

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

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, March 11, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Library of the Selingsgrove Area High School, 500 N. Broad Street, Selingsgrove, PA 17870.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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, Mr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Dr. Frank Jankowski, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Christopher Morrison, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Dr. Jason Schmucker, J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mark Wolfberg, Matt Atwood, Bobbie Atwood, Dr. Kevin Singer, and two other individuals

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Badman and seconded by Bechtel 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 inquired regarding a payment to the Jersey Shore School District for locker damage. Mrs. Stauffer questioned Mr. Parise regarding the grade levels for the Hybrid student enrollment program.

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

Announcements:

Mr. Augustine announced that the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, April 8, 2019. He called attention to an hourly rate change for a new hire under staff elections.

Mr. Augustine also announced that an Executive Session regarding personnel matters will be held immediately following adjournment.

Board Discussion:

Dr. Kevin Singer, CSIU Executive Director, addressed the Board regarding the many services provided by the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit. He noted that the CSIU is the only Intermediate Unit in the state that does not tax local school districts. Dr. Singer remarked that districts only pay for services that they choose to participate in and that the CSIU also offers many services at no charge or with only a slight charge. Dr. Singer presented an informational video "on some of the things happening at the IU" as well as the programs and services which they provide.

Mr. Wolfe brought the Board up to date on his visits to local municipalities which recently included Monroe Township and the Borough of Selingsgrove. He reported that everyone continues to be very receptive to the idea of including on their website information about the school district and vice versa.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Cohrs called attention to a handout from PSBA on the state of education, which includes some interesting facts and stats about public schools in general.

Dr. Cohrs expressed congratulations to Jason Schmucker for recently completing his doctorate.

Dr. Cohrs reported that our district provided some support due to recent student suicides at both the Mid-West and Southern Columbia school districts. He also noted that additional information has been provided regarding suicide and suicide prevention to students and staff at the high school level.

Dr. Cohrs reported that two of our high school sophomores, Nate Schon and Coy Bastian, participated in the State Wrestling meet this past weekend. He expressed congratulations to both of those athletes, noting that Nate Schon was the state wrestling champion in the 220-pound weight class.

Dr. Cohrs announced that the High School Musical "Beauty and the Beast" will be held March 14-16 at 7:30 p.m. in the Middle School Auditorium.

Dr. Cohrs also announced that, as part of our partnership in the Arts Consortium, on March 21st the district will be hosting a performing group from Peru, which will provide an assembly for students and an evening program which will be open to the public.

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 February which he briefly summarized as well some additional activities of the department. He noted that Officer Connelly will be on a medical leave for an undetermined amount of time and that he and Officer Hickman will be covering his hours.

Other Administrative Reports:

Mr. Matt Conrad gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Foreign Language Afterschool Programs (German, French, and Spanish) held at the Intermediate School. (a copy of the presentation to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Brian Parise announced that the K-12 Music and Arts Festival will be held from 4-7pm at the High School on March 24, 2019, and will include music, performing arts, as well as visual arts.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held earlier that evening and that a report will be forthcoming. He noted that Mr. Hummel reviewed audit results of the 2017-2018 fiscal year and they also worked on the first draft of the preliminary budget for 2019-2020.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Badman, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on March 5, 2019. (a copy 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 authorize KCBA Architects to put out for bid renovations to the high school locker rooms, from drawings originally presented as Project 2.

The motion was unanimously carried.

A voice vote was taken to approve the recommendation of the committee to allow the Baseball Boosters to solicit advertising signs for the baseball field scoreboard with the proceeds to be deposited with the district.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Policy and Education: Ms. Bannon, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on February 27, 2019. (a copy 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 committee for first reading revisions to the following Board Policies: No. 222 – Tobacco/Nicotine, No. 247 – Hazing; No. 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying; No. 323 – Tobacco/Nicotine; and, No. 806 – Child Abuse. (copies of the policies to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extracurricular: Mr. Bechtel, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on February 19, 2019. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes) He announced that the committee has scheduled a meeting for Tuesday, March 12, 2019.

A voice vote was taken to approve the recommendation of the committee to open all girls' basketball coaching positions, as well as all boys' basketball coaching positions.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: No report.

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

Staff Resignations: Giuliana Martone as Part-Time Utility Aide at the Middle School, effective March 1, 2019; Jeff Herman as Head Bowling Coach, effective March 2, 2019; Tim Lauver as Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach, effective immediately; Jonathan Jarrett as Eighth Grade Boys' Basketball Coach, effective immediately; Michael Stebila as Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach, effective immediately; and, Carol A. Smith as Library Clerical Assistant at the Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective May 31, 2019 (due to retirement)

Staff Elections: Lori A. Proger as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the High School, effective March 12, 2019, at the hourly rate of \$10.25 (pending receipt of required paperwork) (due to the resignation of Tracy Smith); Kyle D. Kelly as a Part-Time Utility Aide at the Middle School, effective March 7, 2019, at the hourly rate of \$10.00 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Greg Rhoads as Boys' Assistant Track and Field Coach, effective immediately; Ben Youngman as a Volunteer Boys' Lacrosse Coach, effective immediately (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation); and, 2018-2019 District Volunteers: Alexis Bixler, Stacy Hostetter, Andrew Jones, Ashley Knepp, Ann Miller, Rebecca Miller, Michele Pryor, Kelly Solowy, Robert Stauffer, Cheryl Stumpf, Deborah Volinskie (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Teacher – Lori Lupolt; Guest Teachers – Robyn Morales, Rita Palasek, Katie Spracklin, and Kaitlyn Spriggle (pending receipt of required paperwork); and, Health Room Technician – Kiley Klinger (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

Negotiations: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported that the committee met with teacher representatives on Wednesday, March 6th to review preliminary information. He added that they will meet again on Wednesday, March 27, 2019.

Transportation: Motion by Badman and seconded by Bannon to approve the following drivers, effective during the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year: Christopher W. Walter for Weikel Busing; and, James Paul for Rohrer Bus Service.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Technology: Mr. Paladino, Chair, announced that a committee meeting will be held in the near future.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that they are preparing for the second phase of the roofing project. He spoke of a problem involving code changes which occurred back in October that could result in an additional \$90,000 in costs. Mr. Teats noted that SEDA COG is considering the possibility of grandfathering the project if certain stipulations are met. However, committee members are expressing concern of doing one section with R-30 and the other with R-38. Mr. Teats does not feel it is worth the extra cost and questioned the Board for their opinion. Mrs. Stauffer agreed with Mr. Teats that they should try and save the money.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, reported that there were no written highlights from the February meeting, because it was cancelled due to inclement weather.

PSBA: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Stauffer 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.

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2019-2020 General Operating Budget:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Molitoris to approve the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2019-2020 General Operating Budget, as presented. (a copy of the budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

Mr. Teats expressed concern regarding recent correspondence to parents from two teachers seeking supplies for the classroom. Dr. Cohrs responded that supplies are available and that Administrators will review the requisition process with teachers to avoid this in the future.

Mr. Augustine reminded Board Members that an Executive Session regarding personnel matters would be held immediately following adjournment.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:04 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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