

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 11, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, February 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Selingsgrove Area Middle School, 359 Seals Avenue, 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, 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. Ms. Mary E. Bannon, Board Member, was absent.

Others present were:

Mr. Troy Beaver, Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Christopher Morrison, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Mr. Jason Schmucker, Christopher Kenyon, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mark and Cathy Wolfberg, Mike and Terri Connelly, Troy Hickman, Teresa O'Brien, Colton Moyer, and Ed Mangold (KCBA Architects)

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Badman 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. Molitoris requested that the minutes be changed to correctly reflect a statement that he made regarding administrator involvement in Jr. High basketball.

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

**Announcements:**

Mr. Augustine announced that the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 11, 2019. He called attention to an addendum to the agenda which includes additional action items.

**Board Discussion:**

Mr. Augustine referred the Board to copies of a PSBA Transgender Legal Update dated January 22, 2019, that they received in their Board folders. He encouraged the members to read the summary as it includes important updated information about recently adopted guidelines. (a copy of the summary to be attached made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Wolfe followed up on recent Board action authorizing him to approach local municipalities requesting that they include on their website information about the school district and vice versa. He reported that he has since attended supervisor meetings for Shamokin Dam and Penn Township and both were receptive to the idea.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**Superintendent:**

Dr. Cohrs announced that January was School Director Recognition Month. He publicly thanked them for their work and time that they put into the district.

Dr. Cohrs reported that the Governor is proposing raising the starting teacher salary to \$45,000. He noted that this would not impact our district because our starting salary is above that amount. Also being proposed is changing the compulsory age to attend school to age 6. Dr. Cohrs noted that the current age is 8. The maximum compulsory age would increase from 17 to 18.

### **Business Manager:**

Mr. Hummel reported regarding the proposed state budget for next year. At this point in time, we are looking at a minimum increase in funding in the amount of \$107,000 for basic education and \$40,000 for special education. This relates to an increase of 1.3% for basic education and a little over 2.5% for special education. Mr. Hummel noted that these increases will make up for what the district has lost in the real estate assessment appeal for the mall.

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

Mr. Wolfberg referred the Board to the “confidential” monthly written report of activities of the district’s police department during the month of January which he briefly summarized.

Dr. Cohrs and Mr. Augustine officially presented badges to each individual member of the district’s police force: Officer Mark Wolfberg as Chief; and Officers Mike Connelly and Troy Hickman.

It was noted that the presence of these officers on the district’s campus and in the buildings has had a very positive response by the student population thus far.

### **Other Administrative Reports:**

Mr. Schmucker introduced Teresa O’Brien as the district’s instructional coach. Mrs. O’Brien gave a powerpoint presentation on past and upcoming K-5 literacy events.

Mr. Wolfe questioned Mr. Beaver’s confidence regarding the security of the partition between the gym and cafeteria at the high school. Mr. Beaver responded that both sets of bolts would have to break for the partition to fall. Dr. Cohrs noted that replacing the partition is part of the phase 2 improvement project.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Finance:** Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on January 24, 2019. He noted that the meeting was attended by Representative Lynda Schlegel-Culver and Representative Fred Keller and felt it was a very beneficial meeting and suggested having them in attendance more often or perhaps annually. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Badman, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meetings held on January 22 and February 5, 2019. (copies of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

A voice vote was taken to approve the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to put out for bid district projects, as presented. (a copy of the list of projects to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

It was noted that Ed Mangold, a representative from KCBA Architects, was present if there were any questions regarding the projects being proposed.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Policy and Education:** No report.

**Extracurricular:**

Motion by Bechtel and seconded by Badman to consider the recommendation of the Athletic Director to approve the list of stadium rules, as presented. (a copy of the rules to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Questions were raised regarding the list of proposed stadium rules. Discussion was held as to how the public is made aware of the rules and who makes sure that the rules are enforced.

The motion was unanimously carried.

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

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

**Staff Elections:** Appointing Jason Schmucker as Acting Elementary K-2 Principal, effective January 21, 2019, until further notice, at a stipend of \$25 per day;

2018-2019 New Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Baseball Assistant Coach - Kevin Kline  
 Girls Lacrosse Head Coach - Deb Kingston  
 Boys Track and Field Head Coach - Brian Catherman  
 Boys Track and Field Assistant Coach - Seth Martin  
 Boys Track and Field Assistant Coach - George Hummel  
 Girls Track and Field Assistant Coach - Mike Stebila

2018-2019 Continuing Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Baseball Head Coach - Brent Beiler  
 Baseball Assistant Coach - Stu Zeiders  
 Softball Head Coach - Joel Rogers  
 Softball Assistant Coach - Isaac Ramer  
 Softball Assistant Coach - Chris Eisley  
 Boys Lacrosse Head Coach - Tom Garlock  
 Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach – Jim Youngman  
 Girls Track and Field Head Coach - Jeffrey Kiss  
 Girls Track and Field Assistant Coach - Allison Huber  
 Girls Track and Field Assistant Coach - Elizabeth Hummel  
 Boys Tennis Head Coach - Salvador Nobre da Veiga  
 JH Girls Soccer Head Coach - Cheryl Underhill  
 JH Girls Soccer Assistant Coach - Brian Derr  
 JH Boys Soccer Head Coach - Chris Lupolt  
 JH Boys Soccer Assistant Coach - Dave Klinger  
 JH Field Hockey Head Coach - Roz Erb  
 JH Field Hockey Assistant Coach - Melissa Bingaman

2018-2019 Spring Coach Volunteers:

Boys Track and Field - Scott Frost  
 Boys Track and Field - Jay Pagana  
 Baseball - Jim Messner  
 Baseball - Bryan Mohr  
 Baseball - Dave Brown  
 Baseball - Patrick Krepps

2018-2019 Spring Coach Volunteers - Continued:

Girls Track and Field - Troy Hess  
 Girls Track and Field - Fred Lenig  
 Girls Track and Field - Ryan McGuire  
 Softball - Jeremy Goodling  
 Softball - Cody Bigger  
 Boys Lacrosse - Andrew Howell  
 Boys Lacrosse – Tim Gorin  
 JH Girls Soccer - Jenna Fisher  
 JH Girls Soccer - Erich Hankamer  
 JH Boys Soccer – Brian Derr  
 JH Field Hockey - Kara Rothermel  
 JH Field Hockey - Laurie Burns  
 JH Field Hockey - Donna Prince  
 JH Field Hockey - Becca Bausinger  
 JH Field Hockey - Mallory Pope  
 JH Field Hockey – Jayme Longacre  
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2018-2019 District Volunteers: Doris Carroll-Maruska, Rheta Mullen, and Jennifer Strawser  
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation);

Roxanna Griffith as a Full-Time Second Shift Custodian at the Middle School effective January 2, 2019, at the hourly rate of \$10.00 plus .15 cent shift differential (due to the transfer of Lamont Costenbader); and,

Nicole Smith as a Food Service Cashier/Cook at the Middle School, effective February 12, 2019, at the hourly rate of \$10.00

**Substitutes:** Teacher – Olivia Eby (pending receipt of required paperwork); Guest Teachers – Alexandra Barben, Jessica Brown, Melissa Fox, and Seth Herb (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

**Negotiations:** Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported that the committee will meet immediately following adjournment of this evening’s Board meeting.

**Transportation:** Mr. Badman, Chair, reported that a request has been received that the committee will need to address in the near future.

Motion by Badman and seconded by Molitoris to approve Kim Michael Rowe as a driver for Weikel Busing during the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

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 the highlights of the January meeting and that the next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 20, 2019. He noted that Board members received an electronic copy of the CSIU’s proposed 2019-2020 GOB for their review and consideration of approval at the next meeting. Mr. Augustine explained that no monies come directly from districts into the treasury of the CSIU; we pay only for services that we choose to use.

**PSBA:** Mr. Augustine, Liaison, reported on recent PSBA activity.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Business Matters:**

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

The motion was unanimously carried.

**SUN Area Technical Institute 2019-2020 General Operating Budget**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to approve the SUN Area Technical Institute 2019-2020 General Operating Budget, as presented. (a copy of budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

**Request to Enroll on a Tuition Basis**

Motion by Wolfe and seconded by Paladino to approve a request from Rebecca and Bob Schaffer-Neitz, made on behalf of Isaac Schaffer-Neitz, to attend the Selinsgrove Area High School on a tuition basis, effective with the 2019-2020 school year and the three years thereafter. (Grades 9-12)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:44 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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