

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, discussed the history of hosting I.U. classrooms within the District, Transfer of Entity, Termination of Agreement to Host, and how Fair Share is calculated.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY PLAYGROUND

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, discussed the results of a staff survey for the Central Elementary playground, donations received in the past from the PTO, and discussions with a vendor regarding the status of the current playground.

ACTION ITEMS

TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the September 2025 Treasurer's Report was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-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 \$1,383,799.48, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$74,061.99, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$138,423.79, GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$9,539.10 and GO Bond 2024 in the amount of \$212,878.80 as funds become available was moved by Bachman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of October 6, 2025, as written was moved by Miller, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER

A motion to approve a change order for HVAC Contract H-016: COR 25 – Addition of Mechanical Room Isolation Valve per Work Order #47385 in the amount of \$4,322.39 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES – SECOND READING

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 102 – Academic Standards; Policy No. 105 – Curriculum; Policy No. 122 – Extra Curricular Activities; Policy No. 122.1 – Non-School Sponsored Student Groups; Policy No. 123 – Interscholastic Athletics; Policy No. 209.2 – Diabetes Management; Policy No. 216 – Student Records; Policy No. 815 – Acceptable Use of Electronic Resources; Policy No. 815.2 – Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education; and Policy No. 918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Lewis. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

UNPAID LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion to approve the unpaid leave request from EE #1315 from May 1, 2026 – June 5, 2026, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

OUT OF STATE/OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

A motion to approve the following out of state/overnight field trip requests was moved by Miller, seconded by Hitesman.

- Eric Gerber's Overnight Field Trip Request to take the Varsity Wrestling Team to Mount Aloysius College for the Panther Holiday Classic Wrestling Tournament on December 19-20, 2025.
- Eric Gerber's Out of State & Overnight Field Trip Request to take the Varsity Wrestling Team to Elmira, NY for the Southern Tier Memorial Tournament on January 9-10, 2026.
- Robyn Rummig's Out of State Field Trip Request to take High School Chorus students to New York City, NY on May 20, 2026

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

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs accepted a letter of resignation from Tracy Wright from her Head Track and Field Coach position effective October 6, 2025.

EMPLOYMENT

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

STIPENDS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

- Bowling Club Advisor: Keith Cremer - \$930

CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – Damian Donges (custodian)


ATHLETIC VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – Justin Knee for Wrestling

GAME WORKERS FOR WINTER 2025-2026 SEASON – Gregg Anthony, Don Bower, Luke Franzen, Jean Lowery, Ed Metzger, Ernie Naugle, Amy Pregent, Kris Runner, and Mark Watts.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:52 PM.

Attest


Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary