

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 11, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, September 11, 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. David W. Hess, Mrs. Anabel Menifee, Atty. Matthew A. Slivinski, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Dr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent. Mr. William L. Bechtel, Jr., Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, and Ms. Kara L. Taylor, Board Members, were absent.

Others present were: Mr. Zachary Appleman, Mr. John Bohle, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Troy Hickman, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mike Stebila, Rick Zeigler, and Roy Sassaman.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Slivinski 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 Tuesday, October 10, 2023. He also announced that an Executive Session regarding personnel and legal matters would be held immediately following adjournment of this evening's meeting.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski highlighted for the Board several messages that will be going out to the school district's community. He noted that a "Blue Out" is scheduled for this Thursday showing support for one of our neighboring communities. Dr. Jankowski shared that Mifflinburg recently had a tragedy occur involving a 9-year-old girl and that a "Blue Out" will be held in support of the student, her family, and community. He also shared that an "Orange Out" will be held on Friday for a Jersey Shore football player that experienced a health issue last Friday during our home football game. Dr. Jankowski noted that his family has asked our district, and other local districts, to show support and give thoughts and prayers for their son at this time. He also noted that students and staff have asked to organize a prayer group on campus prior to the start of the school day on Wednesday. Dr. Jankowski remarked that these are two positive examples of people showing support and care for those around us, whether they are in our community or not.

Dr. Jankowski commented that the first three weeks of the school year are in. He noted that we are well on our way to identifying specific student learning needs. Our teachers are building in-depth relationships with those students and acquiring information through past assessments and putting strong structures in place so the students can have a successful school year.

Mrs. Meniffee inquired regarding the atmosphere and staff morale at the Intermediate School with the change in leadership. Dr. Jankowski replied that the staff appreciates a consistent and active approach to leadership. He noted that there have also been a number of staff changes at that building. Dr. Jankowski commented that, based on feedback and his own observations, he believes they are functioning in a desirable manner.

At this time, Mr. Hess asked those present to participate in a moment of silence to honor the lives lost on September 11, 2001.

Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Parise mentioned that a number of new curricular programs at the Intermediate School were implemented at the start of the school year. He commended the staff for the work that they did prepping for these changes and for a pretty seamless transition.

Mr. Parise reported that state testing data from the 2022-2023 school year has been received and is being analyzed and disaggregated at all grade levels. He noted that the district has seen significant improvement in certain areas. It was noted that a detailed summary of the data will be presented to the Board at a future Policy and Education Committee meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, noted that he had nothing to report, but asked that the Director of Facilities bring the Board up to date on recent projects. Mr. Appleman reported that work by Tremco (WTI) will begin next week on the exterior and façade work at the High School. He noted that summer paving projects are complete, except for the Spruce Street sidewalk. Mr. Appleman also reported that he is meeting with Johnson Controls later this week to discuss the installation of the HVAC unit on the Selinsgrove Elementary rooftop.

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: No report.

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

Staff Resignation: Kristin Starkweather as a Cook/Casher at the Intermediate School, effective September 5, 2023

Staff Elections: Dr. Lorinda Krause as Acting High School Assistant Principal, effective August 31, 2023, on a per diem basis; Tina Auman as Cook/Cashier at the High School, 5 hours per day, effective August 24, 2023; Kala Pennycoff as Assistant Cheerleading Coach, effective August 28, 2023

2023-2024 Elementary School Employees with Supplemental Duty Contracts:

Mara Diehl – Department Lead & Cultural Leader
 Lauren Hoover – Department Lead & Cultural Leader
 Molly McCabe – Department Lead & Cultural Leader
 Julie Prusch – Department Lead & Cultural Leader

2023-2024 District Volunteers – Samantha Gehers, Amanda Haas, Jennifer Hain, Alyssa Heggenstaller, Wendy Hummel, Tricia Klink, Brittany Kratzer, Stefanie Kreamer, Adam Mowery, Amy Scorsone, Heather Specht, and Beverly Swinehart-Fry (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Teacher – Debbie Barrick and Joseph Dudeck (pending receipt of required paperwork); Guest Teachers – Kathryn Gill, Tara John, Alexander Moore, Madison Peifer, Audra Renner, and Megan Wetzel (pending receipt of required paperwork); Crossing Guard – Tina Auman; Food Service – Alyshe Thomas

Other Matters: Approval of the reappointment of Dr. Frank R. Jankowski as Superintendent, for a five (5) year term, per the terms and conditions of the contract agreement, as presented; approval of the recommendation to increase the hourly rate of pay for Police Officers by \$1.00, effective with the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and approval to enter into Professional Contracts with Ryan Hammaker and Colleen Kerber for successfully completing three (3) years of teaching, effective August 17, 2023.

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

Transportation: Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Watto to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve the following drivers: Karen Ewing, Chris Hoke, Annette Kerstetter, Bobbi Leidy, Robert Page, and Erika Shallenberger for Weikel Busing; and Lynn Dauberman and Zachary Fridline for Rohrer Bus Service, effective during the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, representative, reviewed the motion on the agenda and requested that Dr. Jankowski provide further information. Dr. Jankowski explained that the school is looking to renovate the West Campus building to accommodate the electrical occupations and mechatronics programs. He noted that bids came in higher than expected and the funding is not where they need it to be to meet the projects' need. Therefore, SUN Tech. is requesting that each of the five sending school districts allow them to retain a portion of a projected surplus that would have been returned at the end of the school year. Dr. Jankowski noted that other funding sources include grant monies as well as donations from the Degenstein Foundation. Questions were raised and discussion was held regarding student enrollment numbers and total project cost. Discussion was also held regarding moving away from using Tremco which Mr. Teats feels would be significantly more cost effective. Dr. Jankowski commented that it is a goal of Mr. Appleman to look at the bidding process.

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Aikey to consider approving a request of the SUN Area Technical Institute to retain SASD's portion of the 2022-2023 projected surplus of \$55,600 in order to help fund the SUN Tech's current building project.

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

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Hess, representative, reported that the next meeting of the Board will be held on Wednesday, September 20, 2023.

PSBA: Mrs. Menifee, Liaison, reported that Fall Advocacy Week will be held October 2-6, and that she will be unable to attend. She does plan to attend the Delegate Assembly on November 4, 2023.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Watto and seconded by Slivinski to consider approving David Hess, President; Christopher Aikey, Secretary; and, Ken Teats, Treasurer, as the district's approved bank signers for Fulton Bank for the following accounts: General Fund checking; Debt Service Fund checking; Capital Reserve Fund checking; Athletic Fund checking; Athletic Facility Donations checking; Payroll checking; Food & Nutrition checking; Capital Projects checking, and General Fund Money Market.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extended Day Field Trip:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Teats to approve a request from the High School Principal for an extended day field trip made on behalf of the FFA to attend the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN, November 1 through November 4, 2023.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Residence Rights to Free School Privileges:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Aikey to approve requests for residence rights to free school privileges made on behalf of Annabelle C. McLaughlin, Grade 2, in the home of Michelle Howell, effective with the start of the 2023-2024 school year; and, on behalf of Ryan J. Engle, Grade 6, in the home of Todd and Marilyn Sowers, effective with the start of the 2023-2024 school year.

Mrs. Meniffee requested clarification regarding requests for residence rights to free school privileges. Dr. Jankowski responded that these requests are made to officially change a non-resident student's residence and seek approval of the Board/district to reside with a district resident to receive free school privileges and to not have to pay tuition. Formal documentation is submitted to the district for such requests.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Teats questioned where the district is in the process of obtaining a lift. Dr. Jankowski responded that Mr. Appleman has been briefed on the subject of a lift, and he will be providing the Board with costs and other information at an upcoming Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting. He noted that a "work session" is being planned sometime before the October Board meeting, which will involve multiple committees.

Mrs. Meniffee questioned if the local road construction has impacted student transportation. Dr. Jankowski noted that Mark Wolfberg, with the assistance of Kelly Hoffman, has been working with our transportation providers to minimize the impact of the construction. Parents have been understanding of the fact that we are doing the best we can to minimize delays, and longer bus routes.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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