

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 15, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, March 15, 2022, 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 7:04 p.m. by the President, Mr. David W. Hess.

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. Christopher A. Aikey, Mr. Larry D. Augustine, Mr. William L. Bechtel, Jr., Mr. David W. Hess, Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Atty. Matthew A. Slivinski, Mrs. Kara L. Taylor, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent.

Others present were: Mr. John Bohle, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Joy Hahn, Mandi Mladenoff, James Czarnaski, and Rick Zeigler.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Slivinski 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)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Announcements:

Mr. Hess announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting will be held on Monday, April 11, 2022. He also announced that an Executive Session regarding personnel matters was held prior to the start of the Board meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski commented that, as the clocks are moved forward, we move closer to the end of the third marking period of the school year. He noted that we wrapped up a successful winter sports season and extracurriculars, which culminated several weeks ago with the Spring musical which received glowing reviews about the artistic nature and production of the students and the professionalism of the way it was directed by Rachel Ulsh.

Dr. Jankowski reported that the district continues to evaluate procedures in response to COVID mitigation. Like so many other districts, we are in a good spot in regard to COVID. He noted that the processes in place are consistently being evaluated to make sure that we balance safety while not complicating our operational approach when it's not necessary. Dr. Jankowski noted that we continue to evaluate the district's health-related data and make decisions with our nursing department leading the way, as well as with guidance provided by the CDC and/or DOH.

Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Parise noted that, after being finalized and submitted, the ESSER III grant was returned for a few revisions, which was typical for many districts across the state. He explained that the grant has since been resubmitted and now shows a status of substantially approved.

Mr. Parise reported that a Professional Development Day was held yesterday, March 14th, where most staff worked on becoming recertified for Mandated Reporter Training as well as completing some of the Act 13 requirements under educator effectiveness.

Mr. Parise commended the principals and the district office clerical staff for helping with the very comprehensive civil rights data collection process.

Mr. Parise also reported that a federal homelessness monitoring will take place on March 28th and that Federal Program Monitoring will take place during the last week in May.

Middle School Principal

Mr. Bohle reported that Eman Zain recently attended the regional competition of the Pennsylvania Jr. Academy of Science where she submitted research on solar cell energy production. He announced that Eman earned the highest score at the entire competition, and that her score was the second highest score ever received by any student in the last 30 years. Mr. Bohle expressed congratulations to her on this amazing accomplishment.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on March 8, 2022. He reviewed the recommendations of the committee being presented for Board consideration.

Motion by Watto and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the proposal from Qualite Sports Lighting, LLC for installation of new lights at the stadium for a cost of \$360,091. (CO-STARs contract pricing, funding from the capital reserve). (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

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the committee to authorize the administration to obtain quotes/bids for the replacement of the sound system at the stadium.

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

Policy and Education: Mr. Hess, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on February 22, 2022. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Extracurricular: Mr. Bechtel, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on February 22, 2022. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes) He noted that the winter coach meetings were postponed due to inclement weather and have not yet been rescheduled.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to approve the following recommendations of the Personnel Committee:

Letter of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2021-2022 School Year: Victoria S. Gulick as a Grade 5 Teacher at the Intermediate School

Rescinding 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 Elections: Jennifer McHale as a Professional Employee at Step 15 of the Master's +30 Classification, at a prorated salary, to be assigned as a School Psychologist, effective immediately pending release from current employer (pending receipt of required paperwork)

2021-2022 Continuing Spring Coach with Extracurricular Contract:
Kennedy Myers – Assistant Girls' Lacrosse

2021-2022 New Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:
Pat O'Brien – Head Boys' Tennis
Teresa O'Brien – Assistant Boys' Tennis

2021-2022 Volunteer Coaches: Spencer Myers – Wrestling; Jenna Clark – Girls' Lacrosse; Megan Wetzel – Jr. High Field Hockey; Tessa Hoffman – Jr. High Field Hockey (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2021-2022 District Volunteers: Andrea Dougherty, Samantha Gehers, and Adam Mowery (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Nurse - Trista Hackenberg; Teacher - Angela Ocker; Guest Teachers – Rachel Hackenberg and Olivia Lee; and Student Teacher Monitor – Kelsey Weitzel-Leishman

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

Transportation: Motion by Aikey and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve James Geiswite and Beth Woodling as drivers for Weikel Busing, effective during the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that Steve Bogush was recently elected as the 2022-2023 Mechatronics Program Instructor. He also reported that the committee accepted Jennifer Hain's retirement resignation

as Executive Director, effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Teats noted the committee discussed his proposal to create a 5–10-year Long-Range Plan to help alleviate last minute surprises that have occurred due to a constant change-over of Board Members and Superintendent of Record.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Augustine, Representative, reported that the next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, 2022. He called attention to the CSIU's 2022-2023 General Operating Budget which is on the agenda for consideration later in the meeting. Mr. Augustine reminded members that the budget does not require any money to come from school districts. Districts have the option to choose to purchase programs or services provided by the CSIU. He reported that the Board will act on new committee assignments effective during the remainder of the 2021-2022 year through the 2022-2023 fiscal year. Mr. Augustine also reported that interviews are being conducted to fill vacancies in several major positions.

PSBA: Mr. Hess, Liaison, reported that PSBA is in favor of the reforms that are happening regarding charter school regulations; however, they are still concerned about the application process, fiscal management, audit regulations, and the process for redirection of payments. He noted that the reforms are a step in the right direction, although not yet finalized, and could be something positive for the district.

Mr. Hess reported on changes to Act 49 Teacher Certification Regulations. He explained that the plan is to expand the beginning teacher induction from one year to two years and that long-term substitutes can participate in the induction process. Additionally, retired teachers can return to the classroom as long-term substitutes without it affecting retirement benefits.

Mr. Hess reminded members that PSBA provides many training opportunities for Board Members.

Dr. Jankowski stated that while it is important that directors and educational leaders support the growth and expansion of candidates to join this profession, it must be done without lessening the standards of what it takes to be a professional educator. He noted that, while we try to generate for the profession, we also need to advocate to not lessen the standard, but to motivate prospective educators to be impactful educators moving forward.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Bechtel and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve a list of requests for tax exoneration, as presented. (a copy of the list to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2022-2023 General Operating Budget:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider approving the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2022-2023 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

2022-2023 School Calendar:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt a 2022-2023 School Calendar, as presented. (a copy of the calendar to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Dr. Jankowski noted that the calendar is very similar to the current calendar, but with a more traditional winter break.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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