

October 6, 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.

Students Jewelana Jasper, Lilly Getz, and Ciana Millard were recognized for being nominees for the YMCA Women of Excellence award.

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

Others Present: Kim Bollinger – Junior High Principal, Dyan Frame – Elementary Principal, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education, Brett Herbst – Athletic Director, 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: Ciana Millard, Heather Millard, Shawn Millard, Matt Krach, Anna Winters, Eric Winters, Jewelana Jasper, Richard Knecht, and Matt Courter - SunGazette.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

SUMMARY OF BUILDING OPERATING COMMITTEE MEETING

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, presented a summary from the Building Operating Committee (BOC) Meeting that was held on September 26, 2025. During the meeting, various high school project options were presented from SitelogIQ. The BOC then prioritized the options to bring forward for full board approval. Financial impacts were also discussed, such as using Committed Fund Balance, Capital Reserve funds, and possible future debt issue.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$2,661,324.47, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$14,923.07, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$76,411.32, GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$109,684.63 and GO Bond 2024 in the amount of \$1,649,377.00 as funds become available 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.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of September 8, 2025 as written was moved by Hitesman, 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 POLICY – FIRST 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 Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE POLICY – SECOND READING

A motion to approve the second reading of Policy No. 011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership; Policy No. 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities; Policy No. 113.2 – Behavior Support; Policy No. 202 – Nonresident Students; Policy No. 236.1 – Threat Assessment; Policy No. 254 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children; Policy No. 607 – Tuition Students; and Policy No. 805.2 – School Security Personnel was moved by Miller, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-no, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

WELLNESS COMMITTEE

A motion to approve the Wellness Policy Assessment Tool and Report Templates as created by the District's Wellness Committee was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Lewis. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

HIGH SCHOOL GESA AMENDMENT

A motion to approve an Amendment to the Guaranteed Energy Savings Act (GESA) Agreement with Reynolds Energy Services, Inc. d/b/a SitelogIQ Energy Services, Inc. at the Junior Senior High School for continued mechanical improvements at a cost not to exceed \$2,300,000 subject to final review by the Administration and the District Solicitor was moved by Rupert, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-no, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-no, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EQUIP ONLINE LEARNING SERVICES AGREEMENT

A motion to approve the eEQUIP Online Learning Services Agreement with Blast IU 17 for the District's Mountie Academy program for the 2025-2026 school year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

2025-2026 JUNIOR SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL TSI NON-TITLE SCHOOL PLAN

A motion to approve the 2025-2026 Junior Senior High School TSI Non-Title School Plan was moved by Bachman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

PAINTING OF FITNESS CENTER AND WEIGHT ROOM

A motion to approve B's Quality Painting to paint the Fitness Center at a cost of \$17,594 and to paint the Weight Room at a cost of \$9,990 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

DISPOSAL OF WEIGHT ROOM EQUIPMENT

A motion to approve the disposal of old fitness center equipment and weights was moved by Rupert, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

NITTANY LEARNING SERVICES

A motion to approve a one-year agreement with Nittany Learning Services to provide counseling support staff person at Central Elementary for 1-2 days per week during the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$37,030 with funds from Title I 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.

UNIFIED BOCCE BALL TEAM

A motion to approve the addition of a Unified Bocce Ball Team for Junior Senior High School students as a co-op team with Loyalsock Township School District as a Winter sport 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.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST

A motion to approve John Peters' overnight field trip request to take FBLA students to Kalahari Poconos Resort for the state leadership workshop on November 2-3, 2025 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.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

A motion to approve a leave of absence for Tom O'Malley from his Junior High Head Softball coach position effective August 22, 2025 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.

CHILD BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE

A motion to approve EE #1299 child bearing/child rearing leave request from October 27, 2025 through January 30, 2026 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.

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs accepted letters of resignation from the following employees:

- Rebecca Sones from her Learning Support position at Central Elementary effective September 9, 2025
- Avery Eiswerth from her Junior High Assistant Softball Coach position effective August 29, 2025

EMPLOYMENT

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

CUSTODIAN – Rebecca Harner as a full-time custodian assigned to second shift effective September 29, 2025 at a base rate of \$14.00 per hour in accordance with the American Federation of State County and Municipal Employees Agreement.

STIPENDS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

- Senior Class Advisors: Agnes Coder/Mike Steppe - \$335/person
- Junior Class Advisors: Amy Pregent/John Peters - \$307.50/person
- Sophomore Class Advisors: Amy Vance/Rachel Knipe - \$230/person
- Yearbook Advisor: Kelly Shearer - \$1,700
- Yearbook Business Advisor: Kelly Shearer - \$465
- Builder's Club Advisor: Karen Fink - \$465
- Jr High Yearbook Advisors: Karen Fink/Mike Rodgers - \$465/person
- Key Club Advisors: Hailey Carson/Rachel Knipe - \$465/person
- SADD Club Advisor: Mike Allison - \$930
- FCCLA Advisor: Amy Vance - \$930
- FBLA Advisor: John Peters - \$930
- Mini-Thon Advisors: Anita Leahy/Brandi Smith - \$465/person
- Academic Decathlon Advisors: Kyle Essick - \$1,050
- Senior High National Honor Society Advisor: Manny Tsikitas - \$930
- Junior High National Honor Society Advisor: 7th Grade Team - \$465
- Leo Club Advisor: Hilarie German- \$930
- Coordinator – Audio Visual: Keith Cremer - \$500
- Academic Department Chairs - \$750/person: Jamie Bloom (Math), Matt Eisley (Science), Jessica Kaledas (Non-Core), Josie Kennedy (Social Studies), and Kelly Shearer (English)
- Transition Coordinator – Rachel Knipe - \$750

MENTORS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR at a stipend of \$500 – Samara McLaughlin and Melanie Rojas for McKenna Woodley, Natasha Lehman for Riley Frazier, and Karen Fink for Dylan Freeman.

CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – Elisha Hertwig and Kalyn Erb

GUEST TEACHERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – Isabella Bachman and Emily Kline

CLASSIFIED SUBSTITUTES FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – Heather Miller (Nurse) and Crystal Smith (Nurse)

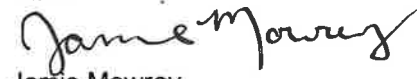
ATHLETIC VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

- Softball: Ashley Burger as Interim Head Junior High Softball Coach effective August 23, 2025 with a stipend of \$2,055
- Boys Basketball: Jesse Manikowski as 7th Grade Coach with a stipend of \$2,674 And Radley Knapp as a Volunteer
- Girls Basketball: Nick Koletar as JV Coach with a stipend of \$3,565
- Baseball: Chase Waller as Head Coach with a stipend of \$3,455
- Bocce Ball: Amy Pregent as Head Coach; Tracy Wright as Assistant Coach; and Isaiah Reed as a Volunteer. Stipends are paid by the Special Olympics through United Bocce.
- Varsity/JH Wrestling Volunteers: Robert Gardner, Ji Hamman, Nate Jones, Lane Lusk, Dave Murray, Sam Persun, and Kayvan Shams
- Elementary Wrestling Volunteers: Don Bower, Ben Foote, Luke Franzen, Shane Gephart, Travis Rogers, Kris Runner, and Jessica Smith

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 Brigandi. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Attest


Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary