

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 10, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, February 10, 2020, 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. Dennis R. Wolfe.

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. William L. Bechtel, Jr., Mr. David W. Hess, Mr. John Molitoris, Dr. Jennifer Rager-Kay, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. Dennis R. Wolfe, and non-voting member, Dr. Chad L. Cohrs, Superintendent. Mr. Thomas A. Badman, and Mrs. Amelia G. Stauffer, 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, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Christopher Morrison, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Dr. Jason Schmucker, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Mr. Faron Hollenbach, Mr. James Heinly, Miss Taylor Schneider (S.U. Student), and Miss Gabrielle Toohey (S.U. Student)

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Hess 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. Wolfe announced that a special Board meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, February 25, 2020, to award bids for the parking lot and tennis court projects. He called the Board's attention to an addendum to the agenda which included additional action items. Mr. Wolfe also announced that the next regularly scheduled Board meeting will be held on Monday, March 9, 2020.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Mr. James Heinly expressed thanks and appreciation to the Board and Administration for their time and service to the district. He explained that he previously served the district for 13 years as a track coach and will be returning as a volunteer track coach. Mr. Heinly indicated that he would like to see two records recognized in the stadium. One record being the 1976 Boys' Track & Field State Championship and also for holding the 158th State Dual Meet record. Mr. Heinly noted that he would be happy to serve on a committee to help raise funds for this purpose.

Mr. Wolfe responded that an Extracurricular Committee meeting is scheduled to be held on February 13th and this could be included as a topic of discussion at that meeting.

Amy Stauffer arrived at the meeting at approximately 7:05 p.m.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Cohrs noted that, in honor of National School Board of Directors Recognition Month, a thank-you dinner was held earlier in the evening to express our thanks to our Board members for their time and effort on behalf of the district.

Dr. Cohrs reported that Governor Wolf's annual budget presentation was held last week. The Governor is proposing a slight increase in basic education funding as well as proposing some revisions to Cyber Charter School legislation. Dr. Cohrs added that any of the proposals that he has seen regarding Cyber Charter reform will benefit the district financially.

Dr. Cohrs announced that he received an email that day from Simon Campbell which he will be forwarding onto the Board. He noted that Mr. Campbell has some interesting perspectives on school districts and, in particular, the School Boards' Association.

Dr. Cohrs indicated that a revised 2020-2021 school calendar is on the agenda later for consideration. He noted that revisions were made based on comments received at the last Board meeting.

Dr. Cohrs mentioned that Career Link and the Work Force Development Committee will be hosting a Parent Pathways to Careers Awareness Night at the SUN-Tech on Tuesday, March 10, 2020, from 5-7:30 p.m. and dinner will be provided.

Business Manager:

Mr. Hummel addressed the Board regarding the 2020-2021 budget. He reported that the district would be seeing an increase in basic education funding of a little under \$48,000 and a \$20,000 increase in special education funding. In regard to local revenues, real estate has been pretty flat, and there has been a little bit of growth to offset the real estate tax appeals that we have had. Additionally, our earned income tax is running about 2% under last year's numbers. Mr. Hummel commented that we are looking at very little growth in the local tax base and only a slight increase from the state, which creates a challenging budget year for next year. He remarked that we do have approximately \$9.8 million in reserves which will help offset an operating deficit. Mr. Hummel commented that our real estate tax increase is capped at 3%, which would give the district about 2.2 mills which is approximately \$550,000.

School Safety & Security Coordinator:

Mr. Wolfberg briefly reviewed the report of monthly activities for January of 2020. He reported that two of the district's officers are currently on medical leave, but that we have been able to cover those positions with one full-time and one part-time officer.

Other Administrative Reports:

Mr. Bohle, MS Principal, recognized the following students for advancing to the WITF Grand Championship Oral Spelling Bee: Rui Wang, Kendrina Keller, and Emerson Zobal.

Mr. Roman, HS Assistant Principal, reported that the high school is currently participating in the United Way "Be Kind" campaign in an effort to create a more positive culture in the high school.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: No report.

Policy and Education: Dr. Rager-Kay, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting held on February 6, 2020. She noted that, after further discussion and consideration, the committee recommends proceeding with the retroactive implementation of course weighting beginning in the 2020-2021 school year as previously approved. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve first reading revisions to the following Board Policies: No. 201 – Admission of Students, and No. 233 – Suspension and Expulsion. (a copy of the policies to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extracurricular: Mr. Bechtel, Chair, announced that a committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 13, 2020 and that interviews for the girls' lacrosse head coach will be held at this meeting.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Motion by Rager-Kay and seconded by Molitoris to approve the following personnel matters:

Staff Resignations: Kayla Switzer as an English/History Teacher at the High School, effective at the end of the 2019-2020 school year; and, Kyle D. Kelly as Utility Aide at the Middle School, effective February 14, 2020

Staff Transfer: Nicole Koster from Cashier/Cook to Assistant Kitchen Manager at the Middle School, effective February 11, 2020, at the hourly rate of \$10.95

Staff Elections: 2019-2020 Continuing Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts: Baseball Head - Brent Beiler; Baseball Assistant - Stu Zeiders; Baseball Assistant - Kevin Kline; Softball Head – Joel Rogers; Softball Assistant - Isaac Ramer; Boys Lacrosse Head - Tom Garlock; Boys Lacrosse Assistant - Jim Youngman; Boys Track and Field Head - Brian Catherman; Boys Track and Field Assistant - Seth Martin; Boys Track and Field Assistant - George Hummel; Boys Track and Field Assistant - Greg Rhoads; Girls Track and Field Head - Jeffrey Kiss; Girls Track and Field Assistant – Allison Huber; Girls Track and Field Assistant - Mike Stebila; Girls Track and Field Assistant - Elizabeth Hummel; Boys Tennis Head - Salvador Nobre da Veiga; JH Girls Soccer Head - Cheryl Underhill; JH Girls Soccer Assistant - Brian Derr; JH Boys Soccer Head - Chris Lupolt; JH Boys Soccer Assistant – Dave Klinger; JH Field Hockey Head - Roz Erb; and, JH Field Hockey Assistant - Melissa Bingaman; 2019-2020 New Spring Coach with Extracurricular Contract: Softball Assistant - Jeremy Goodling; 2019-2020 Spring Coach Volunteers: Baseball - Jim Messner; Baseball - Bryan Mohr; Baseball - Dave Brown; Baseball - Patrick Krepps; Softball - Chris Easley; Softball - Cody Bigger; Softball - Tammy Newberry; Boys Tennis - Cristi Nobre da Veiga; Girls Track and Field - Troy Hess; Girls Track and Field - Fred Lenig; Girls Track and Field - Angie Stebila; Girls Track and Field - Ryan McGuire; Boys Lacrosse - Benjamin Youngman; Boys Lacrosse - Andy Howell; JH Girls Soccer - Scott Simone; Boys Track and Field - Scott Frost; Boys Track and Field - James Heinly; Boys Track and Field - Jay Pagana; Boys Track and Field - Grant Rowe; JH Field Hockey - Kara Rothermel; JH Field Hockey - Donna Prince; JH Field Hockey - Jayme Klingler; JH Field Hockey - Amber Hauck (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation); and, 2019-2020 District Volunteers: Aime Bennett, Debra Reichenbach, Robert Stauffer, Alex Ulsh, and Micah Wagner (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Leave of Absence: Employee #000-00-2371 for a child rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective at the start of the 2020-2021 school year, through September 25, 2020

Substitutes: Teachers – Dana Bealer, Olivia Eby, Andrew Sassaman, and Nicole Reinhart (pending receipt of required paperwork); Guest Teachers – Peggy Hartman-Shields and Tawnya Pliska; and, Paraprofessional – David Spearing (pending receipt of required paperwork)

Other Matters: The Board should consider entering into a Professional Contract with Lisa Whitford for successfully completing three (3) years of teaching, effective February 7, 2020.

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

Negotiations: Mr. Molitoris, Chair, reported that the committee continues to negotiate the contract with teacher union representatives and will meet again on Wednesday, February 12, 2020.

Transportation: Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Teats to approve the following drivers: Travis Miller for Rohrer Bus Service; and, Michael Clark, Therese Scholl, Glenda Sipe, Fred Wagner, and Randy Weikel for Weikel Busing, effective during the remainder of the 2019-2020 school year.

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

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that negotiations on a Collective Bargaining Agreement has been settled and will be ratified at a future meeting. He noted that the 2020-2021 operating budget is on the agenda later for consideration by our Board. Mr. Teats also updated the Board regarding a recent weapon incident at the school that was not considered serious.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, referred to the Board of Directors' Report for the meeting held on January 22, 2020.

PSBA: Mr. Augustine, Liaison, reported that the association has a daily presence in Harrisburg representing the views of school directors with legislators. He noted that bills are starting to pass through regarding mental health services and cyber charter school reform.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Reasonable Rules for Conducting of Meetings:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to vote on the motion to establish reasonable rules for conducting of meetings as moved and seconded at the meeting held on December 3, 2019, as presented. (a copy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

2020-2021 School Calendar:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Rager-Kay to consider removing from the table adoption of a 2020-2021 School Calendar.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt a 2020-2021 School Calendar, as presented. (a copy of the calendar to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Rager-Kay 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.

SUN Area Technical Institute 2020-2021 General Operating Budget:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to consider approving the SUN Area Technical Institute 2020-2021 General Operating Budget, as presented. (a copy of the budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Extended Day Field Trips:

Motion by Molitoris and seconded by Teats to approve the following requests for extended day field trips:

Eighth Grade Band to travel to the Community Arts Center in Williamsport to attend a symphony performance on Tuesday, February 11, 2020. (Departure at 6 p.m. and return at 9:30 p.m.); French Club & Level 4 to travel to the Lewisburg River Stage Theatre to participate in a French meal and attend a performance of Cyrano on Friday, February 14, 2020. (schools closed); and, French Club to travel to Le Jeune Chef Restaurant on the Campus of Penn College to participate in a multi-course French meal and kitchen tour on Thursday, March 19, 2020. (departure at 4:20 p.m. and return at 10:30 p.m.)

The motion was unanimously approved.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Wolfe announced that a brief Executive Session would be held regarding personnel matters immediately following adjournment.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary