

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 28, 2025

A special meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday, April 28, 2025, at Noon, via Zoom.

The meeting was called to order at 12:00 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. 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. Zachary Appleman, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Michael Sokoloski, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Jason Taylor, Grace Forren, Roz Erb, Elizabeth Huff, Kim Rigel, Toni Niles, Kara Taylor, Andy Howell, and Mike Elder.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Dr. Jankowski acknowledged that an email was received from Jason "JT" Taylor and Grace Forren requesting to address the Board regarding an Athletic Trainer agreement that is on the agenda for consideration, noting that the motion would approve the Administration's ability to enter into an agreement with WellSpan, upon the district's solicitor review.

JT Taylor expressed thanks for allowing he and Grace an opportunity to speak about the district making a proposed change from Geisinger to WellSpan for the Athletic Trainers agreement. Mr. Taylor reported that he has served as Athletic Trainer for the district for 15 years and that he has been available 24/7. He commented that he and Grace were made aware of the proposed change on Friday afternoon in a meeting with Dr. Conrad, Mr. Solomon, and Dr. Jankowski. He questioned the cost savings, if the district requested RFP's, or if the district considered hiring them outright instead of going through an outside agency. He respectfully requested that the Board reconsider changing providers for the Athletic Trainers agreement. Grace Forren introduced herself as a two-year resident of PA and one of the district's full-time Athletic Trainers. She reported that WellSpan pays their trainers \$10,000 less than Geisinger and \$14,000 less than the state's average. She requested that the district not jump ship to the cheapest option and asked that they consider how it affects the athletes.

Dr. Jankowski responded that he would follow up with Mr. Taylor at a later time with clarification of his questions.

Andy Howell, Lacrosse Coach, spoke in support of JT noting that the services that he has supplied to the district as an Athletic Trainer are superior, adding that Mr. Taylor is familiar with the district's athletes.

New Business

Motion by Watto and seconded by Watkins to consider approving the low bid from Dave Gutelius Excavating Inc. for \$364,565.00 for district paving, construction of batting cages and installation for baseball and softball, and an asphalt path at the softball field, using Capital Reserve Funds. (a copy of the bid tabulation results to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 2 no (Kenawell & Teats), 0 absent

Motion by Watto to consider approving the purchase of a Tuff Pro 70' Double Batting Cage for Baseball from On Deck Sports at a cost of \$23,799.00 using Capital Reserve Funds. (a copy of the quote to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was not considered due to not receiving a second.

Mr. Hess asked for a motion from the Board to consider approving the purchase of a Tuff Pro 55' Batting Cage for Softball from On Deck Sports at a cost of \$23,799.00 using Capital Reserve Funds. (a copy of the quote to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Hearing no motion, the motion is not considered at this time.

Mr. Hess asked for a motion from the Board to consider authorizing the Administration to execute the WellSpan Sports Medicine and Medical Services Agreement for Athletic Trainers beginning July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028, upon the district's solicitor review. (a copy of the proposed agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Hearing no motion, the motion is not considered at this time.

Mr. Bingaman questioned if a lack of motion/vote at this time would mean that the district will not be considering a change in an agreement provider, noting that it was the intent to obtain a better Athletic Trainer contract. Mr. Kenawell asked if the numbers on the savings are available to review.

Dr. Jankowski explained that because this is considered contractual and involves personnel and legal matters, discussion cannot be held publicly but could be shared privately with the Board in Executive Session. He remarked that if the Board is not comfortable making a motion, then they should not do so at this time.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Recording Secretary

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