

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – NOVEMBER 12, 2019

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, November 12, 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 7:04 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, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Dr. Frank Jankowski, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Christopher Morrison, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Paul Roman, Christopher Kenyon, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Nathan Mains (CEO PSBA), Shane Pagnotti (PSBA), Autumn Alleman (PSBA), Jennifer Rager-Kay, Jason Dagle and Sean Dagle

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Wolfe 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 the next regular monthly meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 3, 2019, which will be followed by the Reorganization meeting. He noted an additional name to be added to the list of district volunteers. Mr. Augustine reported that Executive Sessions were held that evening at 6:30 p.m. regarding Negotiations, and at 6:45 p.m. to receive an annual report, as required by Act 44, from the district's School Safety Officer.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Cohrs announced that representatives from PSBA are present to address the Board. Mr. Shane Pagnotti, Member Services Manager, introduced Autumn Alleman as our new Member Services Manager. Mr. Pagnotti briefly updated the Board on PSBA's Crisis Communication Services which is available to provide 24/7 emergency support to members. He reported that PDE has named PSBA as an approved provider for the newly mandated school board directors training programs. Mr. Pagnotti announced that PSBA will be celebrating its 125th anniversary in a few months.

Mr. Nathan Mains, PSBA's CEO, presented service awards to Mary Bannon for 8 years; William Bechtel for 8 years; and, Larry Augustine for 32 years.

Dr. Cohrs reminded everyone that a Board/Administrator Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, November 14th at 5 p.m. in the Degenstein Hall at Susquehanna University.

School Safety & Security Coordinator:

Mr. Wolfberg briefly reviewed the October 2019 monthly report of activities.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting held on Wednesday, October 23, 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 transfer \$300,000 of the 2018-2019 general fund surplus to the capital reserve fund as of 6/30/19.

The motion was unanimously carried.

A voice vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to make the fund balance designations at 6-30-2019, as presented.

Designation of Fund Balance:	Balance 6/30/2018	2018-19 Designation	Balance 6/30/2019
General Fund			
Assigned	\$ 66,741	\$ 12,329	\$ 79,070
Restricted - Special Ed ACCESS Program	\$ 443,809	\$ 103,332	\$ 547,141
Nonspendable - Inventory of Supplies	\$ 17,198	\$ 1,613	\$ 18,811
Nonspendable - Prepaid Expenses	\$ 3,950	\$ 1,050	\$ 5,000
Committed – Real Estate Tax Appeals	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Committed - Retiree Healthcare	\$ 2,318,334	\$ -	\$2,318,334
Committed - MS project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Committed - PSERS	\$ 3,214,716	\$ -	\$3,214,716
Committed - Educational Resources	\$ 306,389	\$ -	\$ 306,389
Unassigned	\$ 2,835,587	\$ 42,651	\$2,878,238
Total Fund Balances	\$ 9,406,724	\$ 160,975	\$9,567,699

The motion was unanimously carried.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Badman reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting held on October 29, 2019. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Questions were raised and discussion was held regarding angle parking vs. pull in parking on the northbound side of Magnolia Avenue. The Board is requesting that the architect redo the drawing with angle parking as an option. Discussion was held regarding where the dirt from removal of the mound in front of the Middle School would be going. It was noted that the top soil would be used for the baseball field. Dr. Cohrs suggested writing into the contract that the district would retain the topsoil and the dirt would be removed from district property.

A voice vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the request from the Selinsgrove Pool Association to install a water line, part of which runs through district property, to the pool house.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Questions were raised and discussion was held regarding the status of the floors in the locker rooms at the High School and Middle School. It was noted that there is no epoxy coating on the finish, and therefore, the showers cannot be used. Dr. Cohrs and Mr. Hummel explained that they have been working with the Construction Manager towards finding a resolution to the problem. The question was raised if PIAA is aware that they are sending teams to our district to play and that we don't have shower facilities available to the players. The Board requested that Dr. Cohrs speak with the district's Athletic Director regarding the situation and looking into alternate shower arrangements.

Policy and Education:

A voice vote was taken to consider approving the recommendation of the committee of first reading revisions to the following policies: No. 251 – Homeless Students, and No. 808 – Food services. (a copy of the policies to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extracurricular: No report.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss:

A voice vote was taken to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the following personnel matters:

Letters of Intent to Retire at the end of the 2019-2020 School Year: Wendy M. Luskin as Speech Pathologist; Karen J. Stauffer as Grade 5 Teacher; and, Wendy S. Watkins as Middle School Family & Consumer Science Teacher

Staff Resignations: Christopher Eisely as Assistant Girls' Softball Coach, effective immediately; Rachelle Hunt as Cook/Cashier at the Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective October 15, 2019; and, Larry E. Britton as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective November 8, 2019

Staff Transfers: Amy Ward from Food Service Assistant Kitchen Manager to Special Education Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective November 12, 2019, at the hourly rate of \$11.50

Staff Elections:

2019-2020 District Volunteers: Laurie Decker, Amanda Deivert, Megan Herrold, Michael Herrold, Monique Hunt, Jason Kling, Tonyka Lugaro, Christina Shoemaker, Kimberly Slanga, Chris Snyder, Ashley Saxton-Walter, Rose Weir, and Sarah Weir (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2018-2019 New Winter Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Boys Basketball Head - Ethan Hummel
 Boys Basketball Asst. - Josh Beddall
 Boys Basketball 8th Grade Head - Demarr Smith
 Boys Basketball 7th Grade Head - Scott Zeigler
 Girls Basketball Head - Ashley Kolak
 Girls Basketball Asst. - Pat O'Brien
 Bowling - Corey Wert
 Swimming - Dave Russell (PIAA required)

2019-2020 Winter Volunteer Coaches:

Boys Basketball - Keenan Hall
 Boys Basketball JH - Aisha Short
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Mike Heckman
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Clint Neidig
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Walter Heath
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Mike Piecuch
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - John Toskey
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Justin Aurand
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Craig Defazio
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Steve Diehl
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Phil Gesumaria
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Jeremy Beaver
 Girls Basketball - Tonya Hatter
 Girls Basketball - Jamie Shambach
 Wrestling - Mike Gaugler
 Wrestling - Bryce Reichenbach
 Wrestling - Justin Schooley
 Wrestling - Cody Zechman
 Wrestling - Nathan Bingaman
 Wrestling - Kevin Metz
 Wrestling - Greg Rhoads
 Wrestling - Matthew Santa
 Wrestling - Bill Bechtel
 Bowling - Christopher Houtz
 Bowling - Shawndra Scholl
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2019-2020 Continuing Winter Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Boys Basketball 9th Grade Head - Ray Moyer
 Boys Basketball Intermediate Coordinator - Ryan Beddall
 Girls Basketball 8th Grade Head - Ryan Beddall
 Wrestling Head - Seth Martin
 Wrestling Asst. - Stu Zeiders
 Wrestling JH - Jason Carpenter
 Wrestling Asst. JH - Jerry Bastian

Tracy A. Smith as a Predictable Long-Term Substitute Special Education Teacher at the Middle School, effective November 12, 2019, tentatively through March 19, 2020; Nicole Koster as Cook/Cashier at the Middle School, effective November 12, 2019, at the hourly rate of \$10.75; Noreen Robbins as a Part-Time (2 hours/day) Special Education Paraprofessional at Selinsgrove Elementary, effective retroactive to September 3, 2019 (employed as SE Utility Aide 5 hours per day); Dennis Sharpless as HS Fall Play Assistant Director during the 2019-2020 school year (supplemental duty contract); and, Kelly Hoffman as the District's Homeless and Foster Student Coordinator (due to the retirement of Cheryl Badman)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Negotiations: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on Wednesday, November 6, 2019, and that an Executive Session was held earlier in the evening to update the Board in regard to contract negotiations with the Education Association. He requested that the committee meet briefly following adjournment. Mr. Molitoris noted that another meeting is scheduled to be held with teacher representatives on Wednesday, November 13, 2019.

Transportation:

Motion by Badman and seconded by Molitoris to consider approving the following drivers: Joe Aurand for Rohrer Bus Service; and, Rosanne Thomas for Weikel Busing, effective during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that the Assistant Director, Doug Bertanzetti, is resigning effective June 30, 2020. He noted that there were 316 students enrolled in SUN Tech on the 10th day of the 2019-2020 school year, which he believes is a record number of students. Mr. Teats also reported that the Placement Rates for the 2018-2019 school year showed that 84.5% of seniors were placed in gainful employment.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, referred to the Board of Directors' Reports for the meeting held on October 23, 2019. He also distributed a publication which outlines the programs and services provided by the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit.

PSBA: Mr. Augustine, Liaison, reported on recent PSBA activity. He referred to a copy of the PSBA 2020 Legislative Platform which was adopted by the Delegate Assembly on October 18, 2019. Mr. Augustine explained that these are legislative priority issues for the 2019-2020 session. (a copy of the platform to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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