

December 2, 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 Immediate Past President, Todd Engel.

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

Board Members Present: Mrs. Cathy Bachman, Mr. Ben Brigandi, Dr. Summer Bukeavich, Mr. Todd Engel, Mr. John Hitesman, Dr. Kimberly Kohler, Mr. Jason Lewis, Mr. Steve Rupert, and Mr. Jason Young.

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

Visitors: Dustin Isenberg, Hilarie German, Charles Haefner, and Matt Courter & Jessica Watson - SunGazette.

REORGANIZATION

ELECTION OF TEMPORARY BOARD PRESIDENT

Mr. Engel requested nominations for Temporary Board President. Mr. Rupert nominated Mr. Engel to be the Temporary Board President for the purpose of reorganization. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mr. Engel took over as Temporary Board President.

READING OF CERTIFICATES OF ELECTION

Mrs. Mowrey, Board Secretary, gave the results of the election held in November 2025. Mrs. Cathy Bachman was elected to a four-year term for Region Three. Mr. Benjamin Brigandi was elected to a four-year term for Region One. Dr. Kimberly Kohler was elected to a four-year term for Region One. Mr. Jason Lewis was elected to a two-year term for Region Two. Mr. Steven Rupert was elected to a four-year term for Region Two.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE OATH OF OFFICE

Mr. Engel administered the oath of office to the elected members.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Mr. Engel requested nominations for the office of President. Mr. Brigandi nominated Mr. Engel, seconded by Dr. Bukeavich. Mr. Rupert made a motion to close nominations, seconded by Young. All members present voting yes, Mr. Engel was elected as President. Mr. Engel then presided over the remainder of the meeting as active President.

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT

Mr. Engel requested nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. Young nominated Mr. Rupert, seconded by Mrs. Bachman. Hearing no more nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mr. Rupert was elected as Vice President.

SCHOOL BOARD MEETING AND WORK SESSION DATES FOR 2024

A motion to adopt the school board meeting dates for 2026 of January 12, January 26, February 9, March 9, April 13, May 4, May 18, June 1, June 22, July 13, August 17, September 14, October 5, November 2, November 16, and December 7 (Reorganization and Regular Meeting) to be held at 6PM located in the High School Large Group Instruction Room was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Young. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Kohler-yes, Lewis-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

REGULAR MEETING

DISCUSSION ITEMS

PANORAMA SURVEY RESULTS

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, reviewed the results of the Panorama Survey administered in October 2025. The survey reviews Social Emotional Learning Data in the areas of Supportive Relationships, Social Awareness, Challenging Feelings, Self-Efficacy, and Emotional Regulation.

UPDATE ON STATE BUDGET

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, reviewed the 2025-2026 State Budget changes which included Mental Health and Safety Funding, School Safety and Security, School Facilities, Cyber-Charter Funding and Reform, Cash Admission Requirements, Cyber-Charter Residency, Cyber Charter Wellness Checks, Attendance for Charter School Students, Teacher Certifications, and Structured Literacy.

SCHOOL DISTRICT VAN

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, led a discussion on a potential purchase of a third school district van.

FUTURE CAPITAL PROJECTS

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, reviewed a history of capital projects that have been completed, and potential future projects which include additional improvements at the High School, Soccer/Track Complex, Rommelt Building improvements, and Concession Stand improvements at the football field. School board members discussed their priorities and requested additional information.

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,497,793.57, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$69,295.70, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$14,830.86, GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$244,341.05, and GO Bond 2024 in the amount of \$240,990.13 as funds become available was moved by Rupert, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Kohler-yes, Lewis-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of November 17, 2025, as written was moved by Bachman, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Kohler-yes, Lewis-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

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

- Richard Edmonston from his Maintenance position, for retirement purposes, effective January 2, 2026.

EMPLOYMENT

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

STIPENDS FOR 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR – Keith Cremer and Ashley Wiley as Freshman Class Advisors at a stipend of \$220 per person.

ATHLETIC VOLUNTEERS FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

- Elementary Girls Basketball – Megan VanCampen and Chelsie Swartz
- Elementary Wrestling – Alec Eggerton, Heith Hicks, and Joel Gephart

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Young, seconded by Hitesman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary