

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – May 10, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, May 10, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Selingsrove Area Middle School, 359 Seals Avenue, Selingsrove, 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 (via phone), 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, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, and Mr. Rick Dandes (Daily Item)

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Teats 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, June 14, 2021. He called attention to an addendum to the agenda which included additional action items.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**Superintendent:** Dr. Jankowski announced that the last day of school will be Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> with an early dismissal at 1 p.m. He noted that calculated decisions continue to be made to reduce COVID mitigation. Dr. Jankowski explained that the changes being made are within the already approved guidelines. He remarked that electrostatic spraying has been reduced and that the district is not seeing a rise in cases. Discussion was held regarding what next school year will look like. It was noted that the district is expanding summer program options to address student learning needs. Discussion was also held regarding the failure rate, which Dr. Jankowski noted has increased due to COVID. He commented that it is not an alarming rate, but higher than preferred, with the majority being those students who were not doing full, in-person learning.

**Business Manager:** Mr. Hummel gave a brief overview of the 2021-2022 proposed final budget in the amount of \$44,789,250. He noted that the proposed final budget will be on public display and will be on the June 14<sup>th</sup> agenda for final Board approval. Discussion was held regarding the proposed budget. Mr. Teats questioned why the Board only has the authority to increase real

estate taxes and not earned income taxes? Attorney Wiley explained that it was a set decision by state legislation when the occupational tax was removed. (a copy of the 2021-2022 proposed final budget highlights to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

**High School Principal:** Mr. Conrad reported on a very successful prom which was held recently at the Intermediate School. He also recognized Dan Frake, Business Teacher, and Elsie Inch, Main Office Secretary, as recipients of the Loretta Woodsen Education Award from the Snyder County Chapter of PA School Retirees.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Finance:** Mr. Paladino, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on May 5, 2021.

Motion by Hess and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the 2021-2022 Proposed Final Budget with expenditures of \$44,789,250 and revenues of \$44,337,253 and use of fund balance of \$451,997. (a copy of the proposed final budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on May 5, 2021. He commented regarding the digital signs project. Mr. Teats explained that the local sign ordinance was not changed by the Borough as originally thought, thus requiring the district to apply for a variance, which could extend the process of upwards of 60 days. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

- 1) The recommendation of LIVIC Civil (district's engineer) and the committee to award the paving bid to Dave Gutelius Excavating, Inc. (base bid and alternates 1-6) at a cost of \$424,943 as presented. (funding from the capital reserve/capital projects account) (a copy of the bid results to be attached and made a part of the official minutes); and,
- 2) The recommendation of the committee to accept the proposal from Hadfield Elevator LLC to replace the middle school elevator at a cost of \$82,000 and to approve electrical work for the elevator installation not to exceed \$20,000. (state contract CO-STARS pricing) (funding from the capital reserve/capital projects account) (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

**Policy and Education:** No report.

**Extracurricular:** No report.

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

**Staff Resignations:** Lori Sims as a Cook/Cashier at the Intermediate School, effective April 12, 2021; and Clare Cavada as a Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective May 28, 2021, due to retirement

**Staff Elections:**

2020-2021 District Volunteers: Jessica Cortellini and Valera Hess (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2021 Summer STEM Camp Instructors @ a stipend of \$1,500 (grant funded):

Session 1 – Aaron Ettinger, Lindsay Harris, Erin Jenkins

Session 2 – Aaron Ettinger, Debra Barrick, Molly McCabe

Substitute – Ryan Hammaker

2021 ESY (Extended School Year) Staff:

Teachers – Dana Bealer, Brad Richmond, Josh Eck, Kristin Hoover, and Tracy Smith;

Paraprofessionals - Noreen Robbins, Tom Badman, Paula Freed, Heather Swimley,

Amanda Eisenhauer, Gina Agoglia, and Jason Daniels

2021 Elementary School Summer Reading Program Staff:

Teachers - Kennedy Myers, Joelle Billheim, Ashley Kolak, and Josh Eck

Paraprofessionals - Bonnie Hoover and Jayme Witkop

2021 Intermediate School Summer School Staff:

Teachers – Tosha Varner, Joelle McEvoy, Vicki Gulick, and Brett Arnold

Paraprofessionals – Jennifer Ferry and Angela Steimling

Substitute Teachers – Christina Briggs, Renee Parker, Taylor Moyer, Josh Eck, and

Joelle Billheim

2021 Middle School Summer School Staff:

Teachers - Derek Hicks, Jamie Ettinger, Jake Stiefel, Matt Metzger, April Metzger, Misty

Gephart, and Angelo Picerno

2021 High School Summer School Staff:

Teachers - Matt Lehman, Todd Myers, Stephanie Underhill, William Switala, Brad

Richmond, Thera Brubaker, Brandon Falk, Allison Huber, and Becky Bollinger

Florence Marie Nichols as a special education paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective with the 2021-2022 school year, at the hourly rate of \$10.25; and,

Shannon Walter as a special education paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, Effective with the 2021-2022 school year, at the hourly rate of \$13.50 (pending receipt of required paperwork)

**Leaves of Absence:** Employee #000-00-2310 for a child rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective August 23 through October 10, 2021; and Employee #000-00-2536 for a child rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective August 23, 2021 through December 31, 2021

**Substitutes:** Teacher – Emily Derk (pending receipt of required paperwork); Food Service – Denise Dietterick; and Paraprofessional – Karen Pyle

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

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Hess to approve the election of Aaron Ettinger as Varsity Girls' Basketball Head Coach, effective immediately.

On roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstention (Teats), 0 absent

**Transportation:** Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Hess to approve Fred Wagner as a bus 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 Selinsgrove student, Madi Klock, placed first in the PA High School Media & Design Competition. He also reported that the Certificate Awards Ceremony would be held on May 26, 2021, at 6:30 p.m., at Shikellamy High School's stadium.

**CSIU Board of Directors:** Mr. Augustine, Representative, commented that the I.U. is moving forward with the transition of Executive Director, from Dr. Kevin Singer to Dr. John Kurelja.

Motion by Augustine and seconded by Paladino to approve the slate of candidates for the 2021 CSIU Board of Directors, as presented. (a copy of the ballot to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**PSBA:** Mr. Hess, Liaison, highlighted several areas that the Association has been busy advocating for. Those items include Broad-Based Mandate Relief, Charter School Funding Reform, and Limited Liability Protections. Mr. Hess reported that they have also issued new guidance for ESSER funds. He also mentioned Senate Bill 73 which, if passed, will provide mandate waiver program relief. Mr. Hess encouraged Board members to take a look at communications from PSBA that are received via email. He noted that these communications provide a wealth of information.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Proposed List of Graduating Seniors:**

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Teats to approve the list of graduating seniors for the Class of 2021, pending satisfactory completion of all graduation requirements, as presented. (a copy of the list to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

### **School Board Secretary:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Hess to consider the reappointment of Larry Augustine as Board Secretary to serve for a four (4) year term from July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2025.

The motion was unanimously carried.

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

Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a revised 2021-2022 School Calendar, as presented. (a copy of the revised calendar to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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