

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – JUNE 12, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, June 12, 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 7:00 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. David W. Hess, Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Atty. Matthew A. Slivinski (via phone), Ms. Kara L. Taylor, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Dr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent. Mr. William L. Bechtel, Jr. and Mrs. Anabel Menifee, Board Members, were absent.

Others present were: Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Paul Bozella, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mr. Justin Simpson, Atty. Stephen Hartley, Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mike Stebila, and Rick Zeigler.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watto 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 Monday, August 14, 2023. He also announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the start of the Board meeting regarding personnel and legal matters (Safety & Security Report – Act 44 Requirement), and that another will be held following adjournment. Mr. Hess referred to an addendum to the agenda which included an additional personnel matter.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**Superintendent**

Dr. Jankowski commented that he is happy to report that a successful 2022-2023 school year was concluded on Friday, June 2, 2023, which was preceded the evening before with a lovely ceremony celebrating the class of 2023. He noted that we have begun actively planning for the 2023-2024 school year.

**Director of Facilities and Athletics**

Mr. Simpson brought the Board up to date on the conclusion of the Spring sports season noting that all teams qualified for districts. He also reported that work on the paving project is scheduled to begin next week.

Dr. Jankowski publicly acknowledged Mr. Simpson's efforts and his service to the school district over the last five years. He began as the district's Athletic Director in July of 2018, and then two years into his service there was some administrative turnover, which then allowed for the blending of the

positions of Athletic Director and Director of Buildings and Grounds. Dr. Jankowski noted that Mr. Simpson is moving onto pursue other opportunities in his life. As a district we are pleased with everything that he has accomplished, and we wish him well in the future. A round of applause was given in acknowledgement of Justin Simpson's service to the district.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Finance:** No report.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Teats, Chair, reviewed the proposal listed on the agenda regarding roof repairs. He added that the committee did not meet on this item; however, to save time and get the project started, the proposal is being presented to the full Board for approval.

Motion by Watto and seconded by Paladino to consider approving the proposal from Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. (Tremco) for high school roof and building envelope repairs for a cost of \$603,470.85 (KPN contract pricing, funding from capital reserve).

Mr. Simpson explained in detail the specifics of the repair work to be completed.

Mr. Teats voiced his concerns regarding Tremco as they are known to be excessively high priced and that we would be spending way more money than we have to. He believes that there are other companies that could do just as good a job, but at a lesser cost to us. He noted that he spoke with a Board Member from another district, who was also on the JOC Board, and learned that his district does not use Tremco because they are highly priced.

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 1 no (Teats), 2 absent

**Policy and Education:** No report.

**Extracurricular:** No report.

**Personnel/Meet and Discuss:** Motion by Aikey and seconded by Taylor to approve the following personnel actions as of July 1, 2023:

Wage increase for Classified, Food & Nutrition, and other salaried employees for the 2023-2024 fiscal year based on evaluation scale with 2.5% as the full increment (maximum performance increase of 3%); and the following personnel matters:

**Staff Resignations:** Justin Simpson as Director of Facilities and Athletics, effective July 30, 2023; Kennedy Myers as a Grade 1 Teacher, effective June 30, 2023; Jamie N. Hepler as a Paraprofessional at the High School, effective June 2, 2023; and Liza Smith as Tennis Coach, effective May 30, 2023

**Staff Elections:** Isaac Varner as a Summer 2023 Technology Department Worker; Becca M. Fogle as a Temporary Professional Employee at Step 1 of the Bachelor's Classification to be assigned as a Grade 1 Teacher at the Elementary School, effective with the 2023-2024 school year (pending receipt of required paperwork); and

2023 ESY (Extended School Year) Teachers: Liza Smith, Sandy Klebon, Brad Richmond, Corynn Truckenmiller, and Kristin Hoover;

2023-2024 New Fall Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts

Chrysogonus (CJ) Curry – Assistant Varsity Football

Brian Derr – Head Boys' Soccer

Frederic Lawrence – Assistant Boys' Soccer

Gavin Keller – 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Boys' Soccer

Denyel Decker – Assistant Girls' Soccer

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

**Transportation:** Motion by Paladino and seconded by Watto to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Steven Albright, Karen Derr, Beth Judy, and Brittney Rafter as drivers for Rohrer Bus Service.

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

**Technology:** No report.

**SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee:** Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that the Certificate Awards Ceremony was held on May 24<sup>th</sup>. He commented that it was a beautiful evening and that it was an interesting ceremony. Mr. Hess remarked that it was an uplifting experience with tremendous speakers as well as a student singing the song "Simple Man".

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

**PSBA:** Mr. Hess noted that the Board will need to appoint a 2023 PSBA voting delegate prior to August 25, 2023.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**2022-2023 Year End Fund Balance Designations as of 6/30/23:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watto to consider approving the following year-end tentative fund balance designations and surplus transfer at 6/30/23 as outlined in the 2023-2024 budget document:

Designation of Fund Balance:	Balance
<b>General Fund</b>	<u>6/30/2023</u>
Assigned	\$ 98,330
Restricted - Special Ed ACCESS Program	\$ 509,218
Nonspendable - Inventory of Supplies	\$ 38,931
Nonspendable - Prepaid Expenses	\$ 172,454
Committed - Real Estate Tax Appeals	\$ 146,125
Committed - Retiree Healthcare	\$ 2,145,371
Committed - cybercharter school expenses	\$ -
Committed - PSERS	\$ 3,714,716
Committed - Instructional support positions	\$ 1,899,649
Unassigned	\$ 2,946,211
<b>Total Fund Balances</b>	<b>\$ 11,671,005</b>

(Final designations will be determined once the 2022-23 books are closed and audited)

Transfer of \$1,500,000 of projected General Fund surplus to the Capital Reserve Fund

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

**2023-2024 Final Budget:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider adoption of the Final 2023-2024 Budget with expenditures of \$49,366,790 and revenues of \$48,984,778 and use of fund balance of \$382,012. (a copy of the budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

**Final Tax and Budget Resolution:**

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Teats to consider adoption of the Final Tax and Budget Resolution, as presented. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

**2023-2024 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution:**

Motion by Watto and seconded by Teats to consider adoption of the 2023-2024 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution, as presented. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

**Act 57 of 2022 Waiver of Additional Charges for the Late Payment of Real Estate Taxes in Certain Circumstances:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider adoption of the Act 57 of 2022 Resolution, as presented. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Business Matters:**

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Taylor to consider authorizing the Business Manager to make the necessary budget transfers and journal entries to close the District's 2022-2023 books.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Atty. Slivinski left the meeting at approximately 7:20 p.m.

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)

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent

**Independent Study Proposals:**

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Taylor to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve Independent Study Proposals for student #11172, #11213, #106742, #299234 and #11167, as presented. (a copy of the proposals to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Graduating Student:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the High School Principal to approve student #200217 as a 2023 graduate, effective immediately, having completed all local and state graduation requirements.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Health and Safety Plan:**

Dr. Jankowski explained that districts are required to have Board approval of the Health and Safety Plan every six months. He noted that there have been no changes made to the plan being presented for approval; and that the plan is continuously being reviewed for updates and recommendations.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watto to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Selinsgrove Area School District's Health and Safety Plan, as presented. (a copy of the plan to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Safety Net Counseling, Inc. Agreement:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Taylor to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to once again enter into an agreement with Safety Net Counseling, Inc. for the provision of Intensive Behavioral Health Services, during the 2023-2024 school year, as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Lackawanna College Dual Enrollment Agreement:**

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Teats to approve entering into a dual enrollment agreement with Lackawanna College, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**2022-2023 Sick Leave Bank Report:**

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Teats to acknowledge receipt of the Selinsgrove Area Education Association's Sick Leave Bank Report for 2022-2023, as presented. (a copy of the report to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**School Board Treasurer:**

Motion by Hess to nominate Watto as Board Treasurer. Watto declined the nomination.

Motion by Hess and seconded by Paladino to nominate Ken Teats and approve his appointment as School Board Treasurer to serve from July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2024.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Limited Superintendent Authority:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to grant permission to the Superintendent, after Personnel Committee approval, to fill any vacant positions with final Board approval at the August School Board Meeting.

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Payment of July Bills:**

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Paladino to consider authorizing the Business Manager and the Superintendent to make payment of July bills with the lists to be presented to the Board for approval at the August School Board Meeting.

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent

**Board Discussion:**

Mr. Teats went on record as saying that the Board needs to do whatever it is that needs to be done regarding moving projects ahead earlier, as they are being pushed out way too late to get decent bid results. He feels the Board needs to look at alternatives for architects and engineers who are willing to work with our budget and timelines.

**Adjournment:**

Mr. Hess reminded everyone that an Executive Session regarding personnel and legal matters will be held immediately following adjournment.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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