

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 9, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, September 9, 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 7:02 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, 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 and Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Board Members, were absent.

Others present were:

Mr. Troy Beaver, Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Matthew Conrad, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Dr. Frank Jankowski, Mr. Christopher Morrison, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Jennifer Rager-Kay, and Chris Zellman

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: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Augustine announced that the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 14, 2019. He referred to an addendum to the agenda which included an additional request for residence rights to free school privileges. Mr. Augustine announced that an Executive Session regarding personnel matters and possible litigation would be held immediately following adjournment.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Mr. Chris Zellman addressed the Board to express a concern regarding limited access to the stadium at only one gate for midget football games on Sundays. He feels that access should also be made available at the gate on Magnolia Avenue which is more accessible to handicapped individuals. Mr. Zellman also suggested that the Board take into consideration the names of retired coaches Cathy Keiser and Bill Scott in any future naming of fields.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Cohrs reported that, as requested by the Buildings and Grounds Committee, an inspection of the duct work at Selingsgrove Elementary was performed by an outside agency. He explained that the inspection was both visual and by use of a camera. Results of the inspection showed only dust and pencil pieces were found in the floor vents. Dr. Cohrs noted that air quality testing will also be conducted in the near future.

Dr. Cohrs referred to handouts that he prepared and distributed listing a breakdown of 2019-2020 district personnel, as well as a report showing class size projections. (copies of the handouts to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Dr. Cohrs announced that the Selinsgrove Area School District is one of 75 districts awarded the 2019 Outstanding Visual Arts Community by the Pennsylvania Art Education Association, due to our commitment to visual arts education opportunities for students K-12.

Business Manager:

Mr. Hummel reported that the bond refinancing which was approved at the August meeting, resulted in a savings of \$282,500 for the 2012 bond series, and a little less than \$123,000 for the 2013 bond series, for an overall savings of \$405,500. He explained that \$124,000 will be savings in this year's debt service budget, and the remaining monies will be saved over the next 8 years.

High School Principal:

Mr. Parise reported on the progress of the Central PA Career Pathways Partnership and an idea that has developed to recognize those students that exhibit characteristics for the seal of employability. He explained that there will be a form application process, requiring a teacher recommendation, and administrator approval.

Assistant Superintendent:

Dr. Jankowski noted that the Board recently approved the 2019-2020 Assessment Plan. He is recommending an adjustment to the Assessment Plan at the K-2 level by eliminating Aimsweb Math. He noted that this assessment is redundant and affects only kindergarten students. Mr. Augustine questioned if any Board members disagreed with eliminating Aimsweb Math. No disagreement was noted.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Wolfe, Member, reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting held on August 26, 2019. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

A voice vote was taken to consider approving the recommendation of the committee to eliminate the J.V. softball field.

The motion was unanimously carried.

A voice vote was taken to consider approving the recommendation of the committee to reject all bids received for parking lots and tennis courts and authorize the project to be rebid.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Wolfe and seconded by Bechtel to table the recommendation of the committee to have the district take over snow removal of the sidewalks around the Rotary field property, pending further discussion.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Policy and Education: Ms. Bannon, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held earlier in the evening and that a report will be forthcoming.

Extracurricular: Mr. Bechtel, Chair, as well as other Board members expressed concern regarding a recent football game against Southern Columbia resulting in a loss for Selinsgrove of 76-0. Mr. Bechtel noted that it was the single worst scoring loss in Selinsgrove football history. He believes this has ramifications beyond football. Mr. Augustine observed it to be a morale problem, but is uncertain as to what the solution might be.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss:

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

Letters of Intent to Retire at the end of the 2019-2020 School Year: Raymond F. Moyer as a Mathematics Teacher at the High School; and, R. David Russell as a Physical Education Teacher at the Middle School

Staff Transfer: Lisa Hoot from a Main Office Clerical Assistant at the Intermediate School to a Main Office Clerical Assistant at the High School, on a date yet to be determined (due to the transfer of Danna Ritter)

Staff Elections: Denise Daniels as a Special Education Paraprofessional at Selinsgrove Elementary, effective September 3, 2019, at the hourly rate of \$10.25 (due to a transfer); Tracey Blair-Loss as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the SEALS DEN, effective September 3, 2019, at the hourly rate of \$10.25 (due to a transfer); Rachelle Hunt as a Cashier/Cook at Selinsgrove Elementary, effective September 10, 2019, at an hourly rate of \$11.00

2019-2020 District Volunteers: Nicole Adams, Shawna Baney, Jennifer Bilger, Mitchell Bless, Jennifer Bressler, Karen Buch, Candi Carper, Chesney Cressinger, Denyel Decker, Catherine Dent, Roxanne Ettinger, Avery Fern, Amber Furgison, Anne Gates, Linsley Gentile, Judy Good, Joslyn Gower, Theresa Hackenberg, Valera Hess, Louisa Honeycutt, Madalyn Jankowski, Laney Kauffman, Tammy Kauffman, Marissa Keller, Robert Kruskie, Janelle LaFore, Michelle Lawrence, Karlen Light, David Long, Melisa Lucas, Doris Carroll-Maruska, Jason Mercer, Jade Miller, Mindi Miller, Jessica Moyer, Anne Parise, Michelle Rhoads, Stephanie Rauch, Rebecca Rodgers, Amanda Rousu, Amy Scorsone, Jamie Shambach, Kim Shemory, Aimee Snyder, Kelly Solowy, Katie Spracklin, Tiffany Spriggle, Kimberly Strawser, Sabrina Toskey, Jenifer Voneida, Lisa Wagner, Sara Wenrich, Christine Witmer, Beth Young, Nicole Young (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2019-2020 Elementary Girls' Basketball Volunteers: Denyel Decker, Amiee Snyder, Jamie Shambach, Steve Shambach, Robert Kruskie, Dave Morrone, Michelle Morrone, Lisa Wagner, Zane Furgison, Alan Paulhamus, Tessa Moore, Nakita Robinson, and Catherine Dent (pending receipt of required paperwork) (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Leave of Absence: Lydia Jackson for a sabbatical leave for professional development, effective during the second semester of the 2019-2020 school year

Substitutes: Guest Teachers – Daniel Heifetz, Michael O'Connor, and David Smith; and, Substitute Teacher – Lacey Trautman

Other Matters: The Board should consider entering into Professional Contracts with Margaret Briskey, Mary Deppen, Angela Hartman, Erin Jenkins, Julianna Jones, Patrick Krepps, Kennedy Myers, and Joanne Risso for successfully completing three (3) years of teaching, effective August 22, 2019

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Negotiations: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported that the committee is continuing to meet and are moving forward with contract negotiations with the Education Association.

Transportation: Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to consider providing transportation for non-busing eligible students to/from state certified child care facilities.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that two Selinsgrove students placed at the National SkillsUSA Conference held in June in Kentucky. Those students were McKenna Duitch (Welding), 1st Place, Prepared Speaking; and David Long (Electrical), 6th Place, Industrial Motor Control. He also reported that the current enrollment is 326 which is a record high, with 66 of those being Selinsgrove students.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, noted that they did not have a quorum for the August meeting, and the next meeting is scheduled for September 18, 2019.

PSBA: Mr. Augustine, Liaison, reported on recent PSBA activity. He noted that they are busy preparing for the annual October conference. Mr. Augustine announced that he and Dr. Cohrs will be attending a PSBA program on September 11th regarding developing a strong on-boarding plan to acclimate new Board members.

Motion by Bannon and seconded by Teats to elect the following individuals as 2020 PSBA Officers, PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees, and Forum Steering Committee Members:

President-Elect – Art Levinowitz

Vice President – David Hein

Central At-Large – Julie Preston

Section 3 Advisor – Ron Cole

PSBA Insurance Trustees – Kathy Swope and Mark Miller

School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee (2-year term ends 12/31/21) – Bethanne Ziegler; Jaime Lynn Zimerofsky, and Jennifer Davidson

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Augustine noted that his term on PSBA's Board of Directors expires on December 31, 2019, and that he does not plan to run again.

NEW BUSINESS**Business Matters:**

Motion by Teats 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.

Residence Rights to Free School Privileges:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bannon to consider approving the following requests for residence rights to free school privileges made on behalf of: Taetam Arbogast, Grade 11, in the home of Daniel Dayton, effective immediately; Isaiah Harris, Grade 12, in the home of Jordan Harris, effective immediately; and, Deambra Lee Babb, Grade 9, in the home of Natalie Walter, effective with the start of the 2019-2020 school year.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Contract Service Agreement with Gaudenzia, Inc.:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bannon to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a contract service agreement with Gaudenzia, Inc. to provide group and individual drug and alcohol counseling at no cost to the district. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

Mrs. Stauffer questioned regarding the proposed after-school tutoring program. Dr. Cohrs responded that they hope to have the program up and running by November.

Mr. Teats questioned if the district sustained any hail damage? Mr. Beaver responded that there was some damage to the roof at the Intermediate School as well as some dents in the air conditioning unit.

Mr. Augustine reminded Board members that an Executive Session would be held immediately following adjournment.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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