

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – AUGUST 12, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, August 12, 2024, at 7 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. Michael A. Bingaman, Mr. David W. Hess, Mr. Christopher J. Kenawell, Mr. Cory A. Naugle, Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. Eric L. Watkins, Dr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent.

Others present were: Mr. Paul Bozella, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mrs. Maggie Roberts, Mr. Mike Sokoloski, Mr. Ryan Solomon, Mrs. Caitlyn Swank, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Dennis Wolfe, Rick Zeigler, Faithe Bastian, Heather Meeker, John Peters, Mike Stebila, Bruce Teats, Linda Hoover-Teats, Deb Hess, Edna Wenrich, Sue Ryan, and Joy Hahn.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Paladino 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)

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

Announcements:

Mr. Hess announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, September 9, 2024. He also announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting for legal and personnel matters, and that an executive session will be held following adjournment. Mr. Hess called attention to the addendum to the agenda.

Opportunity for Public Comment

Faithe Bastian, President of the Football Boosters Club, addressed the Board. She explained that as they start the new season, the Football Boosters are looking for ways to be able to raise funds at their varsity events and are asking the Board to help them provide ways to enhance the experience for the football players through the ability to raise funds.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski commented that August is an exciting month with extracurriculars officially beginning today, new staff induction being held, along with open houses at the building levels, teacher and staff in-services, and the first student day on Wednesday the 21st.

Dr. Jankowski officially welcomed Mike Sokoloski as Business Manager, and Maggie Roberts as Assistant Middle School Principal.

Dr. Jankowski highlighted a number of improvements on campus over the summer which included repaving and regrading to the vo-ag/maintenance area behind the high school; paving and maintenance of roads throughout the campus; work on the baseball/softball fields; and that installation of new scoreboards at the baseball, softball, and soccer fields is expected later this week.

Business Manager

Mr. Sokoloski commented that everyone has been very welcoming and helpful with his transition to the district. He recognized all of the hard work by the custodial staff, summer help, maintenance, and administration that goes into preparing the campus and buildings for the start of the new school year.

Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Parise reported on a busy summer with many things going on through the Office of Curriculum and Instruction. He reported that summer school programs wrapped up in July. In addition to the summer school programs, the following programs were also held: a High School credit recovery program; the Intermediate School hosted a remediation program; the elementary held a summer reading program; and an English Language Learners program was held. Mr. Parise also reported that the CSIU provided some unique professional development opportunities which the district participated in as well.

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad recognized a recent graduate, Emily Hornberger, who will be studying animal science at Penn State University this fall. He reported that in July Emily was awarded a scholarship through the Dairy Leaders of Tomorrow.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that bids are due on August 27th for the addition to the Middle School of a storage area. He explained that due to code, we have run into a bit of a roadblock due to the requirement of a firewall, which has added additional costs to the project and a one-week delay.

Policy and Education: Mr. Hess, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on July 10, 2024. (a copy of the minutes of the meeting to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Teats and seconded by Naugle to consider approving revisions to Board Policy No. 808 – Food Services. (a copy of the policy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extracurricular: Dr. Watto, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on July 10, 2024. He noted that the district is currently advertising for a baseball coach, a bowling coach, and a cheerleading coach with an August 22nd application deadline. He noted some additional facility updates of a new warning track on the baseball and softball field as well as a new flagpole in the football stadium. Dr. Watto referenced two agreements with Geisinger that are listed later on the agenda for Board consideration. Also on the agenda for consideration is the High School Show Choir Club. Dr. Watto noted that the committee also discussed a Middle School musical and fundraising by the Football Boosters Club.

Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Watkins to consider a request from the High School Principal to approve a proposal to form a Show Choir Club, pending receipt of necessary documentation.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider amending the agenda with an addendum, which replaces staff resignations, staff transfers, and staff elections, as presented.

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

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Teats to consider approving the following personnel matters:

Staff Resignations: Bradly Richmond as High School Social Studies Teacher, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year; Juanita Underkoffler as Secretary to the Middle School Principal effective September 6, 2024, due to retirement; Brent Beiler as Varsity Baseball Head Coach, effective July 22, 2024; Evelyn Hostetter as Girls Tennis Co-Assistant Coach, effective July 6, 2024; Amy Ward as Girls Tennis Co-Assistant Coach, effective June 28, 2024; James Messner as Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach, effective June 30, 2024;

Staff Transfer: Ashley Kolak from Grade 4 Teacher to Grade 3 Teacher, effective with the 2024-2025 year

Staff Elections: William Leonard as a Maintenance worker, effective July 15, 2024; Jennifer Cataldi as PIMS Data Manager/Central Registrar, effective July 29, 2024; Kevin Kline as Utility Aide at the High School, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 school year; Victoria Schaffer as a Temporary Professional Employee at Step 1 of the Master's Classification to be assigned as a K-5 School Counselor, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 school year; Peter Voss as a Professional Employee at Step 12 of the Master's +15 Classification to be assigned as a Social Studies Teacher at the High School, effective with the start of the 2024-2025 school Year; Julie Klingman as a Cook at the Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective August 19, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Brenda Witmer as a Cook at the High School, effective August 19, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Debra Zellers as a Cook at the High School, effective August 19, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Paige Ulrich as a Learning Support Paraprofessional at the High School, effective August 19, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Kristy Jordan as an Emotional Support Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective August 19, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Makayla Yerger as a Learning Support Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective August 19, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork)

2024-2025 Mentor Teachers – Denyel Decker, Corynn Truckenmiller, Scott Smolleck, Cindy Burdett, Chip Moll, Bill Switala, Brett Arnold, Julia Arnold, and Evonne Workman

2024-2025 Elementary School Employees with Supplemental Duty Contracts:

Mara Diehl – Lead Teacher

Lindsay Harris – Lead Teacher

Kristin Hoover – Lead Teacher

Julie Prusch – Lead Teacher

2024-2025 Intermediate School Employees with Supplemental Duty Contracts:

Christina Briggs – Grade 3 Co-Leader

Colleen Kerber – Grade 3 Co-Leader

Michael Shay – Grade 4 Co-Leader

Elizabeth Vasquez – Grade 4 Co-Leader

Jennifer Debo – Grade 5 Co-Leader

Ken Schetroma – Grade 5 Co-Leader

Teresa O'Brien – Related Arts Co-Leader

Renee Parker – Related Arts Co-Leader

Angela Hartman – District Nurse Co-Leader

Zachary Showers – Grade 5 Outdoor Education Coordinator

2024-2025 Middle School Employees with Supplemental Duty Contracts:

Matt Metzger – Department Head
 Virginia Sharpless – Department Head
 Jayme Beierschmitt – Department Head
 Jacob Stiefel – Department Head
 Lance Schwartz – Co-Department Head
 Mike Smith – Co-Department Head
 Mike Smith – Yearbook Co-Advisor
 Lance Schwartz – Yearbook Co-Advisor
 Amanda Mohr – Student Council Co-Advisor
 Katie Spracklin – Student Council Co-Advisor
 Lance Schwartz – TSA Advisor
 Jill Raymond – District Nurse Co-Leader
 Christina Rickenbach – Vocal Director
 Liza Smith – Jazz/Rock Director

List of 2024-2025 High School Employees with Co-Curricular Contracts (list to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

2024-2025 High School Employees with Hybrid Contracts: Bill Switala, Stephanie Underhill, Mike Stebila, Tammy Newberry, Julia Arnold, Cristi Beeler, Dan Frake, Jennifer Shaffer, Brittany Bunting-Specht, Stefanie Feidt, Rachel Ulsh, Katie Robbins, Joan Bastian, and Valerie Fry

2024-2025 District Volunteers – Christine Beaver, Donna Blazka, McKenzie Cook, Sara Corbin, Jennifer Erdman, Melissa Golden, Theresa Hackenberg, Angela Kline, Kiley Klinger, Lisa Krex, Janessa Mitterling, Colleen Moyer, Mary Moyer, Marlin Moyer, Lisa Orner, Melissa Sauers, Deborah Shaffer, Geoffrey Shaffer, Christie Sharma, Brittany Snyder, Nikki Snyder, Samantha Snyder, Devon Somers, Sarah Stuczynski, Jacob Swineford, Stamatios Varias, Jonathan Watts, and Mark Zimmerman (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2024-2025 New Fall Coach with Extracurricular Contract - Matt Bingaman – Asst. Jr. High Football (pending receipt of required paperwork)

2024-2025 Continuing Fall Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts

Brian Derr – Head Boys Soccer
 Frederic Lawrence – Assistant Boys Soccer
 Chris Magee – Assistant Boys Soccer
 Gavin Keller – Assistant Boys Soccer
 Ray Moyer – Head Golf
 Roz Erb – Head Field Hockey
 Melissa Bingaman – Assistant Field Hockey
 Megan Wetzel – Assistant Field Hockey
 Cheryl Underhill – Head Girls Soccer
 Denyel Decker – Assistant Girls Soccer
 Kyle Maust – Assistant Girls Soccer
 Jason Hostetter – Head Girls Tennis
 Evelyn Hostetter – Assistant Girls Tennis
 Brent Beiler - Head Boys Cross Country
 Ali Huber – Head Girls Cross Country
 Mike Stebila – Head Jr. High Cross Country
 Leighanne Crawford – Head Cheerleading
 Jessica Chappell – Head Jr. High Softball
 Anthony Hauck – Assistant Jr. High Softball

2024-2025 Volunteer Coaches

Isaiah Brader – Boys Soccer

Matt Salsman – Boys Soccer

Dan Mahoney – Assistant Golf (pending receipt of required paperwork)

Kalee Rothermel – Field Hockey

Chloe Will – Field Hockey

Scott Simone – Assistant Girls Soccer

Madelyn Rowan – Assistant Girls Tennis

Avery DeFazio – Assistant Girls Tennis

Fiona Finnerty – Assistant Girls Tennis

Steve Shambach – Assistant Jr. High Softball

Nick Hess – Assistant Jr. High Softball

Christian Boyer – Assistant Jr. High Softball

Josh Kurtz – Assistant Jr. High Softball

Richard Cope – Jr. High Football (pending receipt of required paperwork)

Ryan Heintzelman – Jr. High Football

(without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

On roll call vote: *9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent (*with the exception of the elections of Melissa Bingaman and Matt Bingaman to which Mike Bingaman abstained)

Motion by Watkins and seconded by Bingaman to consider approving the following personnel matters:

Leaves of Absence: Employee #000-00-2839 for a childbearing/child rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective September 16, 2024 through January 2, 2025; and, Employee #000-00-1844 for a childbearing/child rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective October 15 through November 25, 2024

Substitutes: Guest Teacher – Edythe Sonder; Prospective Teacher – Sara Shambach
Food Service - Anita Lehman

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

Transportation: Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve the following drivers during the 2024-2025 school year: Sarah Erdman for Rohrer Bus Service; and Allison Reitenbach and Paul Rice for Weikel Busing.

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 the first student day is scheduled for August 14th. He also reported that the construction project is nearing completion, and the occupancy permit should be received by August 23rd.

CSIU Board of Directors: No report.

PSBA: Mr. Hess noted that the Board may appoint up to two individuals as voting delegates to attend the PSBA Delegate Assembly on Saturday, November 2, 2024.

Motion by Hess and seconded by Watto to appoint Mike Bingaman as a voting delegate.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Teats to appoint Dave Hess as a voting delegate.

The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Appointment of Solicitor:

Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Paladino to consider reappointing McCormick Law Firm as District Solicitor, effective with the 2024-2025 school year, at the proposed fee structure. (a copy of the fee structure to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

New Van Purchase:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bingaman to consider approving the purchase of a 2024 Ford Transit – 10 Passenger Van from Rohrer School Bus Sales at a cost of \$66,800 using Medical Assistance funds for the transportation of our students to and from the Seals Den.

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

2024-2025 Athletic Trainer Services Agreement:

Motion by Watto and seconded by Paladino to consider entering into an Athletic Trainer Services Agreement with Geisinger Clinic, effective during the 2024-2025 school year. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

2024-2025 Sports Medicine Physicians Agreement:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watkins to consider entering into a Sports Medicine Physicians Agreement with Geisinger Clinic, effective during the 2024-2025 school year. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

High School English Department Curriculum and Books:

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation from the Assistant Superintendent to approve the following for the High School English Department: English 4 Drama Curriculum; English 4 Fiction Curriculum; English 4 World Literature Curriculum; new book - The Book Thief; and new book - The Surrender Tree: Poems of Cuba's Struggle for Freedom.

The motion was unanimously carried.

2024-2025 Publications:

Motion by Watto and seconded by Bingaman to consider approving the following 2024-2025 publications:

Elementary School – Parent Handbook and Teacher Handbook
 Intermediate School – Student/Parent Handbook, and Teacher/Staff Handbook
 Middle School – Student Handbook, Teacher Handbook, and Teacher Schedules
 High School – Student Handbook & Curriculum Guide, Teacher Handbook, Teacher Schedules, Career Planning & Course Description Guide, Athletic Handbook, and Hybrid Handbook
 (copies to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

2024-2025 Schoolwide Title I School Plan – Selinsgrove Area Elementary School:

Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to approve the 2024-2025 School-Wide Title I School Plan for the Selinsgrove Area Elementary School. (a copy of the plan to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

2024-2025 Schoolwide Title I School Plan – Selinsgrove Area Intermediate School:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watkins to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to approve the 2024-2025 School-Wide Title I School Plan for the Selinsgrove Area Intermediate School. (a copy of the plan to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Assessment Plan Revisions:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the request of the Assistant Superintendent to approve revisions to the District Assessment Plan. (a copy of the plan to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Medical Professionals:

Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Kenawell to consider approving the following medical professionals:

James L. Cope, DDS and Raymond L. General, DDS as examining dentists for students during the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$2.00 per dental exam; Charles C. Pagana, MD, Charles M. Pagana, II, MD, and James D. Pagana, MD as examining physicians for both students and employee physical examinations for the 2024-2025 school year: at a cost of \$20.00 per employee physical exam and \$10 for TB examination, and \$5.00 per student exam; Judie Steinbacher CRNP, and Beth Deckard, CRNP as examining medical professionals for student physical examinations for the 2024-2025 school year, at a cost of \$5.00 per student exam; and, Volunteer service of Michael J. Dunigan (Chiropractor) to assist in the scoliosis screening process at the Intermediate and Middle Schools during the 2024-2025 school year.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Central Susquehanna Regional Guest Teacher Training Agreement:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to once again enter into an agreement with the CSIU to provide Guest Teacher Training Services during the 2024-2025 school year. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Health and Safety Plan:

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

The motion was unanimously carried.

Residence Rights to Free School Privileges:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider approving a request for residence rights to free school privileges. (a copy of the request to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Limited Superintendent Authority:

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Bingaman to consider granting permission to the Superintendent throughout the 2024-2025 school year, after Personnel Committee approval, to fill any vacant positions with final Board approval at the next regularly scheduled Board meeting.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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