

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – NOVEMBER 9, 2021

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, November 9, 2021, at 7:00 p.m., in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Selingsgrove Area Middle School, 359 Seals Avenue, Selingsgrove, PA 17870.

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, 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. Atty. Matthew A. Slivinski, Board Member, was absent.

Others present were: Mr. John Bohle, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Angelo Picerno, Mirinda Ulrich, Michelle Kline, Crystal Swanger, Melissa Sauers, Andrew Stewart, Rose Hoke, Denise Hubbert, Stephanie Heddings, Julie Herrold, Joy Hahn, Susan Tamanini, and approximately 10 additional interested individuals.

Consent Agenda:

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)

Mr. Teats questioned several expenditures on the General Fund financial report to which Mr. Hummel responded.

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

Announcements:

Mr. Wolfe announced that an Executive Session was held earlier in the evening. He also announced that the next monthly Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, at which time the Board will reorganize.

Board Discussion

Dr. Jankowski reported that he and the Policy and Education Committee are recommending adjustments to the current Health and Safety Plan. He noted that the Governor's Office pushed out information related to an anticipated January 17th return to local decision-making in regard to masking. Dr. Jankowski explained that within our health and safety plan, it specifies that our Board's original decision of optional face-coverings is considered the default decision when there is a change to the face-covering order and related decisions.

Dr. Jankowski explained that the second adjustment to the plan relates to the district's approach to contact tracing. He noted that school-based contacts for both students and staff will no longer automatically be required to quarantine unless there is a unique factor which justifies the decision. In short, non-symptomatic or healthy individuals will not be required to quarantine from school/work at this time. Dr. Jankowski indicated that our data over the last 15 months shows definitively that 98-99% of the time when non-symptomatic individuals were quarantined, they did not end up testing positive for COVID. He added that just this school year, we have

already had between 1,500 and 2,000 days missed by students and staff who were deemed close contacts, and never tested positive for COVID. Dr. Jankowski feels confident that this decision will help our community's businesses, our staff, our families, and most importantly our students on multiple levels.

Mr. Andrew Stewart addressed the Board to express concern regarding the decision to loosen restrictions on contact tracing and masking. He questioned if the Board was aware that both the Mission Autism and CSIU Early Childhood Program were closed due to COVID?

Dr. Jankowski responded that the only thing changing is contact tracing and that the masking situation is not changing immediately.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Hess to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent and the Policy and Education Committee to approve the Selinsgrove Area School District's Health and Safety Plan, as presented. (a copy of the plan to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad reported that Michael Nace, Grade 12, is the PA State Champion in the Fall Stock Market Game Challenge by taking \$100,000 and turning it into more than \$545,000 in a two-month period.

Dr. Conrad reported that both McKenna Parker and Lilyanna Strocko had winning essays in a local Business and Education competition hosted by the Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce. Both students' essays were featured in the November Voice of the Valley Publication.

Dr. Conrad noted that the stadium is lit up this evening for a field hockey PIAA state championship game against Palmyra. He also noted that our football team will travel to Jersey Shore on Friday for a District IV Championship game.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Mr. Paladino, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on November 1, 2021. He reviewed the recommendations of the committee. (copies of 2021-2022 budget projection and 2022-2023 budget development to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to approve the following recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee:

- 1) To make the following 2020-2021 year-end budget transfers from the General Fund Surplus at 6-30-2021: \$1,100,000 transfer to the Capital Reserve Fund and \$400,000 transfer to the Debt Service Fund; and

2) To make the following General Fund Balance designations for 6-30-2021:

Designation of Fund Balance:	Balance 6/30/2020	2020-21 Designation	Balance 6/30/2021
General Fund			
Assigned	\$ 108,951	\$ 5,319	\$ 114,270
Restricted - Special Ed ACCESS Program	\$ 320,292	\$ 55,358	\$ 375,650
Nonspendable - Inventory of Supplies	\$ 27,476	\$ 16,230	\$ 43,706
Nonspendable - Prepaid Expenses	\$ 97,539	\$ 162,071	\$ 259,610
Committed - Real Estate Tax Appeals	\$ 200,000	\$ -	\$ 200,000
Committed - Retiree Healthcare	\$ 2,570,371	\$ -	\$ 2,570,371
Committed - cybercharter school expenses	\$ -	\$ 312,000	\$ 312,000
Committed - PSERS	\$ 3,714,716	\$ -	\$ 3,714,716
Committed - Educational Resources	\$ 306,389	\$ 306,389)	\$ -
Unassigned	\$ 2,878,238	\$ 67,973	\$ 2,946,211
Total Fund Balances	\$10,223,972	\$ 312,562	\$ 10,536,534

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

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on November 1, 2021. He reviewed the recommendation of the committee.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Stauffer to consider the recommendation of the committee to reject the bids received for the digital sign package from T-Ross Brothers Construction Inc. (general contract) and from Selsyn Electric LLC (electrical contract).

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Teats reported that the committee also discussed 2022 summer capital projects which include a stadium lighting project, a stadium sound system, a Middle School gym curtain, a High School roof, a chiller replacement at the Intermediate School, air conditioning in the Intermediate School gym, and various paving projects across the campus. (a copy of the list of 2022 summer capital projects to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Policy and Education: Mr. Hess, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on November 1, 2021. Discussion items were a review of the Health and Safety Plan, Comprehensive Planning, a schedule change for the Middle School, and an ESSER expenditure review. Mr. Hess noted that the Comprehensive Plan submission date has been moved from November of 2021 to August of 2022. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Extracurricular: Mr. Bechtel, Chair, remarked that the district has had quite a successful fall sports season.

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

Letter of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2021-2022 School Year: Raymond Moyer as a Mathematics Teacher at the High School

Staff Resignations: Jack Fegley (verbal resignation) as Crossing Guard, effective October 13, 2021; Jennifer Tyler as a Learning Support Teacher at the Middle School, effective December 17, 2021; Debra L. Barrick as a Librarian at the Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective December 31, 2021, due to retirement; Julianne Long as an Autistic Support Paraprofessional at the Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective October 8, 2021; Rebecca Bollinger as English/Foreign Language Department Team Leader at the High School, effective October 25, 2021; Kathy Snyder as a Second Shift Lead Custodian at the High School, effective December 31, 2021, due to retirement; and Wanda Felme as a Second Shift Custodian at the Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective November 23, 2021

Staff Transfer: Susan Roupp from Utility Aide at the Intermediate School to Library Clerical Assistant at the Intermediate School, at the hourly rate of \$11.00, effective retroactive to October 22, 2021

Staff Elections: Julianne Long as a Utility Aide at the Intermediate School, at the hourly rate of \$11.00, effective November 3, 2021; Rebecca Yost as a Life Skills Support Paraprofessional at the Middle School, at the hourly rate of \$11.00, effective November 9, 2021 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Julia Arnold as English/Foreign Language Department Team Leader at the High School, effective November 1, 2021

2021-2022 District Volunteers: Jill Beatty, Mitchell Bless, Amber Furgison, Trista Hackenberg, Mike Herrold, Heather Hoot, Kimberly Porter, and Antony Sandler (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2021-2022 Winter Coaches with Extra-Curricular Contracts:

Boys' Basketball Head Coach - Justin Keiser
 Boys' Basketball Asst. Coach - Hunter George
 Boys' Basketball 9th Grade Head Coach - Keith Kline
 Boys' Basketball 8th Grade Head Coach - Jim Beddall
 Boys' Basketball 7th Grade Head Coach - Scott Zeigler
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Coordinator - Clint Neidig
 Girls' Basketball Head Coach - Aaron Ettinger
 Girls' Basketball Asst. Coach - Matt Salsman
 Wrestling Head Coach - Seth Martin
 Wrestling Asst. Coach - Mike Gaugler
 Wrestling JH Coach - Jason Carpenter
 Wrestling Asst. JH Coach - Mark Piermattei
 Bowling - Corey Wert

2021-2022 Winter Volunteer Coaches:

Boys' Basketball Volunteer Coach - Ryan Keiser
 Boys' Basketball JH Volunteer Coach - Ryan Beddall
 Girls' Basketball Volunteer Coach - Eric Rahouser
 Girls' Basketball Volunteer Coach - Tonya Hatter
 Wrestling Volunteer Coach - Shuntil Snyder
 Wrestling Volunteer Coach - Jerry Bastian
 Wrestling Volunteer Coach - Greg Rhoads
 Wrestling Volunteer JH Coach - Jim Kadryna
 Wrestling Volunteer JH Coach - Bill Bechtel
 Bowling Volunteer Coach - Chris Houtz
 Bowling Volunteer Coach - Bill Rowe
 Bowling Volunteer Coach - Shawndra Scholl
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Jay Toskey
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Steve Diehl
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Brian Beatty

2021-2022 Winter Volunteer Coaches - Continued:

Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Taylor Roush
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Jack Fegley
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Amber Furgison
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Zane Furgison
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Matt Lehman
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Phil Gesumaria
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Ali Goetcheus
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Denyel Decker
 Elementary Boys' Basketball League Volunteer - Doug Willburn
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Teacher – R. David Russell (effective January 2022); Guest Teacher – Brice Hoffman (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

Transportation: Motion by Stauffer and seconded by Taylor to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Lisa Young as a Bus Driver for Weikel Bus Service, during the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that they are considering the addition of an electronics course. He also reported that Tyler Martin, a welding student from Selinsgrove, was named as September's Young American.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, acknowledged that as noted earlier in the meeting, the Early Childhood Program has been temporarily closed due to COVID. He reported that the IU recently hosted a very successful Superintendent's Retreat. Mr. Augustine noted that the next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November 17, 2021.

PSBA: Mr. Hess, Liaison, reported that he attended the Delegate Assembly on October 23, 2021. He noted that at this meeting, they lay out the legislative platform for PSBA for the coming year. Mr. Hess indicated that he would like to contribute to that platform in the future, and that as a group (Board and Administration) should work to submit a proposal for consideration for the legislative platform.

NEW BUSINESS

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

Delaware Valley University Articulation Agreement

The recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to enter into an Articulation Agreement with Delaware Valley University, as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Independent Study Proposal

The request of the High School Principal to approve the Independent Study Proposal for student #10843, as presented. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Residence Rights to Free School Privileges

Requests for residence rights to free school privileges as follows: Riley R. Batdorf, Grade 12, in the home of Melissa and Michael Bingaman, effective retroactive to August 25, 2021; and Anthony M. Day, Grade 11, in the home of Dorothy Folk, effective November 5, 2021.

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

Board Discussion:

Dr. Jankowski asked that Mr. Decker and Mr. Parise report on the new technology recently installed in all conference rooms and classrooms throughout the district. Mr. Decker reported that 206 Promethean ActivPanels have been installed within a two-week period. He explained that they are 75-inch interactive panels that bring content to life. Mr. Decker commented that the students love the interactive capabilities. Mr. Parise commented that this significant technology upgrade was funded through ESSER II and had no impact on our general fund. He noted that teachers are still in the learning stages of working with the panels, but that a few of them are already showing some leadership capabilities.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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