

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – OCTOBER 9, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, October 9, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Selingsgrove Area Middle School, 401 N. Eighteenth Street, Selingsgrove, PA 17870.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by the President, Mr. Larry D. Augustine.

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

A roll call indicated a quorum with the following members present: Mr. Larry D. Augustine, Mr. Thomas A. Badman, Ms. Mary E. Bannon, Mr. John Molitoris, Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Mrs. Amelia G. Stauffer, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. Dennis R. Wolfe and non-voting member, Dr. Chad L. Cohrs, Superintendent. Mr. William L. Bechtel, Jr., Board Member, was absent.

Others present were:

Mr. Troy Beaver, Mr. John Bohle, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Dr. Frank Jankowski, Mr. Christopher Morrison, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Mr. Jason Schmucker, J. Michael Wiley, Esq., and Ms. Claudia Beaver

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Wolfe to approve minutes, reports and bills lists, as presented. (copies of reports and bills lists to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Teats raised questions about the following general fund invoices: Central Susquehanna Region School and Reynolds Restoration Services. He also questioned a capital project invoice to T-Ross Brothers Construction. Mr. Teats noted that he does not feel that the project was legally bid and referenced the separation act. Attorney Wiley replied that this is a legal matter which he will address during the executive session following adjournment.

On roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Mrs. Stauffer inquired regarding the possibility of receiving results of the Moby Max math test and the DIBELS testing that were recently administered at the 3-5 level. She also questioned if these are state mandated tests. Dr. Cohrs responded that these are local assessments that are given multiple times a year that the teachers use for placement and instructional purposes.

**Board Discussion**

Ms. Bannon called attention to the fact that the new HVAC system is making it difficult to hear the discussion currently being held. The possibility of rearranging the placement of the tables, as well as looking into a microphone system was discussed and will be explored further.

**Announcements:**

Mr. Augustine announced that the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2018. He called attention to an addendum to the agenda which included several additional action items. Mr. Augustine also announced that an executive session will be held following adjournment in regard to litigation and personnel matters.

Mr. Augustine made the Board aware that there is talk of an early bird teacher's contract. Therefore, Mr. Augustine appointed the following members to the Negotiations Committee: John Molitoris, Chair; Dennis Wolfe, and Andy Paladino.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **Superintendent:**

Dr. Cohrs referred to the revised All Hazards Plan which he is recommending for Board approval later on the agenda. He expressed thanks to the Administrators and members of the Safety Committee for all of the hard work that went into getting it together in a much more user friendly format.

Dr. Cohrs also referred to a handout that he prepared and distributed listing a breakdown of 2018-2019 district personnel. (a copy of the handout to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Dr. Cohrs announced that a Board Retreat is scheduled for Monday, October 29, 2018, at 5 p.m. at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club.

Dr. Cohrs reported that the state is working on compiling data necessary for the performance profile. It is anticipated that the profile will be released sometime this fall.

### **Business Manager:**

Mr. Hummel reported that the audit of the 2017-2018 fiscal year is wrapping up this week. He noted that we have final numbers for the fiscal year and he is in the process of putting together financial statements now. Mr. Hummel commented that a Budget and Finance Committee meeting will need to be scheduled in the near future to review those numbers.

Mr. Hummel reported that the state has released the Act 1 index for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The base index is 2.3% and the district's adjusted index is 2.9%. Mr. Hummel explained that 2.9% is the cap for a real estate tax increase, which translates into a little less than 2 mills. Mr. Hummel noted that the Board will either need to pass a resolution to stay within the index by the end of January, or a preliminary budget in February. He explained that the last several years the district has passed an Act 1 Resolution in January, which is an agreement to stay under the cap of 2.9%. If the Board decides to pass a preliminary budget, we can apply for exceptions for retirement costs and special education costs.

### **School Safety & Security Coordinator:**

Mr. Wolfberg brought the Board up to date on the status of the hiring of two school police officers and all of the administrative requirements to be met and steps to be taken before the program can be up and running. It is his hope to have the officers uniformed by Thanksgiving.

### **Assistant Superintendent:**

Dr. Jankowski reviewed the comprehensive nature of the Professional Development Plan. He noted that one of the focuses of this school year is the safety training and youth mental health awareness of our staff.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Finance:** Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported on the need to schedule a committee meeting in the near future.

**Buildings and Grounds:** No report.

**Policy and Education:** No report.

**Extracurricular:** Mr. Wolfe, Member, reported that committee meetings were held on August 22 and September 27, 2018. (copies of the minutes of the meetings to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

**Personnel/Meet and Discuss:** No report.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Badman to consider the recommendation of the Personnel Committee to approve the following personnel matters:

**Staff Resignations:** Kevin Romansik as a School Police Officer, effective September 24, 2018; Cynthia Knight (verbal) as Food Service Cook/Cashier at the High School, effective August 22, 2018; and, Scott Frost as Head Track Coach, effective September 21, 2018

**Staff Elections:**

2018-2019 Continuing Winter Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Boys Basketball Head Coach - Mike Stebila  
 Boys Basketball Asst. Coach - Ryan Beddall  
 Boys Basketball 9th Grade Head Coach - Ray Moyer  
 Girls Basketball Head Coach - Tim Lauver  
 Girls Basketball Asst. Coach - Rachael Scheller  
 Girls Basketball 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Head Coach – Rachael Scheller  
 Girls Basketball 7th Grade Head Coach -Tim Scheller  
 Girls Basketball Intermediate Coordinator - Chris Morrison  
 Wrestling Head Coach - Seth Martin  
 Wrestling Asst. Coach - Stu Zeiders  
 Wrestling JH Coach - Jason Carpenter  
 Cheerleading Head Coach - Kenda Witmer  
 Cheerleading Asst. Coach - Hannah Herrold  
 Bowling - Jeff Herman

2018-2019 New Winter Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Boys Basketball 8th Grade Head Coach - John Marrett  
 Boys Basketball Intermediate Coordinator - Ryan Beddall  
 Wrestling Asst. JH Coach - Jerry Bastian

2018-2019 Volunteer Coaches: Mike Heckman, Clint Neidig, Matt Atwood, Mike Piechu, Bob Kruskie, Faithe Bastian, Mike Stebila, Steve Diehl, Phil Guesamaria, Barry Kobel, Jamie Keller, Lisa Wagner, Amiee Snyder, Dave Morrone, Jake Mangels, Ashley Kolak, Mike Gaugler, Bryce Reichenbach, Justin Schooley, Cody Zechman, Nathan Bingaman, Kevin Metz, Ralph Varner, and Bill Bechtel (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2018-2019 District Volunteers: Kerin Cook, Chesney Cressinger, Theresa Hackenberg, Trista Hackenberg, Susan Hendricks, Madalyn Jankowski, Bob Kruskie, Melissa McCabe, Annette Maust, Jessica Moyer, Penny Neidig, Shane Spriggle, Veronica Welker, Shandramaria Wray Nicole Adams, Gretchen Brouse, Sherry Hunt, Amy McGlaughlin, and Suzanne Reichenbach (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Michael Connelly as a School Police Officer, effective date to be determined, at an hourly rate of \$26.00 (25 hrs./week) (pending receipt of required paperwork); Giuliana Martone as a Part-Time (6.5 hours/day) Utility Aide at the Middle School, at an hourly rate of \$9.50, effective retroactive to September 17, 2018; Molly Corl as a Food Service Cook/Cashier at the Selinsgrove Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$10.00, effective October 1, 2018; and, Jamie Fegley as a Food Service Cook/Cashier at the Intermediate School, at an hourly rate of \$9.49, effective October 10, 2018

Substitutes: Guest Teacher – Frank Passaniti (pending receipt of required paperwork); School Nurses – Rebecca Rodgers, Katie Sassaman, and Christine Showers (pending receipt of required paperwork); and, Teachers – Joelle Billheim, Jonathan Bixler, Breana Kratzer, Jenna Mowery, Lindsey Ray, and Ryan Redfern (pending receipt of required paperwork)

On roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

**Transportation:** No report.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Badman to approve the following drivers, effective during the 2018-2019 school year: Francis Bastian and Harvey Kramer for Rohrer Bus Service; and, Timothy Brouse, William Cookson, Valerie Hoover, Michael Kline, Jeffre Wittle, and Darlene Yetter for Weikel Busing.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Technology:** No report.

**SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee:** Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that a meeting is scheduled for tomorrow, October 10<sup>th</sup>, with SUN Tech's Executive Director to discuss our district's student visits which have been expanded to include eighth grade.

**CSIU Board of Directors:** Mr. Augustine, Representative, referred to the highlights of the meeting held on September 19, 2018, and noted that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2018.

**PSBA:** Mr. Augustine, Liaison, reported that he will be attending the Annual PASA/PSBA School Leadership Conference which will be held in Hershey, October 17-19, 2018. He noted that PSBA will also be hosting a School Safety and Security Exchange event in Hershey, November 8-9, 2018, which he plans to attend.

Motion by Badman and seconded by Paladino to elect the following individuals as 2019 PSBA Officers, PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees, and Forum Steering Committee Members:

President-Elect – Eric Wolfgang

Vice President – Art Levinowitz

PSBA Insurance Trustees – Richard Frerichs, William LaCoff, Nathan Mains

Forum Steering Committee (1-year term ends 12/31/19) – Brian Feick, Lorraine Rocco, Bethanne Ziegler

Forum Steering Committee (2-year term ends 12/31/20) – Peter Bard, Denise Lopera

The motion was unanimously carried.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Business Matters:**

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to consider approving a list of requests for tax exoneration as presented and recommended by the Business Manager. (a copy of the list to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**All Hazards Plan:**

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Teats to consider approving the updated All Hazards Plan, as presented.

On roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

**Independent Study Proposal:**

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Bannon to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve an Independent Study Proposal for student #10882, as presented. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Articulation Agreement:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to consider expanding the current Articulation Agreement with Delaware Valley University to include the course: Horticultural Science A. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Residence Rights to Free School Privileges:**

Motion by Bannon and seconded by Badman to consider a request for residence rights to free school privileges made on behalf of Amy Q. Lanplear, Grade 7, in the home of Marcia and Joe Moore, effective October 4, 2018.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Augustine reminded everyone that an Executive Session will be held immediately following adjournment.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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