

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, March 10, 2025, 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 7:08 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., Mr. Eric L. Watkins, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent. Dr. David M. Watto, Board Member, was absent.

Others present were: Mr. Zachary Appleman, Mr. Paul Bozella, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mr. Damian Gessel, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Mike Sokoloski, Mr. Ryan Solomon, Mrs. Caitlyn Swank, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Mr. Troy Hickman, Dennis Wolfe, April Metzger, Toni Niles, Mary Markle, Michael Hahn, Joy Hahn, Jason Carpenter, Corey Seasock, Tracy Hepner, Jim Roush, Seth Martin, Karissa Springer, James Muller, Rachel Ulsh, multiple members of the cast of Mamma Mia, approximately 13 Susquehanna University Journalism students, and a number of individuals supporting the Girls' wrestling program.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Bingaman 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: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Hess announced that an Executive Session regarding personnel and legal matters was held prior to the start of the meeting. He noted that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 14, 2025. Mr. Hess also called attention to an addendum to the agenda which included additional personnel matters.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Dr. Jankowski commented that the district has had a lot of success in competition and in performance arts recently. He called attention to Karissa Springer, who was the first female wrestler to have ever placed at the PIAA State Tournament. A round of applause and standing ovation by those present was given in recognition of Karissa's accomplishment. Athletic Director, Ryan Solomon, added that Karissa finished in fifth place at the state tournament, commenting that she wrestled her heart out. He listed Karissa's accomplishments which included being a two-time district champion, a third-place regional champion, a two-year state tournament competitor, and that she ended her career with an overall record of 69/27. Mr. Solomon also recognized the following coaches: Seth Martin, Tracy Hepner, Cory Seasock, Jim Roush, and April Metzger noting that they all do a very good job, in addition to being proud of Karissa, he is proud of the entire wrestling program. Coach Seth Martin remarked that the last time he attended a School Board Meeting was when the Board took action to approve a district girls' wrestling program over two years ago and now he is back at a Board meeting honoring Karissa. He commented that Karissa is a great leader, a great teammate, and an extension of the coaching staff. Mr. Hess, on behalf of the Board, expressed thanks to everyone involved with the girls' wrestling program, adding that it's a great program.

Dr. Jankowski called attention to a group of individuals to be acknowledged this evening, those being cast members and directors of the musical “Mamma Mia”. He commented that, as a Superintendent, he has been hearing increasingly more interest over the years in regard to spring musicals and what our district is doing and how much our district stands out compared with others in the region. Dr. Jankowski introduced musical directors Rachel Ulsh and Jay Muller. Mrs. Ulsh commented that the musical is a very rewarding project, and she takes pride in the fact that students from all venues, clubs, and athletics participate. She expressed thanks to the Board members for supporting the students, and for the recent addition of a wonderful building storage facility. Mr. Muller commented that Fridays show did not initially sell out online, but did sell out at the door. After Friday’s show, through word of mouth, both Saturday and Sunday’s shows sold out on-line. He echoed what Dr. Jankowski said that Selinsgrove is top of the tier. Mr. Muller added that we can’t do it without the support of the Board. Mr. Hess expressed thanks to the directors for all of the hours that they put into the musical and the incredible job that they do, adding that the students here are so talented and amazing. A round of applause and standing ovation by those present was given in support of the directors and cast of Mamma Mia.

Mr. Watkins read a statement received from Marlin and Colleen Moyer recognizing all of the hard work and dedication of the various members of the school community who made the 2025 musical a success. They indicated that they have had the opportunity to work with them over the last several years and witnessed what they are providing for the students. This is experience is not just about learning how to sing and dance, build sets, or stage management. It is about learning the importance of team work, collaboration, the ability to receive constructive criticism, recognize and value differences, and to truly just be good human beings. They specifically recognized Mrs. Ulsh and Mr. Muller who spend over five months each year to provide this opportunity. They also recognized John Aument and Cristi Beiler who spend several months with students to design, create and prepare the amazing set. The Moyer’s expressed thanks to the Board for allowing Selinsgrove to have such an amazing fine arts program.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski reported that on March 3rd & 4th, a district-wide safety training was held for all staff. He explained that it was a very hands-on training that enhanced the ability of staff to respond in an emergency. Dr. Jankowski commented that the training went very well and that it was a great foundation that the district will continue to build upon it.

Dr. Jankowski also reported that on March 5th a Career Fair involving businesses from the region was held at Susquehanna University and students from Selinsgrove, Midd-West, and Lewisburg attended, allowing them to consider various career pathways.

Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Parise called attention to the District’s K-12 Guidance Plan that is listed on the agenda for Board approval. He explained that the plan must be submitted to the PA Department of Education by the end of the month and that the plan is a requirement of Chapter 339 of the PA School Code. Mr. Parise expressed thanks to the guidance team for the work that went into preparing the plan.

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad reported that the following students recently qualified for PMEA Region 4 Band: Van Slavishak, Violet Hummel, Julian Reyes, Zachary Martin, Elise Zimmerman, and Cindy Shi.

Dr. Conrad reported that the Forensics Team recently participated in the PA High School Speech League tournament and that six students qualified to participate in the state competition to be held later in the month.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: No report.

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: No report.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to amend the agenda to include the addendum, as presented.

Motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watkins to approve the following personnel matters:

Staff Resignation: Ronald A. Herrold as a Second Shift Custodian at the High School, effective March 6, 2025

Staff Elections: Linda Latsha as a Second-Shift Custodian at the Middle School, effective date to be determined (pending receipt of required paperwork); Angela Stebila as a 2024-2025 Mentor Teacher;

2024-2025 New Spring Coach with an Extracurricular Contract:
Assistant Boys Track – Courtney McCartney

2024-2025 Volunteer Spring Coaches:
Track – Brent Beiler
Track - Damien Hahn (pending receipt of required paperwork)
Boys Lacrosse – Tim Gorin
Jr. High Hockey – Megan Wetzel
Jr. High Hockey – Kalee Rothermel
Jr. High Hockey – Chloe Will
(without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2024-2025 District Volunteers: Jessica Cortellini, Alyssa Heggenstaller, Michael Herrold, Mary Hummel, Heather Raymond, Christina Sampsell, Paula Shaffer, Juanita Underkoffler, and Christine Witmer (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2024-2025 Volunteer Spring Coaches:
Girls Lacrosse – Lauri Burns
Boys Lacrosse – Garrett Howell
Baseball – Justin Keiser
Baseball – Duane Gaugler
Baseball – John Herring
Baseball – Logan Hile (pending receipt of required paperwork)
Softball – Christian Boyer
Softball – Nick Hess
Boys Tennis – Evelyn Hostetter
Boys Track – Jim Heinly

2024-2025 Volunteer Spring Coaches – Continued:

Boys Track – Rod Joseph

Girls Track – Charles Bingeman

JH Boys Soccer – Isaiah Brader

JH Girls Soccer – Kyle Maust

JH Girls Soccer – Scott Simone

JH Girls Soccer – Madison Weiser (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

Substitutes: Prospective Teachers – Alyvia Gamble and Jenna Sassaman; Nurse – Jennifer Zeiders (pending receipt of required paperwork); Classified – Juanita Underkoffler Food Service – Evelyn Wolfe (pending receipt of required paperwork); Day-to-Day Predictable Substitute Teacher (per building or based upon operational needs) – Emily Swineford (SE), effective March 12, 2025, during the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year

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

Transportation:

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Paladino to consider the request of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Darla Vargo as a driver for Adam Transportation, effective during the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

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

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that David Bacher has submitted his resignation as Administrative Director, effective May 30, 2025. (a copy of the February 20, 2025, JOC meeting highlights to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Hess, representative, referred to the highlights of the meeting held on February 19, 2025. (a copy of the highlights to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

PSBA: Mr. Aikey, Liaison, indicated that has become aware of scholarships that are available through the PSBA trust and that he will be in contact with the districts' guidance counselors to provide them with information.

Mr. Aikey also reported that PSBA is looking for student groups that are interested in showcasing their talents by performing at the Annual School Leadership Conference held in October.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve the agreements for the Intergovernmental Cooperation in Assessment Appeal Litigation Cost Settlements for the following parcels: 12-09-626, 12-09-501, and 16-03-036. (a copy of the agreements to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Extended Day Field Trip:

Motion by Watkins and seconded by Paladino to approve a request from the High School Principal for an extended day field trip made on behalf of the Japanese Exchange Program for a trip to Washington D.C. on March 28, 2025 (departure at 6:00 a.m. with return at 9:00 p.m.).

Motion was unanimously carried.

Residence Rights to Free School Privileges:

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Teats to approve 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)

Motion was unanimously carried.

District K-12 Guidance Plan:

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to approve the district's K-12 Guidance Plan. (a copy of the plan to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion was unanimously carried.

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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