

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 6, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, December 6, 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 7:10 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. William L. Bechtel (via phone), Jr., Mr. David W. Hess, Mrs. Anabel Menifee, 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, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, 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, and Mike Stebila.

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 is proposed to be held on January 16, 2023. Mrs. Menifee questioned moving the meeting date to January 17th, since school is closed on the 16th due to it being Martin Luther King, Jr. Day. Mr. Hess noted that official action on the proposed dates will be taken during the Reorganization Meeting.

Mr. Hess announced that an Executive Session regarding personnel matters was held at 6:45 p.m. that evening.

BOARD DISCUSSION

Atty. Slivinski expressed thanks to the Administrative Team for taking the time on November 30th to field all of the questions that he posed regarding student academic performance.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski commented that December is definitely a month of giving across all grade levels. He reported that there are many opportunities for all our students throughout the district to interact with the community. Dr. Jankowski noted that elementary level students are participating in Tree Fest at the Public Library and Intermediate students are connecting with local pre-schools and providing mentoring structural development to help them. He added that

at the Middle School and High School, we have different student groups who are interacting with some of the elderly within the community. He also reported that the Key Club is helping with families in need. Dr. Jankowski added that he would like to acknowledge and thank the students and staff for all they do to make the month of December a very positively intended support structure throughout the community. Mr. Aikey remarked that the Fifth Grade Buddies is a great program.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, noted that a committee meeting was held on November 30, 2022.

Policy and Education: Mr. Hess, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on November 30, 2022. He briefly reviewed the minutes of the meeting. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Extracurricular: No report.

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

Letters of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2022-2023 School Year: Lisa Bordner as a Grade 4 Teacher at the Intermediate School; Laurie Knitter as a Librarian at the High School; Pamela Musser as a Kindergarten Teacher at the Elementary School; and Kevin Oswald as Director of Food and Nutrition

Staff Resignation: Chris Lupolt as Varsity Boys' Head Soccer Coach, effective November 30, 2022 (due to retirement)

Staff Elections: Dalton Kreitzer as a Full-Time First Shift Custodian at the High School, tentatively effective January 3, 2023 (pending receipt of required paperwork); and 2022-2023 District Volunteer – Chesney Cressinger (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Leave of Absence: Employee #000-00-2260 for a childbearing leave of absence, tentatively effective March 31, 2023 through May 29, 2023

Substitute: Guest Teacher – Jade Enders

Other Matters: A step adjustment for Anne Parise as K-5 Math Interventionist, from Master's Step 3 to Master's Step 4, effective with 2022-2023 school year; and, a step adjustment for Michael Ferriero as a Grade 5 Teacher, from Bachelor's Step 3 to Bachelor's Step 4, effective with the 2022-2023 school year.

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 Charles Kessler and Ashley Ruch as drivers for Weikel Busing, effective with the 2022-2023 school year.

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

Technology: Ms. Taylor, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on November 30, 2022, where Erick Decker provided an update on the district's technology infrastructure.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: No report.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Hess reported that the CSIU Board will take action on December 21, 2022, to vote him onto the Board as our District's Representative.

PSBA: Mr. Hess, Liaison, reminded Board Members to check out the Daily Editions e-newsletter which provides members with timely and relevant updates on important legislative issues and other news impacting public education.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve the Affordable Care Act Resolution for 2023, as presented. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino 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)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Independent Study Proposal:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve an Independent Study Proposal for student #12235, as presented. (a copy of the proposal 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 sine die at 7:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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