

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2020

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, November 9, 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 7:03 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.

Others present were:

Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, and Michaeline Shuman

**Consent Agenda:**

Mr. Teats questioned several items on the General Fund Bills list in regard to cupola repairs, elevator repairs, and a payment to Zeigler's Machine Shop. Dr. Jankowski responded that he would consult with the Business Manager to obtain responses to questions raised by Mr. Teats.

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Teats 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 Tuesday, December 1, 2020. He also announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the Board meeting regarding litigation and personnel.

**BOARD DISCUSSION**

Mr. Teats mentioned a few topics of discussion that he would like added to the agenda of the next Extracurricular Committee meeting.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**Superintendent:**

Dr. Jankowski commented that in addition to the recent academic successes in the classroom, we also had the following recent athletic successes: the field hockey team won its' 16<sup>th</sup> consecutive District IV championship; the girls' soccer team won the District IV championship; the boys' soccer team won its' second consecutive District IV championship; and, Shaela Kruskie, a cross country participant, was the eleventh in the state among freshmen.

Dr. Jankowski reiterated that as a district we are continually evaluating what we are to accomplish in regards to following expectations and requirements from the state of Pennsylvania. He noted, however, that we also make sure that those recommendations are totally in alignment with what is actually happening within our district. In other words, he takes all of the information that occurs throughout the course of the day, and all of the information known about related COVID situations, and tries to make it as personal of a decision as possible. If we can have in-person activities be available to our students, then we will do so. If we feel that it is not appropriate to at this time, we will move to distance learning which we are doing for the remainder of this week. Dr. Jankowski stated that, if all goes well, the goal is to reopen in-person on Monday, November 16, 2020. However, all outdoor fall extracurricular activities will continue. He noted that there is no reason statistically for them not to be able to participate at this time.

### High School Principal:

Mr. Conrad reported that eleven students recently participated in the PMEA District 8 chorus competition. Ten of those students placed and will move on to the next step of the competition.

### Assistant Superintendent:

Mr. Parise reported on an update regarding Keystone state testing. He explained that the PA Department of Education received a directive from the U.S. Department of Education regarding state testing and that it was still a requirement for school accountability. Mr. Parise noted that he received correspondence from the Deputy Secretary of Education stating that although they feel it might not be in the best interest of all students to have to take the keystones, we are still required to do so per the U.S. Department of Education. Therefore, they have extended the winter window to give districts the flexibility in which to give those tests. Our district has decided to continue with the regular schedule for multiple reasons. Mr. Parise explained that it is still a graduation requirement and because of the unique situation where we follow the semester block schedule. Mr. Parise reported that the district is also waiting to hear back in regard to Senate Bill 1216 that modifies that graduation requirement and moves the requirement from the class of 2022 to the class of 2023.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Finance:** Mr. Paladino, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on October 26, 2020. He briefly reviewed the recommendation of the committee.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider the recommendation of the committee to make the following fund balance designations at 6-30-2020.

Designation of Fund Balance:	Balance 6/30/2019	2019-20 Designation	Balance 6/30/2020
<b>General Fund</b>			
Assigned	\$ 79,070	\$ 29,881	\$ 108,951
Restricted - Special Ed ACCESS Program	\$ 547,141	\$ (226,849)	\$ 320,292
Nonspendable - Inventory of Supplies	\$ 18,811	\$ 8,665	\$ 27,476
Nonspendable - Prepaid Expenses	\$ 5,000	\$ 92,539	\$ 97,539
Committed – Real Estate Tax Appeals	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Committed - Retiree Healthcare	\$ 2,318,334	\$ 252,037	\$ 2,570,317
Committed - MS project	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -
Committed - PSERS	\$ 3,214,716	\$ 500,000	\$ 3,714,716
Committed - Educational Resources	\$ 306,389	\$ -	\$ 306,389
Unassigned	\$ 2,878,238	\$ -	\$ 2,878,238
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 9,567,699</b>	<b>\$ 656,273</b>	<b>\$10,223,972</b>

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

Mr. Paladino reported that the district remains in a strong financial position. He referred to the Annual Comment from Moody's Investors Service which reports that our district has a high quality credit position, and a Aa3 rating. (a copy of the Moody's Annual Comment to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Paladino reported that Snyder County is considering the elimination of the per capita tax, which would result in the district to eventually make some decisions in that regard.

Mr. Paladino also reported that the Board will need to take action at the January Board meeting to approve the 2021-2022 Act 1 Budget Resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of real estate taxes by more than the allowable index.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that the committee will be meeting in the near future to review the quotes for electronic signage.

**Policy and Education:** No report.

**Extracurricular:** Mr. Bechtel, Chair, noted that the committee will need to schedule a meeting in the near future.

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

**Letter of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year:** Debra L. Barrick as a Librarian at the Elementary School

**Staff Elections:**

2020-2021 Continuing Winter Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Boys Basketball Head – Ethan Hummel  
 Boys Basketball 9th Grade Head - Ray Moyer  
 Boys Basketball 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Head – Scott Zeigler  
 Girls Basketball Head – Ashley Kolak  
 Girls Basketball Asst. – Pat O'Brien  
 Wrestling Head - Seth Martin  
 Wrestling Asst. - Stu Zeiders  
 Bowling – Corey Wert  
 Swimming - Dave Russell (PIAA required)

2020-2021 New Winter Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Boys Basketball Assistant - Keenan Hall  
 Boys Basketball 8th Grade Head – Tim Lauver  
 Boys Basketball Intermediate Coordinator – Clint Neidig  
 Wrestling Asst. JH – Nathan Bingaman  
 Cheerleading Head Varsity & JH – Erin Newcomer  
 Cheerleading Asst. Varsity & JH – Kennedy Myers

2020-2021 Winter Volunteer Coaches:

Boys Basketball – Thomas Kerstetter  
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Mike Heckman  
 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

2020-2021 Winter Volunteer Coaches – Continued:

Boys Basketball Intermediate - Steve Diehl  
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Phil Gesumaria  
 Boys Basketball Intermediate - Jeremy Beaver  
 Girls Basketball - Tonya Hatter  
 Girls Basketball – Shelby Trotter  
 Girls Basketball Elementary Program – Brett Treas  
 Wrestling – Shuntil Snyder  
 Wrestling - Mike Gaugler  
 Wrestling - Bryce Reichenbach  
 Wrestling - Justin Schooley  
 Wrestling - Cody Zechman  
 Wrestling - Kevin Matz  
 Wrestling - Greg Rhoads  
 Wrestling - Matthew Santa  
 Wrestling – Brandon Stokes  
 Wrestling – Blaise Zeiders  
 Wrestling JH – Jerry Bastian  
 Wrestling JH – Bill Bechtel  
 Wrestling JH – Micah Wagner  
 Bowling - Christopher Houtz  
 Bowling - Shawndra Scholl  
 Bowling – Bill Rowe  
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2020-2021 District Volunteer – Marlo Tamanini (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

And, Mike Stebila as Girls Track and Field Head Coach, effective with the 2021 season

**Leave Requests:** Employee #000-00-1397 for a child bearing/child rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective January 4, 2021 through February 26, 2021; and, Employee #000-00-0464 for an extension of a medical sabbatical leave for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year (9/14/20 Board approval for 1<sup>st</sup> semester)

**Substitutes:** Guest Teachers – Jamon Folk, Nicholas Fuller, Riley Griffith, and Tiffany Kratzer (pending receipt of required paperwork); and, Paraprofessionals – Eden Delosier and Nikki Straub (pending receipt of required paperwork)

**Other Matters:** Entering into a Professional Contract with Jayme Klingler for successfully completing three (3) years of teaching, effective October 26, 2020.

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

**Negotiations:** Mr. Bechtel, Chair, reported that a very reasonable contract proposal has been received from the Teacher’s Association. He commented that it is hard to respond to the proposal due to not knowing where we currently stand financially as a district.

**Transportation:** Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Paladino to approve Katherine Smith and Lawrence Smith as drivers for Weikel Busing; and, Joshua Baslick as a 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, recognized that Graycen Hilbolt (Cosmetology) was named as the September Young American; and, that Katelyn Germini (Advertising Art) was named as the October Young American. He also reported that one class has been shut down due to COVID.

**CSIU Board of Directors:** Mr. Augustine, Representative, reported that Berwick classrooms, as well as the Sunbury classroom at the Children's Center, have a two-week closure due to COVID. He noted that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, November 18, 2020.

**PSBA:** Mr. Augustine, Liaison, reported that on Saturday, November 7, 2020, school directors from districts across the state came together virtually for the Delegate Assembly meeting to adopt PSBA's 2021 Legislative Platform.

Mr. Augustine reported that The School Safety and Security Committee (SSSC) within the Pennsylvania Commission on Crime and Delinquency (PCCD) approved the release of almost \$50 million to address additional COVID-19-related health and safety needs for school districts. He noted that Selinsgrove will be receiving an allotment of \$77,000.

Mr. Augustine spoke in regard to Act 84 which requires school districts to publish email addresses for Board members on their website. He reported that PSBA worked to have the bill amended so that it also applies to Charter/Cyber Charter school trustees.

Mr. Augustine also reported on House Bill 2438 which is legislation sponsored by PSBA to enhance broadband. Additionally, in regard to Senate Bill 530 which protects student victims of sexual assault, he reported that PSBA has worked with the bill's sponsor to improve the bill.

Lastly, Mr. Augustine noted that it is predicted that school district payments to charter schools will increase by nearly \$475 million in the 2020-2021 school year.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Business Matters:**

Motion by Stauffer 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 to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Board Discussion:**

Mr. Wolfe shared a story with the Board and Administration that he heard from some friends in Mechanicsburg about a family who recently moved to the area. Apparently the family did extensive research on the schools in the area before relocating, and chose to move to the Selinsgrove area. Mr. Wolfe felt that this reflected positively on our district.

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary