

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 8, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Selinsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, September 8, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Multi-Purpose Room of the Selinsgrove Area Middle School, 359 Seals Avenue, Selinsgrove, PA 17870.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 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. David W. Hess, Mr. Chris J. Kenawell, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. Eric L. Watkins, Dr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent. Board members, Mr. Michael A. Bingaman, Mr. Cory A. Naugle, and Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, were absent.

Others present were: Mr. Zachary Appleman, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Mrs. Lynsey McKinley, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Mike Sokoloski, Mr. Ryan Solomon, Mrs. Caitlin Swank, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Mr. Troy Hickman, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Toni Niles, Janet Bucher, Bill Bucher, Jim Youngman, Addie Kolak, Ashley Kolak, Andy Kolak, Brian Derr, Dale Barge, III, Troy Dressler, Stacy Dressler, Kyle Davis, Sandy Noecker, and Joy Hahn.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Watto 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: 6 yes, 0 no, 3 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Hess announced that an Executive Session regarding personnel and legal matters was held prior to the start of the meeting. He also announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, October 13, 2025.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Kyle Davis addressed the Board on behalf of the Athletic Council regarding food trucks and their placement at the stadium, near the flagpole, during football games. He explained that these trucks, that are raising funds solely for football, are competing with the Athletic Council concession stand, which supports all district athletes, noting that last year the Athletic Council gave away \$35,000. Mr. Davis remarked that last year there were two trucks, and they were in a different location, in a corner near the scoreboard. Last week there were three trucks which were selling items such as coffee, French fries, and hot sausage sandwiches, which are items sold at the AC concession stand. He feels that the food trucks should not be allowed in the stadium and should definitely not be allowed near the flagpole where they have been the last several weeks. Mr. Davis explained that football is lacking in volunteers, thus limiting the amount of money that they receive from the Athletic Council.

Dale Barge, III, addressed the Board questioning why he is being denied approval as a volunteer coach for Jr. High Softball. He explained that the coach had reached out for his volunteer assistance, and he submitted the required paperwork, helped with practice and attended two games and then found out through the coach that his name was not being presented to the Board for approval. Dr. Jankowski advised Mr. Barge to speak directly to the Athletic Director and building administrator for clarification.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski commented that he was thankful for a successful back-to-school kick-off held on August 18th involving all staff. He also reported that a K-12 pep rally was held this past Friday and that it was a very positive event promoting school spirit and celebrating students involved in extracurriculars, clubs, etc. Dr. Jankowski noted that time and effort was put in over the summer months by teachers to train on new programs and curricular items as well as benchmarking assessments. Dr. Jankowski remarked that the school year is off to a good start.

Business Manager

Mr. Sokoloski noted that because the state of Pennsylvania still does not have an approved budget, the district is staying afloat by living off the collection of earned income and real estate taxes and by dipping into reserves. He reported that since June, the district has received roughly \$577,000 in property tax relief funds, which is approximately half of what we are due to receive.

Mr. Sokoloski reported that the Local Auditors are currently reviewing the 2025 books. He also reported that the district has been awarded the Live Healthy School Grant by Capital Blue Cross in the amount of \$2,500. He explained that the monies will be used to purchase a new AED and supplies.

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 Watto to approve the following personnel matters:

Letter of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2025-2026 School Year: Brian Catherman as a Physical Education Teacher at the High School

Staff Resignations: Debra Zellers as a Cook at the High School, effective July 2025; Lisa Hoot as a Clerical Assistant at the Intermediate School, effective August 4, 2025, due to Retirement; and Mike Stebila as Jr. High Cross Country Coach, effective August 22, 2025

Staff Transfer: Nikki Snyder as a Utility Aide at the Selinsgrove Elementary to the Secretary/Clerical Assistant at the Intermediate School, effective date to be determined, at an hourly rate of \$15.00

Staff Elections: Lindsey Bordner as a Learning Support Paraprofessional at the High School, effective retroactive to September 2, 2025, at the hourly rate of \$20.00; Kara Sensenig as an Autistic Support Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective September 9, 2025, at the hourly rate of \$13.00 + 50 cents; Scott Brouse as a Cook at the High School, effective October 6, 2025, at the hourly rate of \$14.50 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Cole Bell as a part-time student custodian during the 2025-2026 school year, at the hourly rate of \$12.50;

(maximum 15 hours per week after school); Skyler Heimbach as a part-time student custodian during the 2025-2026 school year, at the hourly rate of \$12.50 (maximum 15 hours per week after school); Bentley Smith as a part-time student custodian during the 2025-2026 school year, at the hourly rate of \$12.50 (maximum 15 hours per week after school);

2025-2026 Elementary School Employees with Supplemental Duty Contracts

Julie Prusch – Kindergarten Lead Teacher
Lydia Wetzel – Grade 1 Lead Teacher
Cyndi Burdett – Grade 2 Lead Teacher
Kristin Hoover - Related Services

2025-2026 New Fall Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts

Mike Stebila - Head Girls' Cross Country
Candi Carper – Assistant Cheerleading

2025-2026 Volunteer Coaches

Taylor Moyer – Volleyball
Jordan Chappell – Jr. High Softball
(without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2025-2026 District Volunteers: Nicole Adams, Chris Aikey (pending receipt of required paperwork), Katherine Bohner, Donna Boyer, Audrey Casteel, Holly Catlin, Sara Corbin, Chelsey Davis, Richard Davis, Brianne Doak, Erin Eberle, Sheila Fisher, Jackie Fultz, Erin Graybill, Amanda Haas, Theresa Hackenberg, Kyle Heimbach, Nicole Henry, Morgan Hockenbrock, Kristin Hollenbach, Denise Hubbert, Wendy Hummel, Eric Hunt, Katarina Keller, Kellie Kline, Mako Klisiewicz, Tara Lerch, Season Looper, Bonnie McGranaghan, Michael McGranaghan, Tara McGuire, Terra Maneth, Amanda Miller, Sarah Moore, Colleen Moyer, Marlin Moyer, Lisa Orner, Tiffany Paladino (pending receipt of required paperwork), Amanda Palmer, Stacey Piecuch, Kimberly Porter, Courtney Raker, Samantha Reich, Gary Schaeffer, Geoffrey Shaffer, Katie Shingara, Alicia Showers, Erin Smith, Brittany Snyder, Heather Specht, Kristie Stahl, Michele Trautman, Jonathan Watts, Heather Welsbacher, Patricia Wendt, Kelsey Williard (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Day-to-Day Predictable Substitute Teachers (per building or based upon operational needs) – Dana Brandt (IS), Bailey Hetrick (MS), and Holly Greiner (HS), effective during the 2025-2026 school year, retroactive to August 20, 2025; Teachers – Colleen Ferster, Cortney Hostetler, Justin Keiser (pending receipt of required paperwork), and Kimberley Stamler; Guest Teacher – Dennis Keiser; and Paraprofessional – Rachel Kessler

Other Matters: 1) Entering into Professional Contracts with the following individuals for successfully completing three (3) years of teaching, effective August 22, 2025: Megan Campbell, Liza Smith, and Katie Spracklin. 2) A stipend (\$25/day) for Michelle Garman as K-5 Assistant Principal, for her additional duties at this time, effective retroactive to August 13, 2025. 3) Renewing Ryan Solomon's contract as Athletic Director. (a copy of the contract to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Transportation: Motion by Teats and seconded by Kenawell to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve fleet lists, drivers, and a list of workers compensation medical facility locations for Adam Transportation, effective during the 2025-2026 school year. (copies to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Motion by Watkins and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve fleet lists, drivers, emergency care facilities list, and a list of occupational health care facilities for random drug and alcohol testing for Rohrer Bus Service, effective during the 2025-2026 school year. (copies to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Motion by Kenawell and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Terry Bressler, George Hupp, and Donald Naugle as additional drivers for Rohrer Bus Service, effective during the 2025-2026 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, referred to the highlights of the JOC meeting held on August 21, 2025. He commented that the school year is off to a good start. (a copy of the 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 August 20, 2025. (a copy of the highlights to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

PSBA: Mr. Aikey, liaison, referred to the list of information provided for review on PSBA Officer candidates. He noted that the slate of candidates will be on the October agenda for Board consideration.

NEW BUSINESS

Middle School Activities Account:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watkins to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve creating a Middle School activities account for "Wake Up Wednesday Café", to be run by Middle School support service classes.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Dual Enrollment Agreement:

Motion by Kenawell and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to enter into a Dual Enrollment Agreement with Susquehanna University, effective August 27, 2025. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Health Careers Club Proposal:

Motion by Watto and seconded by Teats to table consideration of the recommendation of the High School Principal to approve the creation of a High School HOSA-Future Health Professionals Club. Dr. Watto explained that although he thinks this is a fantastic idea, he would like to hold off on taking action until the next Board meeting to allow him time to vet HOSA.

On roll call vote: 5 yes, 1 no (Aikey), 3 absent

MS FBLA Club Proposal:

Motion by Watkins and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Middle School Principal to approve the creation of a Middle School FBLA Club. (a copy of the bylaws to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

High School Social Studies Additional Resource:

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Watto to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to approve the book *Propaganda* by Edward Bernays (1928). Excerpts to be used to enhance unit on propaganda in social studies classes. (a summary of the book to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Examining Dentists:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Kenawell to approve James L. Cope, DDS and Raymond L. General, DDS as examining dentists for students during the 2025-2026 school year at a cost of \$2.00 per dental exam.

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

Residence Rights to Free School Privileges:

Motion by Kenawell and seconded by Watto to consider approving two (2) requests for residence rights to free school privileges. (a copy of the requests to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Board Discussion:

Dr. Jankowski commented that an invitation would be extended to Kyle Davis as well as the other Athletic Council members to attend the next scheduled Extracurricular Committee meeting to continue discussion of the concerns expressed earlier this evening.

Dr. Jankowski also suggested that Dr. Watto may wish to discuss the Health Careers Club proposal at the next Policy and Education Committee meeting.

Kyle Davis remarked that when he questioned the change in placement of the food trucks, he was told that it was a decision that was voted on at a School Board meeting. Dr. Jankowski responded that this was a topic of discussion at a number of committee meetings in the past, and that the Board did support the ability for the food trucks to be in specific locations in the stadium.

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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