

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, February 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., via zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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, Abigail MacMillan, Rick Dandes (Daily Item), Amber Martino, Dennis Fetter, Matthew Lehman, Mike Stebila, Zion Raeburn, and Cloe Viera

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Hess 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 will be held on Monday, March 8, 2021.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**Superintendent:**

Dr. Jankowski brought the Board up to date regarding COVID data as of January 31, 2021. He reported that the district had 116 confirmed positives, 48 probable positives, and 487 school based contact-traced individuals. Dr. Jankowski noted that out of those 487 individuals, only a handful ended up being positive, which gives us a 99% non-positivity rate among our school-based contact traced individuals.

Dr. Jankowski indicated that the Board may become aware of a possibility of our student athletes competing against non-mask wearing athletes. He commented that we do not want to stand in the way or hold our athletes back from participating, as we may be forced to forfeit if we refuse to participate. Dr. Jankowski reported that we should be receiving notification from PIAA in the next couple of weeks regarding this subject.

Dr. Jankowski commented that the Administrative Team has begun looking at end of the year events such as field trips for elementary students, spring sports, Prom, and graduation. He noted that we want to provide the most authentic experience as possible, while making it as memorable and safe as possible.

### **Business Manager:**

Mr. Hummel reported that we have received the final 2019-2020 local audit report which resulted in no findings or any adjustments to the financial statements that were previously Board approved. He noted that the Budget and Finance Committee will discuss and review the results at a future committee meeting.

In regard to the 2021-2022 state budget, Mr. Hummel reported that last week the Governor introduced his state budget proposal in the amount of \$37.8 billion. He noted that the budget has a major increase in basic education funding of \$1.3 billion, which is much more than usually proposed. However, it is based on an increase in the personal income tax from 3.07% up to 4.49%. Mr. Hummel remarked that it is highly unlikely that the increase will get through the legislature at this point. Therefore, he is taking a conservative approach to budgeting next year by looking at level funding. In regard to the district's budget, the Board passed the Act 1 Resolution in January, a proposed budget must be passed in May, with the final proposed budget being approved in June.

### **High School Principal:**

Mr. Conrad expressed congratulations to Tori Ross, Maya Caron, Renee Long and Xiao Yan Shi for qualifying for the National Association of Music Educators All-Eastern Honors Ensemble; and, also to Mrs. Ulsh and Mr. Smith for working with these students.

Mr. Conrad expressed congratulations to Tori Ross, whose musical accomplishments were reported on and recently showcased by the Daily Item newspaper.

He expressed congratulations to our FBLA students who recently competed in the regional FBLA competition. Fifteen students earned first place awards in various categories. Twenty-five of our students will move on to the virtual state competition. He acknowledged Mr. Dan Frake, who advises our FBLA, for his efforts with our students.

Mr. Conrad expressed congratulations to Mrs. Joan Bastian for being recognized by the PSMLA as one of seventeen world language teachers in the state of Pennsylvania for her continuous efforts with our Global Scholars program offered at the high school.

Lastly, he recognized Mr. Seth Martin for winning his 100<sup>th</sup> match as head coach of the Selinsgrove Wrestling team.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Finance:** No report.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Teats, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on January 27, 2021. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Teats expressed concern in regard to replacing the Middle School elevator and not the High School elevator when most repairs have been made to the one at the high school. Mr. Hummel and Mr. Simpson explained that Thyssenkrupp, the company which services the district's elevators, is recommending replacement of the Middle School elevator because it is the oldest and parts are no longer available for it.

Mrs. Stauffer questioned the motion to replace one of the boilers at the Intermediate School. Mr. Hummel explained that this is a boiler that is original to the building and has been working until very recently.

Motion by Hess and seconded by Paladino to approve the following recommendations of the Buildings and Grounds Committee:

- a. Installation of a removable chain link fence at the softball field at an approximate cost of \$20,000 (funding from capital reserve account).
- b. Relocating the High School Class of 1988 sign to a location near the rear entrance of the building at an approximate cost of \$5,000 (funding from maintenance budget).
- c. Authorizing the administration to obtain bids/quotes for two electronic signs (one in front of the high school near the corner of Broad St. and Seals Ave. and the other sign at the corner of Eighteenth St. and Seals Ave.).
- d. Authorizing the administration to remove the backstop located near the corner of Broad Street and Seals Ave.
- e. Replacing three sections of the high school roof through Tremco Incorporated at an approximate cost of \$132,000 (state contract pricing, funding from capital projects account).
- f. Replacing one of the Intermediate School boilers through McClure Company at an approximate cost of \$210,000 (state contract pricing, funding from capital projects account).
- g. Authorizing the administration to obtain bids/quotes to replace the Middle School elevator.
- h. Authorizing the administration to obtain bids/quotes to replace the moveable wall at the High School between the cafeteria and gym.
- i. Authorizing the administration to obtain bids/quotes for paving/repairing the following areas throughout campus: a portion of Seals Ave, intersection of Magnolia/Spruce/Intermediate Drive, Intermediate School driveway, and foot path/High School parking lot/widen stadium gate overlay.

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

**Policy and Education:** No report.

**Extracurricular:** Mr. Bechtel, Chair, briefly reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on January 20, 2021. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

**Personnel/Meet and Discuss:** Mr. Hess briefly reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on February 4, 2021. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Discussion was held regarding the proposed 25 cent per hour increase for Classified and Food and Nutrition Staff. It was noted that the district is currently in a better financial position than at the start of the fiscal year when all increases were frozen. Mr. Teats expressed concern that the increase is so minimal when this group is already at the bottom end of the pay scale. Mr. Hess commented that the committee is recommending the increase as a show of appreciation and that the increase is not necessarily expected.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bechtel to approve the following recommendations of the Personnel Committee:

Tax Collector Compensation Resolution, as presented. (a copy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes);

A \$0.25 per hour increase, effective March 1, 2021, for all those Classified and Food Service employees who had not yet received an increase during the 2020-2021 school year.

**Staff Resignations:** Maria Mull as a Cook/Cashier at the Intermediate School, effective February 12, 2021; Salvador Nobre da Veiga as Boys' Tennis Coach, effective immediately; and, Deborah Wenrich as a Second Shift Custodian at Selinsgrove Elementary, effective March 17, 2021, due to retirement

**Staff Elections:**

2020-2021 Continuing Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Baseball Head - Brent Beiler  
 Baseball Assistant - Stu Zeiders  
 Baseball Assistant - Kevin Kline  
 Softball Head - Joel Rogers  
 Softball Assistant - Isaac Ramer  
 Softball Assistant – Jeremy Goodling  
 Boys Lacrosse Head - Tom Garlock  
 Boys Lacrosse Assistant - Jim Youngman  
 Girls Lacrosse Head – Erin Newcomer  
 Boys Track and Field Head - Brian Catherman  
 Boys Track and Field Assistant - Seth Martin  
 Boys Track and Field Assistant - George Hummel  
 Boys Track and Field Assistant - Greg Rhoads  
 Girls Track and Field Assistant - Allison Huber  
 Girls Track and Field Assistant - Elizabeth Hummel  
 JH Boys Soccer Assistant - Dave Klinger  
 JH Field Hockey Head - Roz Erb  
 JH Field Hockey Assistant - Melissa Bingaman

2020-2021 New Spring Coach with Extracurricular Contract:

Girls Lacrosse Assistant – Kennedy Myers  
 Girls Track and Field Head – Mike Stebila  
 Girls Track and Field Assistant – William Switala  
 JH Girls Soccer Head – Brian Derr  
 JH Girls Soccer Assistant – Cheryl Underhill  
 JH Girls Soccer Assistant – Tayla Derr

2020-2021 Spring Coach Volunteers:

Baseball - Jim Messner  
 Baseball - Bryan Mohr  
 Baseball - Dave Brown  
 Baseball – Travis Lerch  
 Baseball – Tyler Showers  
 Softball - Chris Easley  
 Softball - Tammy Newberry  
 Boys Lacrosse – Tim Gorin  
 Boys Lacrosse - Benjamin Youngman  
 Boys Lacrosse - Andy Howell  
 Boys Track and Field - James Heinly  
 Boys Track and Field - Jay Pagana  
 Boys Track and Field - Grant Rowe  
 Girls Track and Field - Angela Stebila  
 JH Girls Soccer - Scott Simone  
 JH Field Hockey – Megan Wetzel  
 JH Field Hockey - Kara Rothermel  
 JH Field Hockey - Donna Prince  
 JH Field Hockey - Jayme Klingler  
 JH Field Hockey - Amber Hauck  
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

**Substitutes:** Teachers – Hannah Aurand, Brianna Burger, Tyler Hafner, and Nina Jacaruso (pending receipt of required paperwork); Guest Teacher – Olivia McGaw; and, Custodian – Paulson Smith

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

**Transportation:** Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Hess to approve Catherine Branthoover, Tammy Leinweaver, Glenda Sipe, and Robert Stahl as drivers 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 all classes were back in operation as of yesterday. He also announced that the Governor signed Senate Bill 109 which will providing funding for technical schools.

**CSIU Board of Directors:** Mr. Augustine, Representative, noted that all meetings have been conducted via Zoom. He reported that the Board has received an official retirement date for Dr. Kevin Singer, CSIU Executive Director.

**PSBA:** No report.

## **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

### **Board Policies:**

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Teats to approve second and final reading revisions to the following policies: No. 122 – Extracurricular Activities; and, No. 217 – Graduation Requirements.

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

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **2021-2022 SUN Area Technical Institute General Operating Budget:**

Motion by Hess and seconded by Stauffer to approve the SUN Area Technical Institute 2021-2022 General Operating Budget, as presented. (a copy of the budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Paladino to approve the following items:

### **Business Matters:**

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)

### **2020-2021 Superintendent Goals:**

2020-2021 Superintendent Goals, as presented. (a copy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

### **2020-2021 Assistant Superintendent Goals:**

2020-2021 Assistant Superintendent Goals, as presented. (a copy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

### **2021-2022 School Calendar:**

The recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt a 2021-2022 School Calendar, as presented. (a copy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Dr. Jankowski noted that the calendar being presented is a “traditional” calendar.

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

### **Board Discussion:**

Mr. Teats complimented Dr. Jankowski on doing a fabulous job communicating with everyone during the on-going pandemic. He also commended Mr. Simpson on doing a great job as well.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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