

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – OCTOBER 12, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, October 12, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of the Selingsgrove Area Middle School, 359 Seals Avenue, Selingsgrove, PA 17870.

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 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. William L. Bechtel, Jr., Mr. David W. Hess, Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Atty. Matthew A. Slivinski, Mrs. Kara L. Taylor, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. Dennis R. Wolfe, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent. Mr. Larry D. Augustine and Mrs. Amelia G. Stauffer, Board Members, were absent.

Others present were:

Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Dr. Jason Schmucker, Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Keenan Hall, and Megan Hall

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bechtel 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 the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 9, 2020. He also announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the Board meeting regarding negotiations and possible litigation.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Mr. Keenan Hall, expressed appreciation to the Board for the opportunity to speak. He introduced himself as a parent of a senior and also a district basketball coach. Mr. Hall expressed concern regarding a flag display (American, Law Enforcement, and Fire Department) that occurred at a recent football game by members of the football team. He commented that he was somewhat surprised by the display considering the current climate and felt that it was politically charged. He did not feel that it was appropriate to occur at a high school football game and that we need to understand how these displays are perceived and these displays speak for all of us in the community. Mr. Hall asked that the district consider everyone in the community and how they felt about it.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Jankowski updated the Board on student learning. He noted that we are fast approaching the end of the first marking period, which occurs on October 21st. Dr. Jankowski reported that he has heard from community and staff with mixed results, but with a positive tilt. He noted that a large number of our students who are participating from a distance are successful; however, we are seeing an increase in students needing additional support and guidance. Dr. Jankowski indicated that these distance learners that are struggling are being encouraged to come back to in-person learning. He

noted that at tomorrow's staff meeting the Administrative Team will be reviewing the instructional models and determining how we will respond to COVID. Dr. Jankowski reported that Snyder County has a current substantial designation. He noted that the PA Department of Health recommends a fully remote education model in counties that have substantial risk of community spread. Dr. Jankowski explained that we do not plan to go to remote learning, but if things would change, we would consider that an option.

Business Manager:

Mr. Hummel updated the Board on next year's budget. He reported that the State just released the 2021-2022 Act 1 Index range. The base rate is 3%, but the district's adjusted index rate is 3.9% which translates into a millage increase of 2.7 mills or a little over \$682,000 in tax revenue. Mr. Hummel explained that the Board would need to pass a resolution by January 28, 2021 if we choose to stay at or under the index. If the Board chooses to go above the index, a preliminary budget would need to be passed by February 17, 2021. A referendum would be placed on the spring ballot if we choose to exceed the 3.9% index. The Board would be required to pass a proposed final budget by May 31st and a final budget by June 30th. Mr. Hummel reported that the local audit was recently wrapped up and the Budget and Finance Committee will need to schedule a meeting to look at the numbers for the end of the last fiscal year.

Assistant Superintendent:

Mr. Parise reported that the district will soon begin work on a Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the comprehensive planning cycle had been postponed due to COVID and the closure of school. Mr. Parise asked that Board Members keep an eye out for an invitation to participate in the planning process. He noted that they will be working with multiple stakeholders on this plan. Mr. Parise explained that the comprehensive plan will require Board approval in February as it will be submitted to the state in March.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that a committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future to review the quotes received by Mr. Simpson for the electronic signage which will be placed at Broad Street and Seals Avenue, and at Eighteenth Street and Seals Avenue.

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: No report.

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

Staff Resignation: R. David Russell as Assistant Athletic Director, effective November 30, 2020

Letter of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year: Raymond Moyer as a Mathematics Teacher at the High School

Staff Transfer: Erica Cherry as Cook/Cashier to Assistant Kitchen Manager at the Intermediate School, effective October 1, 2020, at the hourly rate of \$10.75

Staff Elections:

2020-2021 District Volunteers: Amanda Bielskie, Brian Fritz, Colby Roman, and Susan Roupp (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2020-2021 Elementary Girls' Basketball Program Volunteers: Steve Shambach as League Coordinator, Ryan Shamp, Mandy Weiser, Lisa Wagner, Zane Ferguson, Amiee Snyder, Denyel Decker, Frank Jankowski, Emma Atwood, and Gregory Felty (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Jamie Fegley as Kitchen Manager at the Intermediate School, effective October 1, 2020, at the hourly rate of \$11.00 after successful completion of the probationary period

Other Matters: A correction to a previously approved (9/14/20) hourly rate of pay for Rebecca Ferry as a Life Skills Support/Seals Den Paraprofessional, from \$10.25 to \$10.50, retroactive to September 8, 2020

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

Negotiations: No report.

Transportation: Motion by Hess and seconded by Paladino to approve Victor Anderson, Nathaniel Black, Alexa Fasold, and Karin Shawver as drivers for Weikel Busing; and, Linda Wendt as a van driver for Rohrer Bus Service, 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 on October 5, 2020, the school returned to operating on a full, Monday through Friday, schedule.

CSIU Board of Directors: No report due to Mr. Augustine's absence.

PSBA: No report due to Mr. Augustine's absence.

NEW BUSINESS

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bechtel to consider approving the following:

Business Matters:

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)

Contract Service Agreement with Gaudenzia, Inc.:

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, effective October 15, 2020 through June 30, 2021, as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Extracurricular Health and Safety Plan:

The recommendation of the Superintendent to approve updates to the Health and Safety Plan for Extracurricular Activities with guidance provided by Governor Wolfe and the PA Department of Health, as presented. (a copy of the plan to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Dr. Jankowski reported that the district's maximum allowable occupancy for our facility is 20%.

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

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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