

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 14, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, February 14, 2023, 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 7:01 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, Ms. 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. Christopher Kenyon, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Ms. Kelly Hoffman, Dennis Wolfe, Rick Zeigler, Harold Malehorn, Mike Stebila, Gianni Matteo, Gabrielle Chaudry, Abigail Hooftallen, Eric Watkins, and several other interested individuals.

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 scheduled to be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2023. He also announced that Executive Sessions regarding legal and personnel matters were held on January 25th and February 8th.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski reported that the Mental Health Resiliency Committee that he serves on is pulling together an event to be held on March 14th at the Campus Theater in Lewisburg. He explained that regional school districts, Board members, community members, coaches, and staff members will be meeting to highlight the need to come together in support of mental health awareness. Dr. Jankowski extended an invitation to the Board to attend this event.

Dr. Jankowski also reported that our district teachers, counselors, and administrators are working together with the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce, Advance Central PA, SUN Area Technical Institute, and the CSIU, to identify ways to enhance career connecting opportunities for students K-12.

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad reported that the Selinsgrove FFA students hosted a career development event today which included students from Line Mountain, Mifflinburg, and Midd-West. The event involved competition in the areas of agronomics, small gas engines, and ag mechanics.

Dr. Conrad reported that on February 4th, the High School hosted the Regional TSA (Technology Student Association) Competition. He noted that it was a successful event with over 370 people in attendance. Dr. Conrad expressed thanks to Jon Jarrett and John Aument for all of their hard work in pulling this event together.

Athletic Director

Mr. Simpson updated the Board on the conclusion of the winter sports season. He reported that all of our teams have qualified for playoffs.

Director of Technology

Mr. Decker reported that the Seals eSports Club got off to a very quick and productive start. He noted that they are in two leagues, with the current league wrapping up shortly, and the second league starting in late winter/early spring. Mr. Decker commented that they currently have a record of 2-2. He also commented that individuals can join in and follow the team on their twitch link. Mr. Decker added that the team is fortunate to have Jason Heiser and Brad Richmond serving as advisors.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Mr. Paladino, Chair, reported that a meeting was held on January 31, 2023. He commended Mr. Hummel and his staff for another great audit outcome.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve the following:

- 1) 2021-2022 Financial Statements and Audit Report from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC, as presented. (District's local audit firm) (a copy of the financial statements and single audit report to be attached and made a part of the official minutes).
- 2) And budget transfers as follows: from the Medical Insurance accounts to the Facilities Budget in the amount of \$350,000; and from the Budgetary Reserve account to the Facilities Budget in the amount of \$300,000. (a copy of the breakdown of the budget transfers and year end general fund projections to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that a meeting was held on January 31, 2023. (handouts from the committee meeting to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Aikey to consider the recommendation of the committee to authorize the administration to work with LIVIC Civil (District's engineer) to put out for bid the 2023 District Campus Paving project. (funds to come from capital reserve account)

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

Policy and Education: Mr. Hess reported that a meeting was held on January 31, 2023. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Taylor to consider the recommendation of the committee to change the Selinsgrove Area School District's grading scale conversion for students attending SUN Area Technical Institute to the standard grading scale utilized by the Institute (with no conversion). The change is to take place immediately and current students' grades will be retroactively adjusted for reporting and transcript purposes.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve a request of the Assistant Superintendent for a new Economics textbook: "Contemporary Economics" – William A. McEachern/Southwestern CENGAGE Learning, 4th Edition 2022. Costs associated will be offset by ESSER Funds.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve a request of the Assistant Superintendent for a new English/Language Arts (ELA) Program for Kindergarten through 2nd Grades: "Amplify CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts)" – Amplify Education 2022. Costs associated will be offset by ESSER Funds.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Menifee to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve a request of the Assistant Superintendent for a new Math Series for 6th and 7th Grades: "Big Ideas Math" – Cengage Learning 2022. Costs associated will be offset by ESSER Funds.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent and the committee to approve revisions to the High School English Curricula for the following courses: English I, English II, English III, and AP English. Revisions include improved and additional writing units, flexible use of assigned board approved novels/texts, and alignment to the requirements set forth by College Board (for the AP course). (copies of the revised curricula to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

For the record, Dr. Jankowski asked to highlight the action taken in regard to the SUN Tech grading scale conversion. To clarify "no conversion" means that SUN Tech's grading scale is a 70-100 passing, and below 70 is failing. In our district, 60-100 is passing for the credit attainment. Because we now adopted SUN Tech's grading scale, numerically the students score is their score on the report card, but to get credit they have to be at a 70 or higher.

Extracurricular: No report.

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

Staff Resignation: Andrea Reinard as a Learning Support Paraprofessional at the High School, effective February 8, 2023

Staff Elections: Reappointment of Brian C. Parise as Assistant Superintendent, for a three (3) year term, effective July 11, 2023, per the terms of the contract as presented; Timothy Kirk as a Predictable Long-Term Substitute Music/Choral Teacher at the Middle School, effective February 17, 2022, through the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year (previously approved 12/1/22 tentatively through 2/17/23); Jennifer Kerstetter as a Volunteer Nurse for the 2023 Outdoor Education Program/Fifth Grade Camp (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2022-2023 Continuing Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Baseball Head Coach - Brent Beiler
 Baseball Assistant Coach - Dave Brown
 Baseball Assistant Coach - Kevin Kline
 Baseball Assistant Coach - Jim Messner
 Softball Head Coach – Jessica Chappell
 Girls Lacrosse Head Coach - Andy Howell
 Girls Lacrosse Assistant Coach – Kennedy Myers
 Boys Track and Field Head Coach - Brian Catherman
 Boys Track and Field Assistant Coach - Daniel Frake
 Boys Track and Field Assistant Coach - Dave Lauer
 Boys Track and Field Assistant Coach - Ken Estep
 Girls Track and Field Head Coach - Mike Stebila
 Girls Track and Field Assistant Coach - Allison Huber
 Girls Track and Field Assistant Coach - William Switala
 Girls Track and Field Assistant Coach – Beth Huff
 JH Girls Soccer Head Coach - Cheryl Underhill
 JH Girls Soccer Assistant Coach - Scott Simone
 JH Boys Soccer Head Coach - Brian Derr
 JH Field Hockey Head Coach - Roz Erb
 JH Field Hockey Assistant Coach - Melissa Bingaman

2022-2023 New Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Softball Assistant Coach – Anthony Hauck
 Softball Assistant Coach – Corey Wert
 Boys Lacrosse Head Coach – Jim Youngman
 Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach - Benjamin Youngman
 Boys Lacrosse Assistant Coach – Tim Gorin
 Boys Tennis Head Coach – Jason Hostetter
 Boys Tennis Assistant Coach – Liza Smith
 JH Girls Soccer Assistant Coach – Grant Walter
 JH Boys Soccer Assistant Coach – Frederic Lawrence

2022-2023 Spring Coach Volunteers:

Baseball Volunteer Coach - Bryan Mohr
 Baseball Volunteer Coach - Travis Lerch
 Baseball Volunteer Coach - Eric Hubbert
 Baseball Volunteer Coach – Isaiah Rapp
 JV Softball Volunteer Coach – Steve Shambach
 JV Softball Volunteer Coach – Nick Hess
 Boys Lacrosse Volunteer Coach – Mason Shaffer
 Boys Lacrosse Volunteer Coach – Conner VanZijl
 Boys Lacrosse Volunteer Coach – Andrew Sickle
 Girls Lacrosse Volunteer Coach – Abby Times
 Boys Track and Field Volunteer Coach – James Heinly
 Boys Track and Field Volunteer Coach – Matt Martone
 Girls Track and Field Volunteer Coach - Angela Stebila
 JH Boys Soccer Volunteer Coach – David Klinger
 JH Field Hockey Volunteer Coach – Megan Wetzel
 JH Field Hockey Volunteer Coach – Chloe Poltonavage
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2022-2023 District Volunteers: Laura Aungst, Kimberly Hall, Mary Harris, Jessica Moyer, Trisha Mull, Michele Pryor, Andrea Schmitt, Shannon Walter, and Jonathan Watts (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2022-2023 Winter Volunteer Girls' Basketball Elementary Coaches: Todd Hummel, Shaina Pagana, Brian Chillson, Susan Roupp, Jenica Hummel, and Richard Daddario (pending receipt of required paperwork) (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Brian Derr as Boys' Soccer Head Coach, effective immediately

Leave of Absence: Employee #000-00-2200 for a childbearing/childrearing leave of absence tentatively effective May 13, 2023 through the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year

Staff Transfer: Kara Sensenig from Food Service Employee at Selinsgrove Elementary to Secretary/Clerical Assistant at the High School, effective date to be determined

Substitutes: Teacher – Ross Wiley; Guest Teacher – Seamus Hanrahan; and Prospective Teacher – Sophia Weaver

Other Matters: Entering into a Professional Contract with Kenneth Schetroma, effective retroactive to August 23, 2021. (Board approved as a Temporary Professional Employee in June 2021; however, he had been granted tenure by Shamokin Area SD)

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

Transportation: Motion by Watto and seconded by Slivinski to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Eduardo Lugaro as a driver for Rohrer Bus Service, effective during the remainder of 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: No report.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Hess, Representative, reported that the Board approved a proposed general operating budget at the last meeting. He noted that approval by our Board is on the agenda for consideration.

PSBA: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

SUN Area Technical Institute 2023-2024 General Operating Budget:

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Slivinski to consider approving the SUN Area Technical Institute 2023-2024 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

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2023-2024 General Operating Budget:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Taylor to consider approving the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2023-2024 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

2023-2024 School Calendar:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Aikey to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt a 2023-2024 School Calendar, as presented. (a copy of the calendar to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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