

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 8, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, April 8, 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, 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. Mr. Thomas A. Badman, Board Member, was absent.

Others present were:

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

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Bannon 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: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Augustine announced that a special meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 15, 2019, and that the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, May 13, 2019. He also announced that an Executive Session was held earlier in the evening regarding assessment appeals and personnel matters.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Cohrs announced that the spring sports season is underway and off to an outstanding start. He noted that with spring comes annual PSSA testing, Keystone exams, and band and choral concerts. Dr. Cohrs called attention to the retirement resignation of Cheryl Badman, effective in August. He noted that she has served as an Administrative Assistant in the Business Office for approximately 20 years and her retirement will create a big void to fill. Dr. Cohrs added that we wish her well with her retirement.

Business Manager:

Mr. Hummel reported that work continues on the 2019-2020 general operating budget. He noted that the proposed final budget will be acted on at the May 13th Board meeting, with the final budget being presented for approval at the June 10th Board meeting. Mr. Hummel reported that another Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be held to review the proposal final budget.

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 March which he briefly summarized.

Other Administrative Reports:

Mr. Parise distributed information on the Central PA Career Pathways Partnership which he explained is a collaborative effort of SUN Tech, the five sending schools, and a number of community partners and local businesses, to combine efforts in providing our students with real-life, work-relevant experiences. He noted that two years have been spent developing the information. The next step is to become part of a web-site which will link up students with prospective employers. Mr. Parise noted that this initiative is all being funded by grant monies. (a copy of the handouts to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on March 11, 2019. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

A voice vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the 2017-2018 Financial Statements and Single Audit Report from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC, as presented. (a copy of the statements and audit report to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

A roll call vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the Tax Collector Audit Proposal from Herring, Roll & Solomon in the amount of \$6,570.00, as presented. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Teats), 1 absent

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Wolfe, Member, reported that a meeting is scheduled to be held on April 11 at 5 p.m. to review the bids received for Project 2: Summer 2019. He noted that the bid deadline is April 10th.

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: Mr. Bechtel, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on April 12, 2019. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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:

Rescinding Letters 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; Edward C. Smith as a Music/Band Teacher at the High School; and, Martha W. Smith as a Kindergarten Teacher at the Selinsgrove Elementary School

Staff Resignation: Cheryl A. Badman as Administrative Assistant in the Business Office, effective August 15, 2019, due to retirement

Staff Elections: Tammy M. Webster as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective April 1, 2019, at the hourly rate of \$10.00; Brian Kingston as Assistant Girls' Lacrosse Coach, effective immediately; Ethan Hummel as Varsity Boys' Basketball Head Coach, effective with the 2019-2020 playing season; Corey Wert as Boys' and Girls' Bowling Head Coach, effective with the 2019-2020 playing season; Jeromy Poust as a Volunteer Baseball Coach, effective immediately (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation); and, 2018-2019 District Volunteers: Susan Bolig, Cassie Harshberger, Carissa Kreitzer (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Leave of Absence: Employee #000-00-2306 for a child bearing/child rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective May 20, 2019 through October 25, 2019

Substitutes: Guest Teachers – Maxine J. Williams and Adeline Wolfe (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

Negotiations: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on March 27th and another meeting is scheduled for April 10th.

Transportation: Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Wolfe to consider approving the following drivers for Rohrer Bus Service during the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year: Paula Brosius, Terryl Mingle, and Jonathan Nissley.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Technology: Mr. Paladino, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on March 27, 2019, and he briefly reviewed the recommendations being made by the committee.

A voice vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve increasing the student computer fee from the current \$25/\$40 to \$30/\$50 effective with the 2019-2020 school year.

The motion was unanimously carried.

A voice vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve server replacements at a cost not to exceed \$150,000. (Monies available in current technology and district budget)

The motion was unanimously carried.

A voice vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the installation of a wireless network at the stadium. Cost to the district of \$4,000 (via E-rate reduction).

The motion was unanimously carried.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that David Long, a Selinsgrove student in the Electrical Systems Technology program, was named as March Young American. He also reported that he spoke with Randall Kline, Sr. Field Advisor with Tremco Roofing, who is in agreement that nothing would be gained with the extra insulation (increasing from R-30 to R-38), which could result in a savings of \$90,000. Mr. Teats noted that they are currently evaluating the best placement of the drains. In addition, Mr. Teats reported that the SUN Tech Foundation is sponsoring a fish fry on April 12th from 4-7 p.m.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, referred to the highlights of the February and March, 2019, Board of Directors Reports.

PSBA: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Policies:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bannon to consider approving the recommendation of the Policy & Education Committee for second and final 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.

The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Bechtel and seconded by Molitoris 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.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Molitoris to consider approving the Agreements for Intergovernmental Cooperation in Assessment Appeal Litigation Cost and Settlement, as presented. (cost sharing agreements for Susquehanna Valley Mall appeals for Boscov's and Bon-Ton) (a copy of the agreements to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Stauffer to consider approving the real estate assessment appeal agreement with Boscov's Department Store, LLC, as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extended Day Field Trip:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to consider approving the request of the Middle School Principal for an extended day field trip for the eighth grade class to travel to Knoebel's Grove on Wednesday, May 29, 2019. (Departing at 8:45 a.m. and returning at 6 p.m.)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Sale of Real Estate:

Motion by Wolfe and seconded by Molitoris to consider accepting a bid in the amount of \$7,000.00 from Daniel E. Ressler for a parcel of land of approximately 0.26 acre located behind 204 Magnolia Avenue, Selinsgrove, pending completion of all legal requirements.

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

Graduating Senior:

Motion by Bannon and seconded by Paladino to consider approving student #180149 as a 2019 graduate, effective immediately, due to completion of all graduation requirements.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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