

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 28, 2020

A special meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, September 28, 2020, at 6:00 p.m., via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 6:14 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. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, and approximately 8 viewers

**Announcements:**

Mr. Wolfe announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 12, 2020.

**Action Item:**

Mr. Wolfe explained that the Board is being asked to ratify the action taken by the Superintendent on Friday, September 25, 2020, in regard to facility protocols and the decision to go beyond 250 total people at the football game.

Dr. Jankowski reported that there was no general admission to the game. He explained that there was an allotment of tickets provided to all of our student participants (football, band, and cheerleaders) for admission to the stadium where everyone was asked to adhere to our health and safety expectations. Dr. Jankowski noted that it was Senior Night and felt that it was a nice evening for the families that were able to participate. He added that he received many positive comments on how the district handled the situation. (a copy of the health and safety plan dated 9/25/20 to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to ratify the decision to set facility protocols as detailed by the Superintendent as a result of the federal court decision on the Governor's mitigation order.

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

**Board Discussion**

Mr. Wolfe noted that the Board is being requested to determine its' preference moving forward while the federal court decision on the Governor's mitigation order remains in effect or until more flexibility is provided to school districts through legislation or other government action.

Dr. Jankowski noted that this discussion pertains to if the district's status quo right now continues as is. He felt that the approach taken Friday evening was successful. Dr. Jankowski explained that we were under the threshold to safely social distance all of our student participants and spectators in the stadium.

Dr. Jankowski indicated that he would like the Board to consider a few additions to what was done on Friday evening. He would like to add an additional ticket per underclassman student participant as well as a student section in the south end bleachers for our high school students. Dr. Jankowski noted that the district would still be in compliance with guidelines set by the Center for Disease Control and Department of Health. This would increase our seated capacity percentage from 10.5% to 14% which is still below the threshold to socially distance six feet. If we go beyond that percentage, we then may need to require face coverings when seated. Discussion was held regarding the waiver requirement and how that is being handled going forward, and Dr. Jankowski indicated that it would be provided ahead of time to anyone receiving a ticket. Discussion was held regarding how to determine fair distribution of the 50 tickets for the student section. Discussion was held

regarding the mitigation order and whether it pertained to the masking and social distancing order or specifically to the 25/250 expectation. Dr. Jankowski noted that we received legal guidance, as well as advice from the district's insurance provider, to continue to follow social distancing protocols. Questions were raised and discussion was also held regarding indoor sporting events and how admission numbers will be determined. Dr. Jankowski noted that this will be a topic of discussion in the upcoming weeks.

Motion by Hess and seconded by Teats to move forward with the Extracurricular Health and Safety Plan put into place on September 25, 2020, as well as providing an additional ticket per underclassman student participant (increase from 2 to 3) and the addition of a student section in the stadium with a maximum capacity of 50.

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

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT**

### **Superintendent:**

Dr. Jankowski announced that notice was recently received that the district's application for a Seamless Summer Option waiver has been approved by the PA Department of Education. This is a waiver that our Department of Food and Nutrition applied for, and as a result of receiving these federally supported funds, the district is now able to offer breakfast and lunch to all of our students free of charge through the end of December 2020. The waiver went into effect September 1, 2020, so those families which have previously purchased meals, will have those costs credited back to their account. Dr. Jankowski expressed thanks to Kevin Oswald and his staff for securing these funds.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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