

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – MAY 4, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, May 4, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Selingsrove Area Middle School, 401 North Eighteenth Street, Selingsrove, PA 17870.

The meeting was called to order at 7:34 p.m. by the President, Mr. Eric L. Rowe.

The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was recited by all of those in attendance.

A roll call indicated a quorum with the following members present: Mr. Larry D. Augustine, Mr. David E. Hostetter, Mr. Robert M. Klingler, Jr., Mrs. Cynthia J. O'Hora, Mr. William D. Robinson, Mr. Eric L. Rowe, Mr. Paul F. Spiegel, Jr., Mr. William C. Wenrich, and Mr. Jeffrey P. Whitman and non-voting member, Dr. Frederick C. Johnson, Superintendent.

Others present were as follows:

Mr. Troy Beaver – Maintenance Supervisor
Mr. John Bohle – Middle School Principal
Mr. Chad Cohrs – Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Matt Conrad – Middle School Assistant Principal
Mr. Peter Geipel – Technology Coordinator
Mr. Jeffrey Hummel – Business Manager
Mr. Charles Longwell – High School Acting Principal
Mr. Kevin Oswald – Director of Food Services
Mrs. Cynthia Vennie – Director of Special Education
Mr. Thomas Clark, Esquire - School Board Solicitor
Mrs. Lenora Springfield – Recording Secretary
Mr. Chuck Knauff - Reynolds Construction
Mr. Benjamin Tressler – MS Math Teacher
Mrs. Suzanne Nickler
Kyle Nickler
Mrs. Denise Hoke
Trevor Hoke

It was moved by Mr. Spiegel and seconded by Mr. Whitman to approve the General Fund Bills List dated 4/24/09; the Elementary School Construction Fund Bills List dated 4/30/09 and the High School Construction Fund Bills List dated 4/30/09. (copies to be included and made a part of the official minutes)

Roll call vote:

Mr. Augustine - Aye
Mr. Hostetter – Aye
Mr. Klingler - Aye
Mrs. O’Hora - Aye
Mr. Robinson – Aye

Mr. Rowe- Aye
Mr. Spiegel - Aye
Mr. Wenrich - Aye
Mr. Whitman - Aye

Motion carried: 9 Aye - 0 No - 0 Absent

Mr. Rowe announced that the next Regular Monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 18, 2009, at 7:30 p.m., in Room A-103 at the Middle School, and the June meetings will be held on the 2nd and 4th Mondays (June 8 and 22). There was an addendum to the agenda for tonight and an Executive Session regarding litigation and personnel will be held immediately following adjournment.

Mr. Knauff, Reynolds Construction, reviewed Progress Report #10, dated April 2009, for the High School project. He reported that the project has been underway for approximately 43 weeks and is approximately 50% complete. There are approximately 35 weeks remaining in the project until the substantial completion date of December 31, 2009. 24 change orders in the amount of \$9,097.87 have been approved by the district, and there are approximately \$22,950.05 of pending change orders, proposed and estimated changes to date. Mr. Knauff reviewed the Elementary School Progress Report #10, dated April 2009. The project has been underway for 43 weeks with 35 weeks remaining and is at approximately 70% complete. There have been 30 approved change orders in the amount of \$55,283.84. Mr. Knauff said that there is approximately \$50,918.11 of pending change orders, proposed and estimated changes to date. Complete details are included in the reports. (copies to be included and made a part of the official minutes) The idea of a tour of the project was discussed for June 8 and Dr. Johnson will notify the board of the tour date through his weekly board briefs.

Dr. Johnson referred to the final list of (5) retirements as of April 30. He reported that Mr. Messmore is home and recovering well. Dr. Johnson assured the board that the district is on top of the HiNi virus situation and has been sorting through the information that has been sent out to us. Additionally, an AlertNow message has gone out to the students’ homes and a conference call was held with the US Department of Education. The biggest concern is that we don’t have issues that would cause the schools to shut down for a period of time. There was also discussion about field trips and athletic events that involve our students going off campus and into areas that may already have had a confirmed report of the virus.

Mr. Bohle referenced a letter that was received for the PSSA state audit and basically we did a good job, there were no breeches and no concerns about our testing and procedures. He credited Mrs. Fatchaline and Mr. Smolleck for being instrumental in this accomplishment. They are finishing up the 8th grade careers and the final step will be the on- the- job placement on May 6. He introduced Mr. Tressler, math teacher who gave a quick demo on the interactive white board. His demonstration explained the process and the engagement of the students as they visually are able to view their work.

The system is portable and easy to move from room to room and similar to a power point with the exception that you can draw on it to see the various functions. Dr. Johnson recognized Mr. Geipel for his forward thinking in bringing this technology to our district.

Mr. Longwell commended the cast, Mrs. Hendricks and her staff on the fine performance of “South Pacific”. He also recognized several students for various accomplishments.

Mr. Oswald mentioned that he applied for stimulus money in the amount of \$68,000, but a decision will not be known until June.

Mr. Hostetter, Budget and Finance Committee Chair, said a meeting was held on May 4 and a report would be forthcoming.

Mr. Robinson, Buildings and Grounds Committee Chair, said that although he did not attend the meeting on April 27, there was a request to construct a concession stand/storage building for boys and girls soccer. At the direction of the committee the soccer boosters came up with a drawing and presented it at that meeting. (a copy of the report and drawings to be included and made a part of the official minutes). There was discussion about the request and various concerns were expressed regarding the obstruction of view, permanent vs. non-permanent buildings, food storage, access to the unit by district staff, and provisions for a timer to monitor electric usage. After further discussion, the suggestion was for the Buildings and Grounds Committee to establish guidelines and procedures in the event of similar requests in the future.

At the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee the Board voted to approve a request from the Soccer Boosters to construct a concession stand/storage building at the Soccer field (all costs to be paid for by the boosters).

Roll call vote:

Mr. Hostetter – Aye
Mr. Klingler – Aye
Mrs. O’Hora – Aye
Mr. Robinson - Aye
Mr. Rowe – Aye

Mr. Spiegel - Aye
Mr. Wenrich - Aye
Mr. Whitman - Aye
Mr. Augustine - Aye

Motion carried: 9 Aye - 0 No - 0 Absent

Mr. Whitman, Policy and Education Committee Chair, reviewed the minutes of a meeting held May 20 (a copy of the report to be included and made a part of the official minutes). He noted that the graduation requirements need to be realigned and some changes were made to “reflect what is already in place”. Mrs. O’Hora urged the board to “consider in the future if they do not put forward the graduation credits (to 4 credits) to look at them at another time”.

At the recommendation of the Policy and Education Committee the Board voted to approve the first reading first reading of the following revised policies: Policy 006—Meetings (added language about taping and audiovisual recording); Policy 103—Nondiscrimination in School and Classroom Practices (made Superintendent the Compliance Officer); Policy 104—Nondiscrimination in Employment and Contract Practices (made Superintendent the Compliance Officer); Policy 200—Enrollment of Students (update with AR’s); Policy 217 - Graduation Requirements; Policy 335—Family and Medical Leaves (update with AR’s).

Roll call vote:

Mr. Klingler – Aye	Mr. Wenrich - Aye
Mrs. O’Hora – Aye	Mr. Whitman - Aye
Mr. Robinson – Aye	Mr. Augustine - Aye
Mr. Rowe – Aye	Mr. Hostetter - Aye
Mr. Spiegel - Aye	

Motion carried: 9 Aye - 0 No - 0 Absent

Mr. Augustine reported on some items discussed at a recent PSBA conference he attended. Mr. Rowe asked if Mr. Augustine thought there should be a regular listing on the Agenda of a report from the PSBA Committee representative. Mr. Augustine replied that it could be included, and he would report on items as needed.

It was moved by Mrs. O’Hora and seconded by Mr. Spiegel to approve the following personnel matters:

Resignations: Bonnie Shetter, Secretary to the Elementary Principal, effective May 8, 2009; Beth Anne Snyder, HS Mathematics Teacher, effective July 1, 2009; and Donna Cook, Bus/Van Aide, effective May 1, 2009

Elections: Lonnie Groce, Golf Coach; and Suzanne Nickler, Kurt Gladfelter and Richard DuMond, substitute teachers;

Letters of Intent to Retire: Rescinding letters – Jack Wolfe, Grade 8 Special Education and Lynn A. Hudak, Grade 3 Learning Support Teacher

Roll call vote:

Mrs. O’Hora – Aye	Mr. Whitman - Aye
Mr. Robinson – Aye	Mr. Augustine - Aye
Mr. Rowe - Aye	Mr. Hostetter - Aye
Mr. Spiegel – Aye	Mr. Klingler - Aye
Mr. Wenrich – Aye	

Motion carried: 9 Aye - 0 No - 0 Absent

It was moved by Mr. Augustine and seconded by Mr. Hostetter to approve a request from the Transportation Coordinator to elect Russell Brittain as a school bus driver for Rohrer Bus Service for the remainder of the 2008-2009 school year.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Robinson – Aye
Mr. Rowe – Aye
Mr. Spiegel – Aye
Mr. Wenrich – Aye
Mr. Whitman - Aye

Mr. Augustine - Aye
Mr. Hostetter - Aye
Mr. Klingler - Aye

Motion carried: 9 Aye - 0 No - 0 Absent

Mr. Rowe reminded everyone of the executive session on litigation and personnel, to be held following adjournment.

With no further business before the Board, Mr. Rowe adjourned the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: _____
Lenora R. Springfield
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Larry D. Augustine
School Board Secretary