

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – MAY 13, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Selinsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, May 13, 2019, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Selinsgrove Area Middle School, 359 Seals Avenue, Selinsgrove, 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, Ms. Mary E. Bannon, 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. William L. Bechtel, Jr., Board Member, was absent.

Others present were:

Mr. Troy Beaver, Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Matthew Conrad, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Dr. Frank Jankowski, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mr. Mark Wolfberg, and Mr. Tim Laubscher

Consent Agenda:

Mr. Wolfe called attention to a correction to the minutes of the Board meeting held on April 8, 2019.

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to approve minutes (with correction), 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 the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Monday, June 10, 2019. He also referred to an addendum to the agenda which included additional personnel matters requiring action.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Mr. Tim Laubscher addressed the Board to explain that he is stepping down from the Lacrosse Board of Directors, and that he wanted to take this opportunity to personally express thanks to the Board of School Directors for its' support of the lacrosse team over the last 10-11 years.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Cohrs reported on the sad news that Wood-Mode closed its doors that day. He noted that the closing impacts many of the families that live in our district. The closing also results in lost revenue for the district. Dr. Cohrs indicated that the administrators will be looking at ways to provide support to the students of those families.

Dr. Cohrs reported that it is the end of the spring sports season and that all teams are headed into post season play.

Dr. Cohrs announced that Commencement will be held on Tuesday, May 28, 2019, at 7 p.m. in the Garrett Sports Complex at Susquehanna University.

Dr. Cohrs commented that he was pleased to announce that Selinsgrove Area High School has been named one of the US News & World Report's Best High Schools for 2019. Selinsgrove is ranked #168 in the state out of 673 ranked high schools and #4,111 out of 17,245 in the Nation. This puts us in the top 25% of high schools in the state and nation.

Dr. Cohrs reported that construction work will begin on the High School kitchen on Monday, May 20, 2019, and that the remaining work is scheduled to begin once the school year has concluded.

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 April which he briefly summarized. He noted that the department has been focusing on traffic/speed patrol and that warnings/tickets are being issued.

Other Administrative Reports:

Dr. Jankowski reported on professional development planning and how it has such a lasting impact on how the district's staff produces strong instruction and ultimately what helps students learn to their maximum capacity.

Ms. Garman reported on the school-wide positive behavior program at the K-2 level and how it reinforces good student behavior.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2019. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Hummel gave a presentation to the Board on the 2019-2020 Proposed Final Budget. (a copy of the presentation 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 approve the 2019-2020 Proposed Final Budget with expenditures of \$45,036,987 and revenues of \$44,323,515 and use of fund balance of \$713,472. (a copy of the proposed final budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Badman, Chair, reported that a committee meeting will be held in the near future on either May 30th or June 4th.

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: Mr. Wolfe, Member, reported that the committee met recently to interview Seth Martin as wrestling coach, and also considered the idea of a season pass for purchase.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: No report.

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Paladino to approve the following personnel matters:

Staff Termination: Roxanna J. Griffith as a Second Shift Custodian at the Middle School, effective April 15, 2019;

Staff Resignation: Miriam Smith as Food Service Support Staff at the High School, effective May 31, 2019 (due to retirement);

Staff Elections: 2018-2019 District Volunteers: Sherri Frey, Kimberly Hall, Tonya Hatter, Trent Hoffman, Megan Miller, Rosanna Peachey (pending receipt of paperwork), Donna Prince, Tiffany Spriggle, James Wright, and Beth Young (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation); 2)2019 Summer STEM Camp Instructors @ a stipend of \$1,200 (grant funded): Aaron Ettinger, Debra Barrick, Erin Jenkins, Molly McCabe, *Angelo Picerno (*substitute); 2019 K-2 Summer Literacy Program Teachers @ \$28.50 per hour: Kennedy Hilbolt, Teresa O'Brien, and Lydia Wetzel; 2019 K-2 Summer Literacy Program Tutors @ \$17.74 per hour: Jayme Witkop, Bonnie Hoover, and Jenna Fisher; 2019 High School Summer School Teachers: Todd Myers - English Teacher (Eng 1 – 4); Ray Moyer - Math Teacher (Alg, Alg 2, Geometry); Stephanie Weikel - Science Teacher (Bio, Environmental and Earth Science); Allison Huber & William Switala - Social Studies Teachers (50/50 split) (WAHG, WAHG II, Civics); Daniel Frake - BCIT Teacher (Career Prep, Personal Finance); Stephanie Weikel – Keystone Biology Remediation Teacher; Stephanie Underhill - Keystone Algebra Remediation Teacher; and, Julia Arnold - Keystone Literature Remediation Teacher; and, Kerry Bingeman as a 2019 Summer Worker for the Technology Department, at an hourly rate of \$9.50

Leave of Absence: Employee #000-00-2205 for a child bearing/rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective August 21, 2019 through November 8, 2019;

Substitutes: Teachers: John Daku, Megan Dennen, Cynthia Shaffer, Liza Smith, and Tracy Smith (pending receipt of required paperwork); Nurse: Cynthia L. Moyer (pending receipt of required paperwork); Guest Teachers: Maria J. Carson, Ruby Leonard, and Amber M. Nadolny;

Staff Transfers: Aaron Ettinger from Grade 5 Teacher to Grade 2 Teacher, effective with the 2019-2020 school year; Taylor Montesinos from Grade 3 Teacher to Grade 4 Teacher, effective with the 2019-2020 school year; and, Carol Wink from Part-Time ACCESS Billing Assistant/ Receptionist to Full-Time Business Office Administrative Assistant, effective August 1, 2019 (due to the retirement of Cheryl Badman)

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

Negotiations: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported that a meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 29, 2019.

Transportation: Motion by Badman and seconded by Molitoris to consider approving Matthew D. Bower 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: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that Paige Smith, Dental Health Student, was named as the May Young American. Additionally, Kobe Schaffer, placed 2nd in the American Welding Society Competition; McKenna Duitch, placed 1st in prepared speech/welding at the SkillsUSA State Competition; David Long placed 2nd in Electrical Systems Technology at SkillsUSA, and, Jesse Swartzlander placed 3rd in HVACR at SkillsUSA. He reported that there is approximately \$82,400 in projected excess funds remaining for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. Mr. Teats also reported that it has been determined that a portion of the roof can be “grandfathered in” for the R20 value insulation resulting in a savings of approximately \$45,000.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, referred to the highlights of the April 17, 2019, Board of Directors Report. He noted that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15, 2019.

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Paladino to approve the slate of candidates for the 2019 CSIU Board of Directors, as presented. (a copy of the ballot to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Construction Manager:

Motion by Badman and seconded by Bannon to accept a proposal from Capital Construction Management, LLC to serve as the Construction Manager for summer capital projects, as presented. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Teats noted that since billing includes travel time from their office to the district, he questioned how many times a week they will be on-site? Dr. Cohrs indicated that they will be on-site approximately 2 times a week. It was noted that the management company comes highly recommended by McClure Company.

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

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Badman 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.

Exoneration of Tax Collectors:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Badman to approve the recommendation of the Business Manager to exonerate the district’s nine (9) tax collectors for the 2018-2019 fiscal year. (a copy of the final tax collectors report to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Foreign Exchange Student:

Motion by Bannon and seconded by Wolfe to approve Jose Tomas Perello Perez, from Chile, as a High School Foreign Exchange Student, during the 2019-2020 school year. (Rotary Youth Exchange Program)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extended Day Field Trip:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Badman to approve a request for an extended day field trip from the Middle School Principal made on behalf of the 7th & 8th grade bands for a trip to Dorney Park in Allentown, PA on Monday, June 3, 2019.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Proposed List of Graduating Seniors:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to approve the list of graduating seniors for the Class of 2019, pending satisfactory completion of all graduation requirements, as presented. (a copy of the list to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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