

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, November 12, 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 7:03 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, Mr. John Molitoris, Mrs. Amelia G. Stauffer, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. Dennis R. Wolfe and non-voting member, Dr. Chad L. Cohrs, Superintendent. Ms. Mary E. Bannon, Mr. William L. Bechtel, Jr. and, Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Board Members, were absent.

Others present were:

Mr. Troy Beaver, Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Dr. Frank Jankowski, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Christopher Morrison, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Mr. Jason Schmucker, J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, and Mr. Daniel Ressler

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Molitoris 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)

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Augustine announced that the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, December 3, 2018, which will be followed by the Reorganization meeting.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Mr. Dan Ressler, a resident of 204 Magnolia Avenue, addressed the Board regarding an offer that he made in April of 2018 to purchase a parcel of land owned by the district that runs along his property line. He referenced an agreement that goes back many years whereas he may use the parcel of land for gardening purposes. Mr. Ressler noted that the district has not used the land for over 20 years, but continues to maintain it. He inquired if the Board is considering his request since he has not heard anything. Dr. Cohrs replied that Mr. Ressler's proposal has been referred to the Buildings and Grounds Committee and is still in the consideration process.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Cohrs reported on a variety of activities held in recognition of Veterans Day. He publicly thanked Tom Badman for his service.

Dr. Cohrs introduced Susan Lipsey as the district's Director of Special Education and noted that today was her first day of employment with the district.

Dr. Cohrs referenced a job description for a Mental Health Worker that is on the agenda for Board consideration. He explained that approval of the job description is the first step towards bringing the special education class for students with behavioral issues back to the district and offering them a better education than what they are currently receiving.

Dr. Cohrs also asked those Board members who attended the retreat to complete the survey, if they have not yet done so.

School Safety & Security Coordinator:

Mr. Wolfberg referred the Board to the “confidential” monthly report of activities of the district’s police department during the month of November. He explained that the officers have met all of the training and certification requirements, and are awaiting taking the official oath of office.

Assistant Superintendent:

Dr. Jankowski reviewed the history of education law. He explained that the Elementary & Secondary Education Act (ESEA) kicked off in 1965 and was updated in 2002 with the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. In 2015 the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA) was signed into law. Dr. Jankowski explained that one of the components of ESSA is career readiness. He noted that career readiness and creating a pathway for students (of all ages) for making good career decisions is a hot topic in the region and state right now.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting held on October 22, 2018. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

A roll call vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to make the fund balance designations at 6-30-2018, as presented.

Designation of Fund Balance:	Balance 6/30/2017	2017-18 Designation	Balance 6/30/2018
General Fund			
Assigned	\$ 106,891	\$ (40,150)	\$ 66,741
Restricted - Special Ed ACCESS Program	\$ 474,651	\$ (30,842)	\$ 443,809
Nonspendable - Inventory of Supplies	\$ 16,770	\$ 428	\$ 17,198
Nonspendable - Prepaid Expenses	\$ 62,153	\$ (58,203)	\$ 3,950
Committed – Real Estate Tax Appeals	\$ -	\$ 200,000	\$ 200,000
Committed - Retiree Healthcare	\$ 2,318,334	\$ -	\$ 2,318,334
Committed - MS project	\$ 2,000,000	\$ (2,000,000)	\$ -
Committed - PSERS	\$ 3,214,716	\$ -	\$ 3,214,716
Committed - Educational Resources	\$ 306,389	\$ -	\$ 306,389
Unassigned	\$ 2,441,094	\$ 394,493	\$ 2,835,587
Total Fund Balances	\$10,940,998	\$ (1,534,274)	\$ 9,406,724

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent

A voice vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to adopt the Affordable Care Act Resolution for 2019, as presented. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Badman, Chair, reported that we are waiting to hear from KCBA Architects in regard to Phase 2 of the improvement project.

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: Mr. Badman, Member, reported that meetings with the fall coaches are scheduled for November 28 and December 5.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: No report.

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

Staff Resignation: Debra Sprenkel as Food Service Support Staff at the Middle School, effective November 16, 2018;

Staff Transfer: Nicole Coster from Assistant Kitchen Manager at the Intermediate School to Cook/Cashier at the Middle School, effective November 13, 2018 (due to the resignation of Debra Sprenkel);

Staff Elections: Amy Stoneburg as Cook/Cashier at the Intermediate School, effective November 13, 2018, due to the transfer of Nicole Coster; 2018-2019 District Volunteers: Julie Arnold, Amanda Bielskie, Jennifer Bressler, Jennifer Cataldi, Kelly Crissinger, Amy Domaracki, Stacy Dressler, Sara Duignan, Kimberly Ehrsam, Jennifer Erdman, Avery Fern, Tiffany Fry, Rebecca Geipel, Erin Goedegebuure, Joslyn Gower, Heather Hackenberg, Linda Hoover-Teats, Erin Hoffman, Wendy Hummel, Marissa Keller, Ashley Kerstetter, Janel Kopp, Michelle Lawrence, Gail Lehman, Kay Leitzel, Karlen Light, Melisa Lucas, Shari Mangels, Jade Miller, Megan Moll, James Muller, Florence Marie Nichols, Helen Nylund, Starr Paige-Auker, Anne Parise, Nicole Paulhamus, Greg Rhoads, Rebecca Rodgers, Amanda Rousu, Tana Shaffer, Kimberly Shemory, Michelle Siegel, Nikki Snyder, Katie Spracklin, Bobbie Jo Sprenkle, Sabrina Toskey, Jennifer Troxell, Alex Ulsh, Jenifer Voneida, Rose Weir, Sarah Weir, Sara Wenrich, Germaine Whilby, Chelsie White, Terri Wilburn, Kathryn Wolfe, Nichole Young, Lindsay Zacharda, and Paula Zemaitis (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation); and Supplemental Duty Contract as MS Student Council Advisor, during the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year: Susan Michler (due to the resignation of Angelo Picerno);

Letter of Intent to Retire at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year: Karen A. Hoke as a Grade 8 ELA Teacher at the Middle School, effective June 30, 2019;

Substitutes: Teacher – John Cooley; Guest Teachers – Kirsten Adee, Kathalene Fedorjaka, Katlyn Koppen, Kelsey Koppen, Bryce Long, Jennifer Miller, Rebecca Rodgers, Amber Srednicki, and Madison Walter (pending receipt of required paperwork); Paraprofessional – Florence “Marie” Nichols; and, Nurse – Brandon Wilkinson

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent

Negotiations: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported that the committee met on October 22nd and is planning to meet again within the next 30 days.

Transportation: No report.

Motion by Badman and seconded by Molitoris to approve the following drivers, effective during the 2018-2019 school year: Joseph Davis, Scott Heschel, and Margaret Richard for Rohrer Bus Service; and, Tiffany Thomas 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 was held with the Executive Director, and our Middle School and High School principals and guidance counselors, regarding student visits and expanding them to eighth grade students. It was noted that currently visits to the school are made by all students in grade 10, and by those students in grade 11 that are indecisive about attending. Mr. Teats questioned the possibility of sending only students with a real interest in attending the school. He mentioned this because he was made aware of “nasty remarks” made by several tenth grade students, at a recent visit to the school, to other students who have an interest in attending the school.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, referred to the highlights of the meeting held on October 24, 2018. He noted that the Board was able to successfully negotiate a five-year collective bargaining agreement with the education association as well as successfully combining of two unions into one.

PSBA: Mr. Augustine, Liaison, distributed and reviewed copies of the PSBA legislative priority issues for the 2019-2020 session. (a copy of the issues to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Badman and seconded by Molitoris 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.

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Wolfe to consider approving the real estate assessment appeal agreement with Susquehanna Valley Mall Associates, as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent

Extended Day Field Trip:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Molitoris to consider the request of the Middle School Principal for an extended day field trip on behalf of the Eighth Grade Chorus to travel to New York City to experience a Broadway Show, March 30, 2019. (Departure at 6:30 a.m. and return at 9 p.m.)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Residence Rights to Free School Privileges:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Badman to consider approving the following requests for residence rights to free school privileges: Antonio M. Rose, Grade 10, in the home of Talana Braun and Vanessa Walker, effective September 17, 2018; Patrick D. Wilson, Jr., Grade 5, in the home of Meesha Wilson, effective October 12, 2018; and, Sarah C. Sims, Grade 8, in the home of Edwana Sims and Sherman Milton, effective October 19, 2018.

The motion was unanimously carried.

2018-2019 Superintendent Goals:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to consider approving 2018-2019 Superintendent Goals, as presented. (a copy of the goals to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Revised Organizational Chart:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a revised Organizational Chart, as presented. (a copy of the chart to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

School Police Officer and Chief of Police Appointment:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Badman to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint Mark Wolfberg as School Police Officer, as well as the district's Chief of Police.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mental Health Worker Job Description:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Badman to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a Mental Health Worker job description, as presented. (a copy of the job description to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

High School Tri-M Music Honor Society:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Molitoris to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve a proposal for a Tri-M Music Honor Society, as presented. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

High School Interact Club:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Molitoris to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve a proposal to form an Interact Club (Junior Rotary), as presented. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

Mr. Teats questioned if there continued to be a water issue with the high school elevator. Mr. Parise and Mr. Beaver responded that the issue has been resolved.

Mr. Teats commented on an instance where carpets were scrubbed at the high school without the use of fans. He remarked that the district must continue to be diligent in the use of fans to prevent mold issues in the future.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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