

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 3, 2018

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, December 3, 2018, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Selingsrove Area Middle School, 401 N. Eighteenth Street, Selingsrove, 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, Ms. Mary E. Bannon, Mr. William L. Bechtel, Jr., 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.

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, Christopher H. Kenyon, Esquire (in place of J. Michael Wiley), and Ms. Donna Wagner

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats 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: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Augustine announced that the next tentative regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 14, 2019. This is being proposed at the re-organization meeting after the regular meeting.

There is no addendum to the agenda this evening.

There was an Executive Session held earlier this evening to discuss litigation.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Cohrs thanked the District Office staff, especially Ms. Wagner who has been filling in for Ms. Beaver while she has been off. We anticipate her to be off at least another week but everybody in District Office has been stepping up and helping fill the responsibilities that needed to be done in her absence so a big thank you to all of them.

Dr. Cohrs distributed a Draft 2019-2020 School Calendar for review which will be on the January 2019 agenda. Please let him know if there are any questions, comments, or suggestions.

Dr. Cohrs reported that Mr. Wolfberg and himself attended a presentation in Lewisburg by a group called, "Mom's Demand Action" in which they presented an overview of their Be SMART program.

This program is a gun safety program. It was very well done and designed for parents and adults, not children, and we are exploring hosting that program here in the District at some point in the future.

Business Manager:

Mr. Hummel reported that work continues on next year's budget for the 2019-2020 fiscal year. The first Board action will be at the next meeting in January. We will have the Act 1 budget resolution on the agenda for approval. That will cap the amount of real estate tax increase we would be allowed. Our index for next year is 2.9% which would give us a little under 2 mills of real estate tax. That is the cap which doesn't mean we have to raise taxes up to that cap but that would be the cap we would set for next year's budget.

School Safety & Security Coordinator:

Mr. Wolfberg brought the Board up to date on the status of the District Police Department. Officer Hickman gathered reporting forms that were put on the computer for the officers to use by our IT department, mainly Erick Decker, who worked with the department to digitize these reports. Mr. Wolfberg referenced a picture of what the patrol car would look like with decals which is on the agenda for approval. On Friday afternoon, November 30th, Snyder County Judge Sholley signed the order that was submitted granting the District's new police department Act 44 police authority. The department was sworn in the same day by the Prothonotary and took the Oath of Office completing Phase I. Phase 2 is getting the ORI which is the Agency Designator Number which has been applied for through the State Police and we should have that in 1 to 2 weeks. The officers received their ballistic (bullet-proof) vests today and we are still waiting for the long-sleeved shirts and badges. The jackets came in but were the wrong style, so they need returned.

Other Administrative Reports:

Mr. Parise accompanied by high school student, Miss Jami Guo, high school teacher, Mr. John Jarrett, and middle school teacher, Mr. Bradly Richmond, showed a slide presentation showing highlights of their November trip to Japan as part of the Senshu Cultural Exchange Program. We are approaching 20 years with this program with Senshu University High School in Tokyo which is an offshoot from Susquehanna University's cultural exchange program that they have with Senshu University in Tokyo. Each year in November 6 students and 2 staff members go to Tokyo and in the spring, we have students come to our school to attend different classes and they also do a presentation to our elementary school students. We are very fortunate to have this program continuing. Mr. Parise publicly thanked Cristi Nobre da Vega who has taken on the role of teacher leader coordinating this program. Senshu would like to bring more students here and we would like to send more students. The problem is finding host families. We normally have about 10 students apply but this year there were 40 applicants. Most of the cost is paid for our students by Senshu University High School except the airfare and they stay approximately 10 days in Japan.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Molitoris asked Mr. Parise if it was correct there were two students that tested positive on drug testing and wanted to know if we were following up to make sure the students are getting what they need. Mr. Parise stated that, per policy, as soon as there is a positive result the students are automatically referred to the SAP team (Student Assistance Program). The team meets weekly as part of the state mandated SAP process. Since testing positive is connected to extra-curricular participation that is one of their contingencies to getting back on the list of students who can participate. In those cases, we have cooperation from the families. It's a quick turn-around to offer services with the county liaison/representative for D&A counseling attending most of the weekly meetings.

Other Administrative Reports (continued):

Mr. Bohle announced to the Board that Mr. Smolleck and himself, with the support of Mr. Decker, started their 8th grade careers program. There will be approximately 30 career speakers come to the middle school on December 19th where students sign up to listen to a speaker. In 7th grade they determine which cluster out of the 16 career clusters they are interested in by identifying the top 5. They will select 8 speakers to listen to in which 5 must be in their top 5 cluster list. This is part of the Chapter 339 plan in which they must have 6 pieces of evidence in each student's career portfolio in grades 6-8 to validate that the Career, Education and Work (CEW) standards have been meaningfully addressed. A trip to Sun Tech is also being planned for May 2019.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: No report.

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: Mr. Bechtel, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on Wednesday, November 28th, 2018. Mr. Bechtel reported that there will be a meeting on December 5th, 2018 to meet with fall coaches (copies of the minutes of the meetings to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Bechtel made a motion to hire Brian Catherman as boys' track coach as recommended by the committee.

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no 0 absent

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: No report.

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

Staff Transfers: Rebecca Womer, Cashier/Cook to Assistant manager and Jamie Fegley, Cashier/Cook to Baker both at the Intermediate School, both effective November 19, 2018.

Staff Elections:

2018-2019 District Volunteers: Joshua Davis, Sara Goodling, Justin Schooley, Jayme Knouse, and Jayson Weir (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2018-2019 Volunteer Coaches:

Wrestling Coach – Greg Rhoads

Swimming/diving Coach – Tami Long

(without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2018-2019 New Winter Coach with Extracurricular Contract:

7th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach – Jim Beddall

Letters of Intent to Retire at the end of the 2018-2019 School Year:

Kindergarten Teacher at Selinsgrove Elementary – Martha Smith
Band/Music Teacher at the High School – Edward C. Smith

Substitutes: Guest Teacher – Ryan Lecky and Kyle Pletcher; and, Food Service – Florence Nichols

Other Matters: Zachary Raup unpaid internship from the University of Cincinnati with Justin Simpson, Athletic Director, from 1/14/19 to 5/2/19 for 400 hours.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Negotiations: No report.

Transportation: No report.

Motion by Badman and seconded by Molitoris to approve the following drivers, effective during the 2018-2019 school year: Rodney Nulph and Zachary Poorman for Weikel Busing.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: No report.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, referred to highlights of the meeting held on November 14, 2018.

PSBA: Mr. Augustine, Liaison, reported that there will be a Board meeting on December 5, 2018. Mr. Augustine met with Mr. Mains on November 26th, 2018 to make some comments to him and share some ideas in a conversation regarding organizational matters.

Dr. Cohrs added that he heard from PSBA and the workshop they were planning to host at Selinsgrove on December 12, 2018 has been postponed due to low attendance on registration. Mr. Augustine said it has been rescheduled for January in State College and it's for first time Board members. Mr. Augustine is consulting for the upcoming meeting. They are scheduling meetings for the Eastern, Western, and Central part of Pennsylvania. Mr. Augustine plans to be there.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Wolfe and seconded by Stauffer 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.

Settlement Agreement and Release:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to consider approving the Settlement Agreement and Release, as presented.

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

Vehicle Purchase:

Motion by Badman and seconded by Bechtel to consider approving the purchase of a 2016 Ford Fusion from Selinsgrove Ford for \$8,500 to be used as a school police vehicle (approximate value is \$15,000).

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

The motion was unanimously carried.

Property Sale:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Badman to consider advertising for and accepting sealed bids for a parcel of land of approximately 0.26 acre located behind 204 Magnolia Avenue, Selinsgrove. In addition to the purchase price, the successful bidder would be responsible for all costs associated with surveying and subdivision of the parcel and all other transaction fees (including, but not limited to, transfer taxes, recording fees, deed fees, agreement of sale, and necessary document preparation).

The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned sine die at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Donna M. Wagner
Recording Secretary

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