SELINSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – OCTOBER 13, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Selinsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, October 13, 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 7:01 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. Cory A. Naugle, Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. Eric L. Watkins, Dr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Mr. Brian C. Parise, Assistant Superintendent. Mr. Chris J. Kenawell, Board Member, and Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, non-voting member, were absent.

Others present were as follows: Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Mike Sokoloski, Mr. Ryan Solomon, Mrs. Caitlin Swank, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mike Stebila, Kanda Gabel, Rick Zeigler, Marvin Weaver, Toni Niles, and Marcia Moore (Daily Item).

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Naugle 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 also announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, November 10, 2025. Mr. Hess called attention to an addendum to the agenda which included several additional action items.

Opportunity for Public Comment:

Mr. Marvin Weaver, a resident and district taxpayer, expressed thanks to the Board members for their time and dedication to the students, parents, and taxpayers. Mr. Weaver questioned if any consideration has been given to adding a Turning Point USA chapter to the district's curriculum? Mr. Parise responded that it has not currently been considered as a formal curriculum. Mr. Weaver requested that the Board give consideration, adding that he believes this to be a very good curriculum that should be made available to the students to encourage political, environmental, and spiritual discussion and to help students become more aware of issues in our community.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad reported on a successful homecoming which included an assembly at the end of the school day on Friday, a presentation of the court and crowning of the king and queen at the football game, as well as distinguished alumni publicly recognized at the football game, and a very well attended homecoming dance on Saturday.

Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Parise commented that it's hard to believe that the end of the first marking period is only eight days away. He reported that October is Fire Prevention Awareness Month and the district has been working with our local EMS responders, specifically DH&L, to provide some opportunities for our students to see the equipment and speak with EMS personnel.

Mr. Parise reported that today the CSIU hosted a professional development conference which most of our teachers attended. He noted that the conference was well attended and a lot of positive feedback was received.

Mr. Parise expressed thanks to the Alumni Association for a very highly attended golf tournament, which coincided with our homecoming festivities. He noted that a lot of the money raised goes directly to our students.

Mr. Hess noted that he is a member of the Alumni Association and he strongly encourages Selinsgrove graduates to become a member of the Association, noting that our students greatly benefit from contributions raised by members.

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

Staff Elections: Mako Klisiewicz as an Autistic Support Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective September 29, 2025, at an hourly rate of $17.00 +50 cents; Angel Boner as a Cook at the High School, effective October 14, 2025, at an hourly rate of $12.00, pending receipt of required paperwork; Kara N. Freed as a Temporary Professional Employee at Step 1 of the Master's Classification ($57,000) to be assigned as K-5 School Counselor, tentatively effective November 11, 2025 (pending receipt of required paperwork);

<u>2025-2026 Continuing Winter Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts</u>
Seth Martin – Head Varsity Boys' Wrestling
Mark Piermattei – Assistant Varsity Boys' Wrestling
Jason Carpenter – Head Jr. High Boys' Wrestling
Tim Carter – Assistant Jr. High Boys' Wrestling
Matt Salsman – Head Varsity Girls' Basketball
Jamie Shambach – Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball
Jamie Shambach – 7th Grade Girls' Basketball
Faithe Bastian – 8th Grade Girls' Basketball
Justin Keiser – Head Varsity Boys' Basketball
Ethan Hummel – Assistant Varsity Boys' Basketball
Jeff Heintzelman – 7th Grade Boys' Basketball
Ian Elliott – 8th Grade Boys' Basketball
Matt Bingaman – 9th Grade Boys' Basketball

<u>2025-2026 New Winter Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts</u>
Jim Roush – Head Varsity Girls' Wrestling
Tracy Hepner – Assistant Varsity Girls' Wrestling
April Metzger – Head Jr. High Girls' Wrestling
Justin Carr – Assistant Jr. High Girls' Wrestling
Karen Herman – Head Varsity Bowling
Brandon Falk - Head Varsity Swimming

<u>2025-2026 Winter Volunteer Coaches</u>
Corey Seasock – Varsity Boys' Wrestling
Jim Kadryna – Varsity Boys' Wrestling
Bryce Reichenbach – Jr. High Boys' Wrestling
Chris Grill – Jr. High Boys' Wrestling
Kyle Heselpoth – Jr. High Boys' Wrestling (pending receipt of paperwork)
Sylvan Martin, Jr. – Jr. High Boys' Wrestling (pending receipt of paperwork)
Shuntil Snyder – Jr. High/Varsity Girls' Wrestling
Jim Kadryna – Jr. High/Varsity Girls' Wrestling
Bri Beiler – Varsity Girls' Basketball
Marley Sprenkel – Jr. High/Varsity Girls' Basketball
Freddie Keller – Jr. High/Varsity Girls' Basketball
Jonathan Bower – Varsity Boys' Basketball
Scott Zeigler – Varsity Boys' Basketball
Madelyn Rowan – Varsity Bowling
Charles Newman – Varsity Bowling
Bill Rowe – Varsity Bowling
Ashley Kerstetter – Assistant Swimming (pending receipt of paperwork)
(without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

<u>2025-2026 District Volunteers</u> – Laura Aungst, Andrew Brackmann, Melissa Brown, Katie DiDomenico-Seaman, Jenna Gatewood, Kara Herb, Kyle Heselpoth, Christie Hoover, Darla Hupp, Kayla Kratzer, Aja Mellinger, Adam Mowery, Heather Raymond, Crystal Rinker, Nate Roman, Christina Sampsell, Trent Smeltz, Ed Smith, Martha Smith, Christopher Snyder, Nichole Snyder, Beth Stark, Alexander Ulsh, Emily Wendt (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Staff Resignations: Benjamin Dillon as Assistant Boys' Track Coach, effective September 24, 2025; Ali Pelletier as Assistant Girls' Track Coach, effective September 18, 2025; Scott Parker as Utility Aide at the Middle School, effective October 16, 2025; Mako Klisiewicz as a Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective October 24, 2025; Donna M. Heimbach as Head Custodian at the High School, effective December 31, 2025, due to retirement

Substitutes: <u>Day-to-Day Predictable Substitute Teacher</u> (per building or based upon operational needs) – Breanna Ruppel (SE), effective during the 2025-2026 school year, retroactive to September 15, 2025; <u>Teacher</u> - Alexys Gabrielson; <u>Guest Teachers</u> – Joshua Bowerman, Kyle Bryan, Nicole Ressler, and Jordan Shaffer; <u>Prospective Teacher</u> – Theresa Amarante; and <u>Crossing Guard</u> – Sarah Bloom (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Bingaman to table a request from Angela Hartman for a sabbatical leave for Professional Development, during the second semester of the 2025-2026 school year, and the first semester of the 2026-2027 school year.

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

Transportation: Mr. Bingaman, Chair, reviewed the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator for approval of drivers for Adam Transportation, as well as a driver for Rohrer Bus Service as listed on the addendum to the agenda.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watto to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Kate Hackenburg, Kimberly Kerstetter, and Lorraine Martin as drivers for Adam Transportation, and Randolph Kerstetter as a driver for Rohrer Bus Service, effective during the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: No report.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Hess, representative, referred to the highlights of the meeting held on September 17, 2025. He commented that the CSIU continues to work to get individuals certified to substitute teach. Mr. Hess also reported that the CSIU hosted the regional in-service held earlier today at Susquehanna University. (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 PSBA Leadership positions up for election. He reviewed the slate of candidates and recommended individuals for Board consideration. (a copy of the slate and candidates to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The Board considered approving the election of Holly Arnold for a one-year term as 2026 President-Elect.

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

The Board considered approving the election of Matt Vannoy for a one-year term as 2026 Vice President.

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

The Board considered approving the election of Duane Naugle for a two-year term as 2026-2027 Section C-1 Advisor.

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

The Board considered approving election of the following individuals: Julie Preston for a three-year term as 2026-2028 PSBA Central Zone Representative, and Kathy K. Swope and Roberta M. Marcus for three-year terms as PSBA Insurance Trustees.

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

Both Mr. Hess and Mr. Aikey noted that they would be in attendance at the 2025 PSBA Delegate Assembly's annual association-wide business meeting which will take place on Tuesday, October 21, 2025.

Personnel: Mr. Paladino mentioned that he failed to include addendum items when recommending Board approval of personnel matters earlier in the meeting.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to approve the election of Michael Piecuch and Kristen Reichenbach as additional 2025-2026 District Volunteers.

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

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Motion by Watto and seconded by Teats to consider removing from the table the recommendation of the High School Principal to approve the creation of a High School HOSA-Future Health Professionals Club.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Dr. Watto commented that his previous concern of a big pharma presence, and the reason for tabling the motion initially, has been alleviated after speaking with someone affiliated with HOSA.

Motion by Watto and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the High School Principal to approve the creation of a High School HOSA-Future Health Professionals Club. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Naugle to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve the Intergovernmental Settlement Agreements for the parcels as listed: 12-09-283A, 12-09-283B, 12-09-83C, 12-09-283D, 12-09-283F, 12-09-283G,12-09-283H, and 12-09-283M. (a copy of the agreements to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 1 no (Teats), 1 absent

Residence Rights to Free School Privileges

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Watto 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.

Senshu University High School Exchange Program

Motion by Watkins and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the High School Principal to approve Selinsgrove Area High School's cultural exchange program with Senshu University High School in Tokyo, Japan. This year, six students and two adult chaperones are scheduled to travel to Tokyo in November as part of the district's ongoing partnership with Senshu University High School.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Ping Pong Club Proposal

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the High School Principal to approve the creation of a High School Ping Pong Club. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Safety Net Counseling, Inc. Agreement

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Bingaman to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve entering into a one (1) year Business Associate Agreement and a Letter of Agreement with Safety Net Counseling, Inc. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Agreement with CSIU for Grant Services

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve entering into an agreement with the CSIU to provide access to consortium grant services through a third-party provider. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Resolution to Retain Marc J. Bern & Partners, LLP

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watkins to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt a resolution to retain the law firm of Marc J. Bern & Partners, LLP to represent the district against various social media companies. (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

CSBBH Attestation Form

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Bingaman to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve the Community and School-Based Behavioral Health (CSBBH) Program attestation form which outlines the districts ongoing partnership with them. (a copy of the form to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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