

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 8, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, March 8, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., via zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 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, and approximately 8 viewers

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Augustine and seconded by Stauffer 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, April 12, 2021. He also announced that an Executive Session was held earlier that evening regarding student and personnel matters.

**Board Discussion:**

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Bechtel to accept the resignation of Larry D. Augustine as PSBA Liaison, effective immediately.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Dave Hess volunteered to serve as PSBA Liaison.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Taylor to appoint Dave Hess as PSBA Liaison to the Pennsylvania School Boards Association to serve effective immediately through December 2021.

The motion was unanimously carried.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **Superintendent:**

Dr. Jankowski reported that on March 1<sup>st</sup>, Governor Wolf announced that he would be lifting and revising mitigation restrictions in regard to travel. Districts also received information pertaining to school assessments. Dr. Jankowski commented that, looking at educational agencies throughout the state, you will see it is estimated that less than 20% of educational agencies throughout the commonwealth of PA offer full in-person instruction. He expressed thanks to the Board and the community for working together and being diligent about our efforts to be safe as well as be determined and focused on our goal to give students a most authentic educational experience as possible. Dr. Jankowski also expressed thanks to staff, classroom teachers, and students who have been consistently determined to make the best out of this school year.

Dr. Jankowski reviewed data located on the district's Pandemic Response page. He explained that the graphs show cumulative COVID-19 Data from August 2020 through February 2021. The chart compares numbers for confirmed/probable cases and contact traced numbers. Dr. Jankowski noted that of the 622 contact traced cases, less than 10 were actual confirmed cases. (a copy of the data to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Dr. Jankowski reported that a proposal is listed later on the agenda, as part of the Health and Safety Plan, to stop temperature checks for all students. He explained that in over 100 days of in-person instruction and over 2,000 students having their temperature checked each day, we have not had one COVID case tied to those temperature checks.

Dr. Jankowski also noted an additional proposal is listed on the agenda that end-of-year events such as field trips, field day, prom and graduation be conducted in-person, while still adhering to safety measures.

Dr. Jankowski reported that the Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 vaccine is being made available to Pennsylvania educators. He applauded our staff for working without vaccinations for most of the year.

### **Business Manager:**

Mr. Hummel noted that a Budget and Finance Committee meeting will be scheduled in the near future to work on the initial draft of the preliminary budget for 2021-2022. A proposed final budget must be Board approved in May with the final budget being approved by June 30.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Finance:** No report.

**Buildings and Grounds:** No report.

**Policy and Education:** No report.

**Extracurricular:** Mr. Bechtel, Chair, announced that both Coy Bastian and Nate Schon qualified to wrestle in Super Regional held on March 6<sup>th</sup>. Following that competition, Nate Schon qualified to wrestle in the state tournament which will be held in Hershey on March 13<sup>th</sup>.

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

**Rescinding Letters of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2020-2021 School Year:** Stephanie Apfelbaum as a K-3 Reading Specialist; Debra Barrick as a Librarian at the Elementary School; Amy Kenny as a Music/Band Teacher at the Middle School; Raymond Moyer as a Mathematics Teacher at the High School; Todd Myers as an English Teacher at the High School; R. David Russell as a Physical Education Teacher at the Middle School; and Robert Whyne as Guidance Counselor at the High School

**Staff Resignation:** Raymond Moyer as Gr. 9 Boys' Basketball Coach, effective February 25, 2021

**Staff Elections:** Ashley L. Martin as a Paraprofessional at the Elementary School, at the hourly rate of \$10.75, effective retroactive to March 1, 2021; Lori Sims as a Cashier/Cook at the Intermediate School, at the hourly rate of \$10.00, effective date to be determined (pending receipt of required paperwork); Colby Roman as a Cashier/Cook at the Intermediate School, at the hourly rate of \$10.25, effective date to be determined (pending receipt of required paperwork); Wanda Felmey as a Full-Time Second Shift Custodian at the Elementary School, at the hourly rate of \$11.25, effective March 31, 2021 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Michele Pryor as a 2020-2021 District Volunteer (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation); Lukas Auker as Boys' Tennis Head Coach, effective immediately; Dave Klinger as JH Boys' Soccer Head Coach, effective immediately; and, Chris Magee as JH Boys' Soccer Assistant Coach, effective immediately

**Substitutes:** Guest Teachers – Olivia Lee, Isaiah Rapp, and Gregory Wilt

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

**Transportation:** Motion by Augustine and seconded by Stauffer to approve Debra Folk as a van driver for Rohrer Bus Service, 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 the JOC recently took action to temporarily suspend enrollment for the Electronics Technology program for the 2021-2022 school year. He noted that the current instructor of that program is retiring and they are looking into the possibility of developing a mechatronics program sometime in the future.

**CSIU Board of Directors:** Mr. Augustine, Representative, reported that the CSIU is currently preparing to serve as the site for the administration of COVID-19 vaccines to educators.

**PSBA:** No report.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Business Matters:**

Motion by Stauffer 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.

### **Request to Enroll on a Tuition Basis:**

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Teats to approve a request from Joanne and Peter Risso, made on behalf of Samuel Risso, to attend the Selinsgrove Area Middle School on a tuition basis, effective Monday, February 22, 2021 through the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

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

### **Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2021-2022 General Operating Budget:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Augustine to consider approving the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2021-2022 General Operating Budget, as presented. (a copy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

### **Health and Safety Plan:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Hess to consider approving updates to the Health and Safety Plan, as presented. (a copy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Dr. Jankowski noted that the requirement to take student temperature checks each morning has been removed from the plan.

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

### **End-of-Year Events:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Hess to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to definitively plan for end-of-year events such as the Jr./Sr. Prom and High School Graduation to be conducted in-person.

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

### **Adjournment:**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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