

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – JANUARY 11, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, January 11, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., 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. 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. Mr. Larry D. Augustine, Board Member, was absent.

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 7 viewers

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)

Mrs. Stauffer raised several questions to which Dr. Schmucker and Mr. Parise responded. She also complimented Ms. Garman and Amy Veach for organizing Christmas Friends which aided over 25 district families.

Mr. Teats questioned a general fund payment to McClure Company in the amount of \$27,375. Mr. Hummel explained that a piece of old HVAC equipment in the IT room went out and needed to be replaced.

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

Announcements:

Mr. Wolfe announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9, 2021. He also announced that an Executive Session regarding negotiations was held at 6 p.m. that evening. Mr. Wolfe called attention to an addendum to the agenda which included two additional action items.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Motion by Hess and seconded by Stauffer to approve the proposed 2021 committee assignments, as presented. (a copy of the assignments to be attached and a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent:

Dr. Jankowski announced that January is School Board Recognition Month. He expressed thanks to our members for their service, hard work, time and energy and all that they do for the students and the community. Dr. Jankowski noted that a celebration will be planned for in the future.

Dr. Jankowski noted that as we enter into the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year tomorrow, all staff members are consistently and effectively balancing all of the newness of this school year, from a cultural standpoint, a safety standpoint and a COVID-specific standpoint. We continue to reach out to families within the community to learn of ways to improve and support our students.

Dr. Jankowski reported that he recently pushed out a message to the school district community, to provide them with insight related to the most common scenario that creates the need for contact tracing. He also shared new guidelines with staff last week. Those guidelines call for school districts to be able to refer to the quantity of students in a building and have a ratio for the size of the building. When we get to a specific number of positive cases, it causes us to shut down for a temporary period of time, allowing us to have an extensive cleaning and reset that buildings numbers.

Athletic Director/Acting Director of Buildings & Grounds: Mr. Simpson reported that the winter sports season began last week with a Boys' Basketball game held on Friday, a Jr. High Boys' Basketball game held on Monday, and a Wrestling Tournament held on Sunday.

Mr. Simpson requested to meet with the Buildings and Grounds Committee in the near future to review topics in regard to facilities and new signage.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, noted there was nothing new to report, but will plan to meet in the near future as requested by Mr. Simpson.

Policy and Education: Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to approve the recommendation of the committee for first reading revisions to the following policies: No. 122 – Extracurricular Activities; and, No. 217 – Graduation Requirements. (copies to be attached and made a part of the official minutes).

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extracurricular: Mr. Bechtel, Chair, briefly reviewed the minutes of the meetings held on December 10 and 14, 2020. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Letters of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year: Stephanie Apfelbaum as a K-3 Reading Specialist; Amy Kenny as Instrumental Music/Band Teacher at the Middle School; Christine Lester as K-6 Gifted Support Teacher; Janice Royer as Physical Education Teacher at the Intermediate School; Edward Smith as Music Teacher at the High School; Martha Smith as a Kindergarten Teacher at the Elementary School; and, Robert Whyne as a Guidance Counselor at the High School

Staff Resignations: Christopher Lupolt as Jr. High Boys' Soccer Coach, effective December 23, 2020; and, Zachary Raup as Head Girls' Lacrosse Coach, effective December 3, 2020

Staff Transfer: Amy Stoneburg from the Food Service Department to Autistic Support Paraprofessional at Selinsgrove Elementary, effective retroactive to December 7, 2020

Staff Elections: Tracy Smith as a Long-Term Predictable Substitute K-2 Autistic Support Teacher, tentatively effective January 4 through April 30, 2021; and, Dana Bealer as a Day-to-Day Substitute Special Education Teacher at the Seals Den, tentatively effective January 4 through February 26, 2021

Leave of Absence Request: Employee #000-00-2251 for a child bearing/child rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective March 19 through the end of the 2020-2021 school year

Substitute: Teacher – Alexis Hicks (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

Negotiations: Motion by Hess and seconded by Teats to approve the Agreement between the Board of Directors and the Selinsgrove Area Education Association, for a three (3) year term, effective July 1, 2020 through June 30, 2023, as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Transportation: Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Hess to approve Robin Snyder as a driver for Weikel Busing, effective during the remainder of 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 due to three positive cases of Covid, the school is currently operating remotely.

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

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

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Hess to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager 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. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes).

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

Motion by Hess and seconded by Teats to approve the 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.

Snyder County Tax Collection Committee:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to appoint Jeffrey H. Hummel as a primary delegate and Andrew Paladino as alternate delegate to represent the Selinsgrove Area School District on the Snyder County Tax Collection Committee. (for the collection of earned income taxes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Graduating Seniors:

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the High School Principal to approve student #900866 and student #900716 as 2021 graduates, effective immediately, due to completion of all graduation requirements and meeting the standards for early graduation as outlined in Board Policy No. 217.

The motion was unanimously carried.

High School Course Additions and Adjustments:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Hess to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to approve the following course additions and adjustments within the high school curriculum: Design Engineering 1, Design Engineering 2, and Manufacturing Technology 3, as presented. (a copy of the additions and adjustments to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Settlement Agreement and Release:

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Hess to approve the Settlement Agreement and Release, as presented.

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

Board Discussion:

Mrs. Stauffer questioned if there is a mask wearing end date? Dr. Jankowski responded that there is not an end date and the district will continue to comply with the Department of Health and PIAA requirements. He noted that if the district is offered flexibility, he would bring it to the Board. Mrs. Stauffer questioned if there was district involvement in the mask-wearing requirement? Dr. Jankowski responded that no input from districts was sought. It was also noted that professional and college athletes are not required to mask.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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