

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – MAY 9, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, May 9, 2022, 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 7:09 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. 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. Board Member, Mr. William L. Bechtel, Jr., was absent.

Others present were: Mr. John Bohle, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Paul Bozella, Joy Hahn, Rick Zeigler, Kelsey Sands, Chloe Poltonavage, and Maddie Rice.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski 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, June 13, 2022. He also announced that an Executive Session regarding personnel matters was held prior to the start of the Board meeting. Mr. Hess called attention to an addendum to the agenda which included an additional personnel matter.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski commented that we are officially in the "home stretch" of the school year with only four weeks remaining. He noted that everyone is working very diligently to finish the year strong.

Dr. Jankowski reported that the Certificate Awards Program will be held on Wednesday, May 25th at the SUN Area Technical Institute, and that all Board members are invited to attend. He requested that any Board member planning to attend to notify his office.

Dr. Jankowski reported that commencement is scheduled for Thursday evening, June 2nd at the High School Stadium.

Dr. Jankowski reported that two weeks ago he and Mr. Hummel attended an Advocacy Day for Education. Two main areas that they focused on when speaking with legislators, in an attempt to bring more attention to education in this region, were cyber schools and mental health services availability.

Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Parise reported that a virtual Federal Program Monitoring is scheduled to occur in two weeks, on May 24th. He expressed thanks to Mr. Hummel and the Business Office staff, as well as his department, for working together to gather the appropriate documentation in preparation for the monitoring. Mr. Parise noted that the policies being presented on the agenda for revision approval are a requirement of the federal program monitoring.

Mr. Parise commended administration, teachers, and guidance departments for the tremendous amount of work and logistics that goes into preparing for PSSA and Keystone assessments.

Mr. Parise reported that work is going into extending and expanding the district's summer programming. He noted that ESSER funds have been set aside to enhance our offerings and increase staff and also to provide student transportation to these programs.

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad reported that they are busy at the High School preparing for high school graduation scheduled for June 2, 2022. He also reported that the Junior/Senior Prom was held on Saturday, May 7th, at the Susquehanna Valley Country Club with over 300 students in attendance. Dr. Conrad expressed thanks to Mark Wolfberg for providing security for the event and to Ali Huber, Class Advisor, for serving as chaperone and for helping with the event.

Dr. Conrad noted that he has a copy of the 2021-2022 edition of Cynosure available if any members wish to view it. He reported that seniors received their yearbooks that day.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Mr. Paladino, Chair, reviewed the recommendations of the committee listed for Board consideration.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the 2020-2021 Financial Statements and Audit Report from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC, as presented (District's local audit firm). (a copy of the report to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the 2022-2023 Proposed Final Budget with expenditures of \$47,533,677 and revenues of \$47,533,677, as presented. (a copy of the proposed budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on May 4, 2022, and the recommendations of the committee listed for Board consideration. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Watto and seconded by Slivinski to consider the recommendation of the committee to award the bid to replace the stadium sound system to SRS Electric, LLC at a cost of \$166,855.00. (funding from the capital reserve) (a copy of the bid to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Taylor to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve a proposal from Shaw Integrated Solutions (through MVT Flooring) to replace carpet with the installation of flooring at a cost of \$185,684.30, as presented. (funding from ESSER funds) (contract pricing through Keystone Purchasing Network). Areas of Replacement: HS shop hallway, HS classroom, HS library, 11 MS classrooms. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Discussion was held pertaining to elementary playground expansion. Dr. Jankowski explained that this has been a topic of discussion held at previous Buildings and Grounds Committee meetings in conjunction with feedback received from the elementary Safety Committee as well as elementary teachers and administration. He noted that the area that is proposed to be expanded is on the west side of the building closest to the first and second grade wing. Dr. Jankowski explained that the project would include the addition of three gates and fencing to create a "corral" on either side of the pool pathway. He noted that this would not impede summer access to the pool. Dr. Jankowski added that the Selinsgrove Alumni Association and the Selinsgrove Area Education Association have offered funding towards the project. Dr. Jankowski requested permission from the Board to put the project out to bid.

Motion by Augustine and seconded by Teats to proceed with the bidding process for the elementary playground expansion project.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Teats reported that the Buildings and Grounds Committee also discussed, and is recommending, that 2023 summer flooring contracts be bid through a normally advertised bid project.

Policy and Education:

Mr. Hess, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting held on May 4, 2022. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Paladino to consider approving first reading revisions to the following policies: No. 906 - Public Complaints, No. 249 - Bullying/Cyberbullying, No. 626.1 - Travel Reimbursement (with Attachment 626); and No. 827 - Conflict of Interest. (copies of the policies and attachments to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Extracurricular: No report.

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

Staff Transfers: Julianne Long from Utility Aide at the Intermediate School to Day-to-Day Music Substitute Teacher, effective May 5, 2022, through the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year; Colton Moyer as a Grade 4 Teacher at the Intermediate School to Assistant Middle School Principal, effective with the 2022-2023 school year; and, Madison Rice as a Grade 4 Teacher at the Intermediate School to a Kindergarten Teacher at Selinsgrove Elementary, effective with the 2022-2023 school year

Staff Elections: Mark Beck as a Professional Employee at Step 7 of the Bachelor's Classification to be assigned as a Grade 6 Science Teacher, effective with the 2022-2023 school year (pending receipt of required paperwork); Lynsey McKinley as a Professional Employee at Step 5 of the Master's +30 Classification to be assigned as a High School English Teacher, effective with the 2022-2023 school year (pending receipt of required paperwork); Amanda Mohr as a Professional Employee at Step 14 of the Master's Classification to be assigned as a Grade 6 Teacher (multiple subjects), effective with the 2022-2023 school year (pending receipt of required paperwork); Madalyn Jankowski as a Professional Employee at Step 4 of the Master's Classification to be assigned as a Grade 5 Teacher, effective with the 2022-2023 school year (pending receipt of required paperwork); Kelsey Sands as a Professional Employee at Step 3 of the Bachelor's Classification to be assigned as a Grade 4 Teacher, effective with the 2022-2023 school year (pending receipt of required paperwork); Chloe Poltonavage as a Temporary Professional Employee at Step 3 of the Master's Classification to be assigned as a Grade 1 Teacher, effective with the 2022-2023 school year (pending receipt of required paperwork); Megan Campbell as a Temporary Professional Employee at Step 1 of the Bachelor's Classification to be assigned as a Grade 4 Teacher, effective with the 2022-2023 school year (pending receipt of required paperwork); Amy Isaacs as a K-12 Nursing Assistant, effective during the 2022-2023 school year; Erin Hoffman as a K-12 Nursing Assistant, effective during the 2022-2023 school year

2022 Elementary School Summer Reading Program Staff:

Teachers – Anne Parise, Aaron Ettinger, and Lyndee Sheaffer
Paraprofessionals – Bonnie Hoover and Jayme Witkop

2022 Intermediate School Summer Program Staff:

Teachers – Tosha Varner, Joelle McEvoy, Christina Briggs, and Kelsey Sands
Paraprofessionals – Angela Steimling and Jennifer Ferry

2022 Middle School Summer Program Staff:

Teachers – Derek Hicks, Jamie Ettinger, Dan DiCola, Matthew Metzger, and Angelo Picerno; Paraprofessionals – Jamie Witkop, Steve Shambach, Melinda Williams, Rebecca Yost and Paula Freed

2022 High School Summer Program Staff:

Laurie Knitter, Stephanie Underhill, Bill Switala, Bradly Richmond, Alison Huber, Mike Stebila, Bethanie Yevics, and Dan Frake

2021-2022 District Volunteers: Kelsey Daddario, Laurie Decker, Melissa Golden, Kelsey Guffey, Kimberly Hall, Kristin Hollenbach, Samantha Hoover, Denise Hubbert, Marissa Keller, Brittany Kuster, Amanda Miller, Tessa Moore, Terri Naugle, Tiffany Nino, Melissa Sauers, Paige Smith, and Lauren Walter (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Teacher – Julianne Long (Music only); Guest Teachers – Nathan Bingaman, Casey Grehan, Maureen Pugh, and Alexandra Hernandez; Paraprofessional – Morgan Adee; School Police Officers – Darryl Fisher and Kirk Renn (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

Transportation: Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Taylor to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Courtney Kennedy and Lorra Roach as drivers for Rohrer Bus Service, and Linette Landis as a driver for Weikel Busing, during the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

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

Technology: Dr. Jankowski noted that, under the guidance of Mr. Parise and Mr. Decker, we are already prepared for next year's device setup and prep.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that the certificate awards program will be held on May 25 at 6:30 p.m. He also reported that the interview process has begun to find a replacement for Jennifer Hain as Administrative Director due to her retirement.

Dr. Jankowski indicated that they are working on getting increased access to our current freshman class to SUN Tech prior to the end of this school year.

CSIU Board of Directors: Motion by Augustine and seconded by Teats to approve the slate of candidates for the CSIU Board of Directors, beginning July 1, 2022 and continuing through June 30, 2025, as presented. (a copy of the list to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Augustine reported that at the Boards' April meeting, two representatives from the Luzern County Community College gave a presentation about the new center in Watsonstown. They also discussed pre-college opportunities available for current high school students.

PSBA: Mr. Hess, Liaison, reported that between May 20th and July 22nd there is an opportunity to submit platform proposals for the direction of the PSBA. He indicated that he would like our Board to become a leader with PSBA and get involved in helping to determine a platform and what they will be advocating for next year.

Mr. Hess reported that revisions to Chapter 49, pertaining to teacher certification regulations, are now final and in effect according to PSBA. He also reported on school safety and the use of ESSER funds, as well as mental health being a big topic of discussion right now.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Slivinski 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: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Memorandum of Agreement:

Motion by Augustine and seconded by Watto to consider approving the Memorandum of Understanding between the Selinsgrove Area School District and the Selinsgrove Area Education Association, as presented. (a copy of the MOU to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Act 93 Agreement:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Teats to consider approving the Act 93 Administrator Compensation 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

Real Estate Assessment Appeals:

The Board President asked for a motion to consider approving the real estate assessment appeal agreement with BRE RC Monroe MP PA, LP (Dick's Sporting Goods), as presented.

The Board failed to make a motion to act on the assessment appeal at this time.

The Board President asked for a motion to consider approving the real estate assessment appeal agreement with Weis Markets, Inc., as presented.

The Board failed to make a motion to act on the assessment appeal at this time.

Extended Day Field Trips:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Teats to consider approving a request for an extended day field trip from the Intermediate School Principal made on behalf of fifth grade students participating in the Fifth Grade Outdoor Education Program at Camp Karoondinha and Gettysburg, Monday, May 23 through Thursday, May 26, 2022.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider approving a request for an extended day field trip from the High School Principal made on behalf of FFA Students to travel to Camp Mt. Luther, Mifflinburg, to participate in the PA Envirothon, Wednesday, May 25, 2022.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Motion by Augustine and seconded by Slivinski to consider approving a request for an extended day field trip from the High School Principal made on behalf of the FBLA to travel to Philadelphia to attend the FBLA National Leadership Competition, Tuesday, June 28 through Sunday, July 3, 2022.

The motion was unanimously approved.

Textbook Purchase:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Aikey to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to approve the purchase of the following texts: The American Pageant and Advanced Placement United States History to be used in the high school AP United States History Course. 40 copies of each not to exceed \$9,000. (ESSER Funds to be utilized.)

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

Proposed List of Graduating Seniors:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Watto to consider approving the list of graduating seniors for the Class of 2022, 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 approved.

Board Discussion:

An Executive Session regarding legal matters was held from 7:45 to 7:53 p.m.

Motion by Augustine and seconded by Teats to table consideration of the real estate assessment appeal agreement with BRE RC Monroe MP PA, LP (Dick's Sporting Goods), as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Motion by Teats and seconded by Taylor to table consideration of the real estate assessment appeal agreement with Weis Markets, Inc., as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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