

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 17, 2009

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, February 17, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of the Selingsgrove Area Intermediate School, 301 N. Eighteenth Street, Selingsgrove, PA 17870.

The meeting was called to order at 7:30 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. Eric L. Rowe, Mr. Paul F. Spiegel, Jr., Mr. William C. Wenrich, and non-voting member, Dr. Frederick C. Johnson, Superintendent. Mr. William D. Robinson and Mr. Jeffrey P. Whitman, Board Members, were absent.

Others present were as follows:

Mr. Troy Beaver – Supervisor of Buildings and Grounds
Mr. John Bohle – Middle School Principal
Mr. Chad Cohrs – Director of Curriculum and Instruction
Mr. Matthew Conrad – Assistant Middle School Principal
Mr. Peter Geipel – Technology Coordinator
Mr. Jeffrey Hummel – Business Manager
Mrs. Lorinda Krause – Elementary Schools Principal
Mr. Charles Longwell – Assistant High School Principal
Mr. Reed Messmore – High School Principal
Mr. Kevin Oswald – Director of Food Services
Mrs. Cindy Vennie – Director of Special Education
Mr. Thomas Clark, Esq. – School Board Solicitor
Mrs. Claudia Beaver – Recording Secretary
Ms. Nicole Tobias, Leadership Susquehanna Valley
Mr. Joe Siro
Mrs. Margaret Siro
Mr. Robert Whyne

It was moved by Mr. Spiegel and seconded by Mr. Wenrich to approve the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held on January 5, 2009; the minutes of the Regular Monthly Meeting held on January 20, 2009; the General Fund Monthly Financial Report for the month ending January 31, 2009; the Treasurer's Report as of January 31, 2009; the Revenue and Expenditure Report dated February 11, 2009; the Cash Disbursement Report dated February 11, 2009; the Food Services Accounts Payable Report dated February 12, 2009; the Activities Account Report for January, 2009; the General Fund Bills List dated February 6, 2009; the High School Construction Fund Bills List dated February 6, 2009; and, the Elementary School Construction Fund Bills List dated February 6, 2009. (copies of lists and reports to be attached and made a part of the official minutes) Roll call vote:

Mr. Hostetter – Aye
Mr. Klingler – Aye
Mrs. O'Hora – Aye
Mr. Rowe – Aye

Mr. Spiegel – Aye
Mr. Wenrich – Aye
Mr. Augustine – Aye

Motion carried: 7 Ayes – 0 No – 2 Absent

Mr. Rowe announced that the next regular monthly meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, March 2, 2009, at 7:30 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Middle School. He noted that a brief executive session regarding negotiations will be held following adjournment of the meeting. Mr. Rowe called attention to the addendum to the agenda for the evening.

Dr. Johnson reported that we gained possession of the Selinsgrove Elementary School at 4 p.m. on Friday, February 13th to begin moving four classrooms, the office area, the nurse area, the library, and another room full of stuff. He noted that thanks needed to be given to Mrs. Krause for all her efforts, to Troy Beaver and his crew, and to Peter Geipel, as well as everyone else that showed up to help make the move Friday evening. It was noted that approximately 60 people helped on Friday night and a lot of work was completed. On Saturday morning, Mr. Beaver and his crew, Mrs. Krause, and several teachers completed the remainder of the work by mid-morning on that day. On behalf of the Board, Dr. Johnson expressed a huge thank you, in particular, to Mrs. Krause, Mr. Beaver, and Mr. Geipel.

Mr. Hummel reported that the Governor recently released his budget numbers for next year. As of right now, for our district, basic education funding is a 5 ½% increase, which is a little more than \$382,000; special education remains the same as last year at 1.4 million dollars; accountability block grant remains the same as last year at \$474,000; cyber charter school is projected at \$84,000 which was based on this year's cost of \$280,000. He noted that the costs have really gone up over the last two to three years for cyber charter school. Mr. Hummel explained that overall in the district's preliminary budget for next year they were projecting a 0% to 1 ½% increase. He noted that the \$382,000 should help to cover some of the operating deficit that is projected for next year's budget.

Mr. Hummel also reported that approval has been received for PlanCon G for both the high school and elementary school. He noted that the next phase is PlanCon H which is important because once approval is received we will begin to start receiving reimbursement for the projects.

Mrs. Krause indicated that she would like to echo everything that Dr. Johnson said regarding the move at Selinsgrove Elementary. She expressed thanks to everyone that helped to make the move and especially to Mr. Beaver and his crew for their help Friday evening and showing up again at 7 a.m. on Saturday morning. (a copy of the Administrative Report to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Bohle reported that they are currently finishing up PSSA writing testing at the Middle School. He noted that a handful of students will be making up tests that they missed last week. (a copy of the Administrative Report and newsletter to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Messmore reported that they finished up the PSSA writing testing at the High School, and will now begin preparing for the PSSA reading and writing testing. Mr. Messmore announced that the second semester Open House will be held on Wednesday, February 26, 2009, from 6-8:30 p.m. (a copy of the Administrative Report to be attached and made part of the official minutes)

Mr. Rowe referred to Mr. Cohrs' administrative report which indicated that our district was not selected for an Energy Harvest Grant which funded \$7 million. He questioned if districts did not meet the criteria for the grant, or if that was all they could afford to fund? Mr. Cohrs responded that it was all they could afford considering the current state of the economy. (a copy of the Administrative Report to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Rowe questioned Mr. Oswald if he has been in contact with SUN ACTC regarding management of the cafeteria. Mr. Oswald responded that he met with Jack Bohn and Ruth Ravert to get some direction and to begin to get a plan in place. He believes it will be a smooth transition. (a copy of the Administrative Report to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Rowe questioned Mr. Geipel how everything went when the switch was flipped at Selinsgrove Elementary? Mr. Geipel responded that it was 75% okay and that he spent several hours tracing lines. Mr. Hostetter questioned the anticipated life of the technology? Mr. Geipel responded that it should last at least ten years.

Mr. Hostetter, Budget and Finance Committee Chair, indicated that the committee will need to schedule a meeting once Mr. Robinson returns to the area.

Mr. Hostetter, Buildings and Grounds Committee Member, again indicated that the committee will need to schedule a meeting once Mr. Robinson returns to the area.

Mr. Rowe, Policy and Education Committee Member, noted that a final reading of Board Policy No. 810-1.b is listed later on the agenda for Board approval.

Mrs. O'Hora, Extracurricular Committee Chair, commented in regard to a report indicating that the PIAA Board of Directors has confirmed the implementation of background checks for PIAA-registered sports officials. She reported that PIAA is currently investigating the establishment of a central depository of background check reports that schools could obtain confirmation of the satisfactory completion of the checks for any sports official registered with PIAA, as of April 1, 2007.

Mr. Rowe, Transportation Committee Chair, commented that he is anticipating a request from Ernie Sharitz to meet sometime in March or April. Mr. Hummel noted that the transportation formula for next year has been increased by .1%.

Mr. Spiegel, Negotiations Committee Member, reported that the committee held a meeting earlier that day, but noted that there was nothing to report.

It was moved by Mrs. O'Hora and seconded by Mr. Klingler to approve the second and final reading of new Board Policy No. 810-1.b – Drug/Alcohol Testing – Covered Drivers (For Contracted Drivers). Roll call vote:

Mr. Klingler – Aye
Mrs. O'Hora – Aye
Mr. Rowe – Aye
Mr. Spiegel – Aye

Mr. Wenrich – Aye
Mr. Augustine – Aye
Mr. Hostetter – Aye

Motion carried: 7 Ayes – 0 No – 2 Absent

It was moved by Mr. Augustine and seconded by Mr. Spiegel to approve the following personnel matters:

Staff Elections:

Rebecca Keister as a Volunteer for High School Mock Trial, without salary, benefits, or expectations of any other compensation;

Tutors for the High School After-School Program (720 Grant) as follows: Amanda Hill, Cheri Long, Carla Minori, and Stephanie Underhill; and,

Ann E. Madison as an Aide to a Handicapped Student/Classroom Aide at the High School, at an hourly rate of \$8.50, effective March 2, 2009

Substitute:

Teacher – Angela M. Zimmerman

Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried: 7 Ayes – 0 No – 2 Absent

It was moved by Mrs. O’Hora and seconded by Mr. Wenrich to approve the 2009-2010 SUN Area Career & Technology Center’s General Operating Budget as presented. (a copy of the budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes) Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried: 7 Ayes – 0 No – 2 Absent

It was moved by Mr. Spiegel and seconded by Mr. Wenrich to approve a request to participate in the Central Susquehanna Regional Guest Teacher Training Consortium during the spring semester of the 2008-2009 school year, at a cost not to exceed \$1,000, as per agreement. Guest Teachers from the spring 2009 training will be available at the start of the 2009-2010 school year. (a copy of the proposal and agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes) Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried: 7 Ayes – 0 No – 2 Absent

It was moved by Mr. Klingler and seconded by Mr. Hostetter to approve a request for residence rights to free school privileges made on behalf of Corrin H. Mordan, Grade 11, in the home of Robert and Lana Woodling, effective January 23, 2009. Roll call vote:

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

Motion carried: 7 Ayes – 0 No – 2 Absent

It was moved by Mrs. O'Hora and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve a request from the High School Principal to submit the Dual Enrollment Grant for 2009-2010 to the PA Department of Education.

Mr. Rowe questioned Mr. Messmore regarding the purpose of the grant. Mr. Messmore responded that it is grant money from the state that is used to help support students going to college by offsetting the cost. He noted that students have the opportunity to earn up to three credits at little or no cost to them.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Augustine – Aye	Mrs. O'Hora – Aye
Mr. Hostetter – Aye	Mr. Rowe – Aye
Mr. Klingler – Aye	Mr. Spiegel – Aye
Mrs. O'Hora – Aye	

Motion carried: 7 Ayes – 0 No – 2 Absent

It was moved by Mr. Hostetter and seconded by Mr. Augustine to approve requests for Tax Exoneration as presented by the Business Manager. (a copy of the list to be attached and made a part of the official minutes) Roll call vote:

Mr. Hostetter – Aye	Mr. Spiegel – Aye
Mr. Klingler – Aye	Mr. Wenrich – Aye
Mrs. O'Hora – Aye	Mr. Augustine – Aye
Mr. Rowe – Aye	

Motion carried: 7 Ayes – 0 No – 2 Absent

It was moved by Mr. Klingler and seconded by Mr. Hostetter to give approval to enter into an agreement with Frontline Placement Technologies for a new substitute calling system at an approximate first year cost of \$5,275.00. (funds available in Technology budget)

Discussion was held regarding the cost of the new system. Mr. Geipel explained that this system is more expensive than our current system, but well worth it. He noted that it is one of the least expensive substitute packages available. Mr. Cohrs commented that this system will interface with our payroll and human resources system and eliminate duplication of work. Mr. Hummel added that currently all absences have to be manually entered but we will no longer have to do that with this new system. Mr. Rowe recalled seeing a demonstration on this system at the IU and that it is a very unique system. Mr. Spiegel questioned if the company will be around a year from now? Mr. Geipel responded that they have been in business since the late 70's early 80's and are a multi-million dollar company. It was noted that districts currently using the system spoke very highly of it.

Roll call vote:

Mr. Klingler – Aye	Mr. Wenrich – Aye
Mrs. O'Hora – Aye	Mr. Augustine – Aye
Mr. Rowe – Aye	Mr. Hostetter – Aye
Mr. Spiegel – Aye	

Motion carried: 7 Ayes – 0 No – 2 Absent

Mr. Rowe reminded everyone that a brief executive session regarding negotiations would be held immediately following adjournment.

With no further business before the Board, Mr. Rowe adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: _____
Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Larry D. Augustine
School Board Secretary

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