

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 14, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, September 14, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose of the Selingsrove Area Middle School, 359 Seals Avenue, Selingsrove, PA 17870, via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 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. Andrew V. Paladino, Atty. Matthew A. Slivinski, Mrs. Amelia G. Stauffer, Mrs. Kara L. Taylor, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. Dennis R. Wolfe, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent.

Others present were:

Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Dr. Jason Schmucker, Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, and approximately 8 viewers

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Augustine and seconded by Stauffer 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: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Wolfe announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020. He also announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the Board meeting regarding litigation and personnel matters.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Dr. Jankowski noted that he had received several emails today from community members and that he would be reaching out to them individually and responding to their questions.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Jankowski expressed thanks to everybody in the school district community for a positive start to the school year. He is happy to report that the school district community has been positive in following all of the requirements as set forth by the school district and the state of Pennsylvania. He commented that we are working collectively to provide the most comprehensive environment to our students and staff for teaching and learning. Dr. Jankowski reminded community members to work with teachers, building administrators, and district office personnel if they are thinking of changing their educational options.

Dr. Jankowski addressed how the district will be responding to COVID positive cases. He indicated that a notice was sent out today when the district became aware of a case at the Middle School and a case at the High School and how those cases are connected by the same household. Based upon the information that we received from the family, there would be no reason to do contact tracing. It is our understanding that the students were exposed over the Labor Day holiday and have not yet returned to school. Dr. Jankowski commended the family for being proactive and keeping their children at home where they were able to take advantage of our distance learning option. He added that the district is following all requirements to ensure the safety of all students and staff.

Dr. Jankowski addressed how the district is viewing and responding to the spectator discussion. Generally speaking, the district is following the mandates and requirements and is currently waiting to see how the Governor's office will handle House Bill 2787 that was passed last week, along with a recent Federal judge ruling and how it will impact our first home football game on Friday, September 25, 2020.

Assistant Superintendent:

Mr. Parise referred the Board to his written report where he has broken down enrollment numbers at each building level for the in-person model, distance model, and in-house cyber. He commended principals and guidance counselors for working with families to encourage choosing the in-person model or distance model. Mr. Parise noted that our in-house cyber enrollment numbers are very minimal. He noted that enrollment numbers for SUN Tech and ACE are higher than in the past.

Mr. Parise noted that the district will be offering an opportunity on September 28th for students to make-up Keystone Exams that were cancelled in the spring. He explained that districts were given an opportunity to apply for a waiver; however, our district did not because graduation requirements are tied to the Keystone Exams and this will satisfy that state requirement.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on September 10, 2020. Discussion at this meeting included looking into purchasing electronic signage for placement at Broad Street and Seals Avenue, and at Eighteenth Street and Seals Avenue. Justin Simpson is currently seeking prices for the new signage. Mr. Teats noted that discussion was also held regarding obtaining curb stops for the new parking areas at the Middle School and High School. He also reported that the Mr. Simpson reviewed the list of cleaning products currently be used in the district.

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: Mr. Bechtel, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on August 26, 2020. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to approve the following personnel matters:

Staff Resignations: Marie Nichols as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective August 12, 2020; Tracey Blair-Loss as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the High School, effective August 16, 2020; Susan M. Dreese as Library Clerical Assistant at the High School, effective September 1, 2020; and, Jerry Bastian as a Jr. High Wrestling Coach, effective August 19, 2020

Letter of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year: R. David Russell as a Physical Education Teacher at the Middle School

Leave of Absence: Employee #000-00-0464 for a medical sabbatical leave during the first semester of the 2020-2021 school year

Staff Elections: Jason C. Daniels as a Special Education Paraprofessional at the High School, effective August 17, 2020, at an hourly rate of \$10.25 (due to the resignation of Tina Elsesser); Rebecca Ferry as a Life Skills Support/Seals Den Paraprofessional, effective September 8, 2020, at an hourly rate of \$10.25 (due the resignation of Tracey Blair-Loss); Sky Weir as a Grade 4 Learning Support Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective September 15, 2020, at an hourly rate of \$10.00 (due to the resignation of Marie Nichols); Michael Ferriero as a Long-Term Predicable Substitute Teacher at the Intermediate School, effective with the start of the 2020-2021 school year through the first semester; Kelly Hoffman as a Crossing Guard, effective with the 2020-2021 school year, including her current assignment as Enrollment/Data Specialist;

2020-2021 District Volunteers: Spencer Cook, Rachel Dagle, Megan Dauberman-Yoder, Stacy Fritz, Amber Heimbach, Pamela Inch, Jennifer Kerstetter, Kiley Klinger, Colleen Moyer, Marlin Moyer, Maureen Pugh, Rebecca Rodgers, Michelle Siegel, Katie Spracklin, Bobbie Jo Sprengle, Kim Strausser (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2020-2021 New Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts

Garrett Benner - Assistant Boys' and Girls' Tennis
Aisha Short – Head Gr. 8 Girls' Basketball

2020-2021 Continuing Coach with Extracurricular Contract

Jamie Shambach – Head Gr. 7 Girls' Basketball

2020-2021 Volunteer Coach

Cathy Keiser – Field Hockey (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Teacher – Hayleigh Alleman; Guest Teachers – Jamie Shambach and Alan Zeigler (pending receipt of required paperwork); and Secretary – Kay Morton

Other Matters: Approve an amendment to the employment contract of Brian Parise as Assistant Superintendent, adjusting the original term from 7/11/20 through 6/30/23 to 7/11/20 through 7/10/23 to meet the three-year term minimum requirement; approve a title change for Damian Gessel from Middle School Dean of Students to Middle School Assistant Principal (pending PDE application approval); and, approve entering into Professional Contracts with Lauren Miller and Lyndee Mattern for successfully completing three (3) years of teaching, effective August 21, 2020.

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

Negotiations: Mr. Paladino, Member, reported that the committee met on September 2, 2020, and plan to meet again in October.

Transportation: Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Paladino to approve Michael Manenkoff as a driver for Rohrer Bus Service; and, Michael Fritz as a driver for Weikel Busing, effective during the 2020-2021 school year.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, representative, reported that the school is currently operating on a 2-day a week hybrid schedule. He noted that the committee will meet on Thursday, September 17th via Zoom where the primary topic of discussion will be when to start operating on a full, Monday through Friday, schedule.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, reported that the school year opened up smoothly; however, shortly thereafter a report of COVID in one of the leased Sunbury buildings caused the Executive Director to close it for several days while it was deep cleaned. He noted that the Board will meet again on September 16th, via Zoom.

PSBA: Mr. Augustine, Liaison, reviewed the slate of candidates for the election of 2021 PSBA Officers. He noted that many of the individuals are running unopposed. (a copy of the information to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Hess and seconded by Teats to approve the election of the following individuals:

David Hein as President Elect (1-year term); and,
Daniel O'Keefe as Vice Present (1-year term)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Augustine to approve the election of the following individuals:

Michael Gossert as Treasurer;
 Michael Faccineto and Marianne Neel as PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees (Term ends 12/31/23); and,
 Stephen Skrocki and Tracy Long as PSBA School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee (Term ends 12/21/22)

The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Augustine to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve a list of requests for tax exoneration, as presented. (a copy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extracurricular Health and Safety Plan:

Motion by Hess and seconded by Teats to consider approving the revised/updated Health and Safety Plan for Extracurricular Activities, as presented. (a copy of the plan to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mrs. Stauffer raised several questions in regard to the health and safety plan. She inquired as to who wrote the introduction to the plan and if it was based on factual information? She also questioned the definition of "sick", since many individuals suffer from seasonal allergies which may present as COVID. Dr. Jankowski responded that the introduction was the collaboration of Athletic Directors across multiple districts. In regard to allergies, students have an opportunity to have the allergy documented, and that the coach can work with the student and parent when these situations arise. Dr. Jankowski noted that there have been no issues so far.

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

Board Discussion:

Mr. Teats questioned regarding bottle filling stations at the elementary school. Dr. Jankowski explained that all of the district's traditional water fountains have been disabled and are being replaced by bottle filling stations. However, due to the limited availability of the product, the installation has not yet occurred at all buildings.

Mr. Teats questioned if the Flexible Instructional Day Plan that the Board recently approved would allow the district to close school due to a "snow day" and still count it as a school day? Dr. Jankowski responded that the district's FID application is still awaiting approval. However, once approved, we would be able to declare a snow day as a school day since we now have the capability to learn remotely. Mr. Parise added that once we have received approval by the state, it will be posted on the web-site and in Sapphire so that parents and students find out well in advance.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
 Recording Secretary

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