

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Wednesday evening, December 4, 2024, at 7 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 7:04 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. Chris J. Kenawell, Mr. Cory A. Naugle, Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Dr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent. Mr. Eric L. Watkins, Board Member, was absent.

Others present were: Mr. Zachary Appleman, 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, and Ms. Claudia Beaver.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Naugle and seconded by Bingaman 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: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Hess reminded everyone that a Reorganization Meeting will be held following the adjournment of tonight's regular monthly meeting and announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is proposed to be held on Monday, January 13, 2025. He announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting regarding legal and personnel matters.

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Naugle to strike the election of a driver from the agenda (Transportation - item F.1).

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Hess called attention to the addendum to the agenda which includes several additional personnel matters.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski, on behalf of the district, expressed thanks for the way the school year has gone up to this point. He reported that we are $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way through one of our Professional Development sessions pertaining to Artificial Intelligence. Dr. Jankowski noted that Erick Decker, working with representatives from the CSIU, took a leading role in developing resources in relation to working with AI. He noted that Brian Parise has played an integral role in that development as well, and that Lance Swartz has taken on a leadership role with providing our

teachers with help and access to resources and avenues in ways to appropriately use AI in a manner to enhance production, without turning over the keys to technology in the process. We support teachers with things that are going to help them with their daily workload and with ways to organize themselves. However, we are not philosophically supportive of the things that are generative and could supersede the curricular needs and ownership of the instructional plan of the teacher.

Dr. Jankowski announced that there are a lot of extracurricular and cocurricular activities going on in the next couple of weeks. He called attention to the High School Choral Concert on December 5th, and the High School Band/Show Choir Concert on December 13th.

Business Manager

Mr. Sokoloski reported that the Local Auditors have completed their field work and are currently compiling their annual report, which we should receive in a few weeks. He also reported that the Annual Financial Report was filed last week with the PA Department of Education. Mr. Sokoloski noted that the Middle School auditorium storage project is on-time and progressing, and that brick is expected to arrive next week for installation on the exterior walls. He stated that as of November 25th 91% of real estate taxes have been collected, and that those not filed will go delinquent as of January 1st.

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad recognized Violet Hummel, Van Slavishak, Coy Arnold, Julian Reyes, Cindy Shi, Zachary Martin, Abigail Mangels, Matthew Stebila, Elise Zimmerman and John Ke as qualifying for district band at the recent PMEA District 8 auditions. He also recognized Xander Goudreau who shot a bowling honor score of 814 in practice on December 3, 2024. Dr. Conrad added that the Bowling Coach commented that in 27 years of bowling, he has witnessed only 8 people achieve this score.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Motion by Aikey and seconded by Kenawell to consider approving the recommendation of the committee to adopt the 2025-2026 Act 1 Budget Resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of real estate taxes by more than the allowable index. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Buildings and Grounds: No report.

Policy and Education: Mr. Hess, Chair, noted that three policies are listed later on the agenda for approval of second and final reading revisions.

Extracurricular: Dr. Watto, Chair, announced that a committee meeting will be held on Tuesday, December 10th in the Middle School Multi-Purpose Room at a time to be determined.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Watto to consider approving the following personnel matters, which includes the addition of items listed on the addendum to the agenda:

Letter of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2024-2025 School Year: Maria Pancher as Spanish Teacher at the High School

Staff Resignations: Molly McCabe as a Grade 2 Teacher, effective November 22, 2024; Adrienne Melhorn as a Learning Support Paraprofessional at the High School, effective November 26, 2024; Tom Roemer as Maintenance/HS Custodian, effective December 13, 2024, due to retirement; Laurie Kirchner as a K-2 Reading Tutor, effective January 18, 2025, due to retirement; and Margaux Murray as a Grade 8 ELA Teacher, effective January 21, 2025

Staff Transfers: Teresa Moyer from Guidance Secretary to Administrative Assistant to the Building Principal at Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective January 2, 2025; Bonnie Hoover from Office Clerical Assistant to Guidance Secretary at Selinsgrove Elementary School, effective January 2, 2025

Staff Elections:

2024-2025 District Volunteers – Jevan Beaver, Mary Muller, Daniel Orner, and Andrea Schmitt (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2024-2025 Intermediate Boys' Basketball Coach Volunteers – Josh Hummel, Erick Decker, Doug Wilburn, Ryan Rumberger, Steve Diehl, Alex Donchak, Nakita Robinson, Landon Hoffman, Frank Jankowski, Jake McCabe, Char Pagana, Shawn Simmons, Lashanna Simmons, Brett Treas, Ryan Bordner, Jack Lydic, Lykena Taylor, and Bill Dalius (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2024-2025 Lady Seals Youth Basketball Coach Volunteers – Shaina Pagana, Jay Pagana, Todd Hummel, Shannon Walter, Meghan Balum, Crystal McCarthy, John Cooper, Tonya Hatter, Susan Roupp, Jenica Hummel, Wes Hoffman, Char Pagana, Ryan Felty, Joe Moore, Aimee Snyder, Ashley Mull-Orwick, Mindy Callendar, Alex Callendar, Russ Scholl, Sarah Werner, Courtney Hotaling, and Matt Salsman (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Alyssa Grose as a Cook at the Intermediate School, effective December 9, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Scott M. Parker as a Utility Aide at the Middle School, effective December 9, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork); and Kenneth R. Yerger as a district Maintenance worker, effective January 3, 2025 (pending receipt of required paperwork)

Leave of Absence: Employee #000-00-2451 for a childbearing leave of absence, tentatively effective March 10 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year

Substitute: Guest Teacher – Christian Wirt

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

Transportation: No report.

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: No report.

CSIU Board of Directors: No report.

PSBA: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Board Policy Revisions:

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Watto to consider approving second and final reading revisions to the following Board Policies: No. 317.1 – Educator Misconduct, No. 806 - Child Abuse, and No. 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries. (copies to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

2025-2026 High School Course Description Guide:

Motion by Watto and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the High School Principal and Assistant Superintendent to approve the Course Description Guide for the 2025-2026 school year. (a copy of the guide 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 Kenawell to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve an Independent Study Proposal for student #12072. (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 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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