

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 12, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, September 12, 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 7:21 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., Dr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent.

Others present were: Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Paul Bozella, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Paul Roman, Mr. Justin Simpson, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Rick Zeigler, Angelo Picerno, Mike Stebila, Tim Kline, Brenda Kline, and Olivia Tepes.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Watto 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 is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, October 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 noted that he is excited to report that extracurricular participation of our students throughout the district continues to be strong. He reported that an analysis completed by Dr. Conrad showed that 2/3 to 3/4 of our high school students are actively participating in something in addition to their classwork. Dr. Jankowski commented that a goal is to have students engaged with the district, with their peers, and to work with staff members. He feels that we are on the right track with achieving that goal.

Dr. Jankowski reported that on Friday the district was made aware that Governor Wolf announced that starting on October 1<sup>st</sup>, free school breakfast will be offered to all K-12 students across the commonwealth, through state budgeting, for those districts that are part of the National Food Program.

## **Elementary School Principal**

Mr. Gessel reported on opportunities that have been put into place to engage students and staff at the K-2 level. He noted that they are bringing back The Seal Club. He explained that this involves mixing up all three grade levels and placing them with a different teacher, thus creating character building lessons. Mr. Gessel noted that the theme for September is courage. He reported that they are building in more opportunities for staff to collaborate by using PLC models (Professional Learning Communities). This allows teachers to collaborate and work on curriculum, to work on lesson study, to work on engaging students, and to work on achievements.

## **Director of Buildings and Grounds**

Mr. Simpson brought the Board up to date on a few capital fund projects. He reported that work on the Middle School elevator has been completed and has passed state inspection. The stadium lights and sound system projects have both been completed. Mr. Simpson also reported that work on the high school roof was completed prior to the start of the school year and that downspout installation has begun at that building.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Finance:** No report.

**Buildings and Grounds:** No report.

**Policy and Education:** Mr. Hess, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the committee meeting held on September 6, 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 committee meeting held on August 29, 2022. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

**Staff Resignations:** Ashley Ruch as District Office Receptionist/Clerical Assistant, effective September 6, 2022; Heather Swimley as a High School Learning Support Paraprofessional, effective September 2, 2022; and Edward Smith as Assistant Girls' Tennis Coach, effective September 6, 2022

**Staff Elections:** Amy Ward as a Life Skills & Emotional Support Paraprofessional at the High School, effective retroactive to August 29, 2022; Mallery Spade as a cook/cashier at the Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective September 13, 2022 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Amy Gaugler as a cook/cashier at the Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective September 13, 2022 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Patricia Hine as a cook/cashier at the Selinsgrove Intermediate School, effective September 12, 2022 (pending receipt of required paperwork)

### 2022-2023 Employees with Supplemental Duty Contracts:

Taylor Roush – HS SADD Club Advisor

Mike Smith – MS Unified Arts Co-Department Head

Lance Schwartz – MS Unified Arts Co-Department Head

2022-2023 Continuing Fall Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts

Brian Shambach – Jr. High Assistant Football

Faith Bastian – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Jr. High Girls' Basketball

Jamie Shambach – 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Jr. High Girls' Basketball

2022-2023 New Fall Coaches with Extracurricular Contract

Jason Hostetter – Assistant Girls' Tennis

2022-2023 Volunteer Cheerleading Coach – Danielle Briskey (pending receipt of required paperwork) (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2022-2023 District Volunteers – Bobbie Atwood, Jill Beatty, Bryon Beaver, Holly Catlin, Nicole Conrad, Janelle Garinger, Michael Herrold, Louisa Honeycutt, Pamela Inch, Marissa Keller, Brittany Kratzer, Faith Marshall, Adam Mowery, Erica Mulberger, Penny Neidig, Jessica Pagana, Maureen Pugh, Christina Ross, Christina Sampsell, Nichole Sandler, Nikki Snyder, Kelly Solowy, Kimberly Strawser, Beverly Swinehart-Fry, Emily Wendt, Christine Witmer, Nichole Young (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

**Staff Transfer:** Brett Reinard from High School Second Shift Lead Custodian to Maintenance Employee, effective October 3, 2022

**Leave of Absence:** Employee 000-00-2390 for an extension of a child rearing leave of absence through November 28, 2022 (previously approved through October 31)

**Substitutes:** Substitute Teacher – Casey Grehan (pending receipt of required paperwork); and Guest Teachers – Ryli Amabile, Wade Gans, Quinn Smith, Zachary Tomcavage, Adam Unger (pending receipt of required paperwork)

**Other Matters:** Entering into a Professional Contract with Elizabeth Gaugler, effective retroactive to August 23, 2021. (Board approved as a Temporary Professional Employee in June 2021, was then granted tenure by Midd-West in August, 2021). And, promoting Troy Hickman to Sergeant of SASD's Police Department, as presented.

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

**Transportation:** Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Andrea Galbraith and Gina Spaid as drivers for Rohrer Bus Service, and Angelia Deivert, Lindsay Spurrier, and Brian Stoneburg as drivers for Weikel Busing, effective with the 2022-2023 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 they had the debut of Mr. Dave Bacher as Administrative Director, and of Dr. Frank Jankowski, as Superintendent of Record, at the Committee's most recent meeting.

**CSIU Board of Directors:** No report.

**PSBA:** Mr. Hess, Liaison, reported that the Department of Education is accepting nominees for the 2023 CTE Presidential Scholars Program, which recognizes excellence among students in career and technical education (CTE). He noted that each state may nominate five students.

Mr. Hess reported that PSBA will hold a School Law Workshop on October 31, 2022, at Kalahari Resorts. He also reported that PSBA has added an additional opportunity for virtual New School Director and Advanced School Director Training on September 17. Mr. Hess noted that according to law, newly elected and appointed school board directors are required to complete five hours of training and reelected school board directors must complete three hours. Questions were raised regarding this training, and Dr. Jankowski offered to work collectively with Mr. Hess and Ms. Beaver, to determine where each Board member is in the process of meeting the requirement and what the expectations are for each member during their current term.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Tuition Waiver Request – Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider a request from the Selinsgrove Area Rotary Club to waive tuition for Rotary Exchange Student visitor, student #202994, as presented.

Mr. Teats commented that he does not feel that the Board should approve this request. He asked for direction from Attorney Wiley who suggested an Executive Session.

An Executive Session was held from 7:35 to 7:39 p.m.

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

### **Memorandum of Understanding**

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Teats to consider approving a Memorandum of Understanding between the Board of School Directors 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: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

### **2022-2023 Superintendent Goals**

Motion by Augustine and seconded by Aikey to consider approving 2022-2023 Superintendent Goals, as presented. (a copy of the goals to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**2022-2023 Assistant Superintendent Goals**

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Teats to consider approving 2022-2023 Assistant Superintendent Goals, as presented. (a copy of the goals to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Hess announced that an Executive Session regarding legal matters would be held immediately following adjournment.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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