

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 9, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, February 9, 2026, 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 7:00 p.m. by the Vice President, Mr. Eric L. Watkins.

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. Michael A. Bingaman, Mrs. Chelsey K. Davis, Mr. Jared T. Hoffman, Mr. Chris J. Kenawell, Mr. Cory A. Naugle, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Mr. Eric L. Watkins, Dr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent. Mr. David W. Hess, Board Member, was absent.

Others present were as follows: Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Troy Hickman, Mrs. Lynsey McKinley, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Mike Sokoloski, Mrs. Caitlin Swank, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Rick Zeigler, Joy Hahn, Stella Feenstra, Marjorie Larrick, Joel Perez, James Gossert, Nathan Connors, Caleigh Fitzsimmons, Marquis Frias, Claire Gallagher, Erin Weller, Ashley Nace, and Kelsey Persons.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Hoffman and seconded by Naugle to approve minutes, reports, and bills lists, as presented. (copies of committee meeting minutes, 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. Watkins announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 9, 2026. He also called attention to an addendum to the agenda.

Motion by Hoffman and seconded by Davis to approve a motion to amend the agenda to include the addendum.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Mr. Watkins also announced that a Policy and Education Committee meeting will be held immediately following adjournment of the Board meeting, noting that it is a public meeting and everyone is welcome to attend.

Board Discussion

Mr. Teats questioned if students get in trouble by making "gun fingers"? He explained that this was brought to his attention by someone from the public. Dr. Jankowski responded that if this occurs, the student would be given redirection for properly interacting with peers.

Mr. Teats commented that he has made some posts on social media and that he feels that it is his constitutional right to do so whether he is a Board member or not. He remarked that he upset some teachers when he posted recently about the legislation passed requiring public schools to adopt policies prohibiting student cellphone use during the school day. Mr. Teats explained that he does not support

this measure and is in favor of students having cellphones, commenting that teachers need to keep the usage by students under control. He believes it is an opportunity to prepare students for the real world and that responsibility needs to be taught somewhere.

Mr. Teats commented that he was made aware of an episode that occurred in a classroom of 12 year old students where a video was shown of an individual being shot and killed by law enforcement. He feels that the video was not age appropriate and considered it to be corruption of minors, and that it should not have been allowed.

Mrs. Davis spoke regarding the recent opportunity to tour the district facilities with Dr. Jankowski, Ken Teats and Eric Watkins. She remarked that it was an absolutely amazing opportunity and she wanted to applaud staff, administrators and teachers at how positive the experience was, as well as being able to see the students in action. Mrs. Davis commented that the district is doing an amazing job fostering our youth for a great future. Mr. Watkins agreed that it was a great opportunity and commented that it was very beneficial to see everything up and running.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Business Manager

Mr. Sokoloski gave a shoutout to the maintenance and custodial staff for their hard work and efforts to clear snow during the recent snowstorm, enabling everyone to get back to work and back to school on time.

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad gave recognition to the following students and teams: Coy Arnold, Gavin Hare, Logan McGranaghan, and Dylan Kopp who recently participated in the PMEA District 8 Modern Band Festival, with Dylan moving on to the All-State Modern Band Festival. He noted that our wrestling team recently won the District IV AAA Championship 31-30 against Shikellamy. Alex Kadryna got his 100th career victory in wrestling. Xavier Jackson and Madi Merrell each recently scored their 1,000th point in basketball, noting that we have not had a Boys' Basketball player at that level score 1,000 points since 2001. He announced that Show Choir will hold a free community night on Friday, February 13th at 7 p.m. and assemblies will be held for the various building levels that day as well. At SUN Tech the following students placed and are moving on to the District Skills competition: Madelyn Kratzer in Cosmetology, Artyom Lampel in Electrical Construction Wiring, Jake Hornberger in Welding, Ethan Bowman in Carpentry, and Wyatt Yohe in Automated Manufacturing. Dr. Conrad introduced Kelsey Persons, a senior, who is this year's statewide first place winner in the VFW's annual Voice of Democracy essay contest. Kelsey commented that it was an amazing opportunity and expressed gratitude to the VFW for offering such an amazing contest. She explained that this was her fourth year competing in the contest, noting that she made it a little further each year. Kelsey added that she would like to encourage other students to participate in contests that are being offered. Dr. Conrad expressed thanks to Kelsey and her family for coming to the Board meeting. A round of applause was given by those in the attendance.

Middle School Principal

Mr. Gessel noted that department heads are currently researching some new diagnostic programs to help close the gaps in student achievement in mathematics and ELA.

Mr. Gessel announced that the Middle School now has a new and thriving PTO and PTO Board and that this organization will be supporting a seventh-grade trip to Lake Tobias. He noted that parent engagement/involvement has always been a challenge at the Middle School level.

Elementary School Principal

Dr. Moyer reported that a Kindergarten preregistration night was held last week for families of incoming Kindergarten students for the 2026-2027 school year with approximately 60 families in attendance. The new on-line registration process was reviewed with the families, as well as the required paperwork, in an effort to make the process easier.

Dr. Moyer reported that for the first time ever a miniature career day was held at Selinsgrove Elementary with 22 local community members, business owners, district employees, as well as employees from Susquehanna University. He noted that Dr. Watto was also a presenter at the event. Dr. Moyer explained that every student had an opportunity to participate in four different presentations from a diverse group of individuals including a Judge, lawyers, a construction company, a landscaping company, and a doctor. He commented that it was a really cool event and that a lot of positive feedback was received.

Acting Intermediate School Principal

Ms. Garman reported that two fifth grade students, Brayden Newberry and Dakota Namminga, recently competed in a State Minecraft competition in Lancaster, where they placed second in the state. She remarked that there was only a one-point difference between first and second place. The students were challenged with creating a factory which turned resources from Pennsylvania into a new product.

Ms. Garman noted that Dhani Patel, a fifth-grade student, had a poem titled "The Wolf" accepted for publication by Creative Communications.

Ms. Garman reported that eighth grade "band buddies" are coming to the Intermediate School after school and partnering up with fifth grade band members. They bring their instruments and give them tips and practice with them.

Ms. Garman announced that representatives from SUN Technical Institute will be coming to the Intermediate School later this week to provide a mini career fair to fourth-grade students, giving them an opportunity to learn about different trades available at SUN Tech. She also reported that fifth-grade students are busy selling candy to raise money for their Outdoor Education trip in May.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats reported that a committee meeting was held on January 21, 2026, where discussion included summer project review and planning. He also commented on the recent building tour and highly recommended and encouraged those Board members that have not taken it, to do so. He added that our district facilities are amazing and impressive. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Policy and Education: Mr. Watkins announced that a committee meeting is scheduled to be held following adjournment of the Board meeting.

Extracurricular: Dr. Watto reported that a committee meeting was held on January 21, 2026. He expressed thanks to Kelly Hoffman for taking such copious and thorough minutes from that meeting. Dr. Watto reported that discussion was held regarding concessions at school events at the stadium. The committee also received a fall and winter sports review by Mr. Solomon and Dr. Conrad, and heard from Dr. Jankowski regarding the topic of field time and space availability for teams. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Motion by Kenawell and seconded by Hoffman to approve the following personnel matters:

Letter of Intent to Retire: Catherine Erb as a Grade 6 Learning Support Teacher, effective December 31, 2026

Staff Resignations: Melissa Bingaman as Assistant Jr. High Hockey Coach and Assistant Varsity Hockey Coach, effective January 12, 2026; Courtney McCartney as Assistant Boys' Track Coach, effective February 5, 2026

Staff Elections: Damian Catherman as an Autistic Support Paraprofessional at the Middle School, at the hourly rate of \$15 + 50 cents, effective retroactive to January 27, 2026; Dominic Parise as a Learning Support/Autistic Support Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, at the hourly rate of \$15/\$15.50, effective retroactive to February 2, 2026; Taylor Miller as a Cook at the High School, at the hourly rate of \$12, effective February 10, 2026, pending receipt of required paperwork

2025-2026 Intermediate School Employee with Supplemental Duty Contract:
Lindsey Ray – Lead Teacher

2025-2026 District Volunteers: Chris Grill, Samantha-Jo Rynearson, Jennifer Straub, Juanita Underkoffler, and Sara Wenrich (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2025-2026 New Winter Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:
Ashley Kerstetter – Co-Assistant Swimming
Robert Grayston – Co-Assistant Swimming

2025-2026 New Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:
Justin Aurand – Assistant Baseball
Seth Martin – Assistant Boys' Track
Ryan Boyer – Assistant Girls' Track
Megan Wetzel – Assistant Jr. High Hockey

2025-2026 Continuing Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:
Andy Howell – Head Girls' Lacrosse
Tracy Hepner – Assistant Girls' Lacrosse
Jim Youngman – Head Boys' Lacrosse
Ryan Bucher – Assistant Boys' Lacrosse
Clint Neidig – Head Baseball
Dave Brown – Assistant Baseball
Bryan Mohr – Assistant Baseball
Jessica Chappell – Head Softball
Anthony Hauck – Assistant Softball
Josh Kurtz – Assistant Softball
Jason Hostetter – Head Boys' Tennis
Madeline Rowan – Assistant Boys' Tennis
Brian Catherman – Head Boys' Track
Ken Estep – Assistant Boys' Track
Mike Stebila – Head Girls' Track
Bill Switala – Assistant Girls' Track
Beth Huff – Assistant Girls' Track
Brian Derr – Head Jr. High Boys' Soccer
Fred Lawrence – Assistant Jr. High Boys' Soccer
Cheryl Underhill – Head Jr. High Girls' Soccer
Denyel Decker – Assistant Jr. High Girls' Soccer
Roz Erb – Head Jr. High Hockey

2025-2026 Volunteer Spring Coaches:

Laurie Burns – Assistant Girls' Lacrosse
 Tim Gorin – Assistant Boys' Lacrosse
 Caleb Geipel – Assistant Boys' Lacrosse
 Joey Hoover – Assistant Boys' Lacrosse
 Eric Hubbert – Assistant Baseball
 Duane Gaugler – Assistant Baseball
 John Herring – Assistant Baseball
 Logan Hile – Assistant Baseball
 Chad Gavason – Assistant Baseball
 Christian Boyer – Assistant Softball
 Nick Hess – Assistant Softball
 Nick Bressler – Assistant Softball
 Evelyn Hostetter – Assistant Boys' Tennis
 Jim Heinly – Boys' Track
 Rod Joseph – Boys' Track
 Damian Hahn – Boys' Track
 Charles Bingeman – Assistant Girls' Track
 Isaiah Brader – Assistant Jr. High Boys' Soccer
 Noah Derr – Assistant Jr. High Boys' Soccer
 Kyle Maust – Assistant Jr. High Girls' Soccer
 Scott Simone – Assistant Jr. High Girls' Soccer
 Madison Weiser – Assistant Jr. High Girls' Soccer
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Nurse – Nicole Adams; Day-to-Day Predictable Substitute Teacher (per building or based upon operational needs) – McKenzie Kramer (MS), effective during the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year, retroactive to January 14, 2026; Guest Teacher – Kasey Davis and Rebecca Harner; Prospective Teacher – Corinne Beaver; Student Teacher – MacKenzie Adams; and Food Service – Kimberly Kerstetter

Other Matters: Entering into a Professional Contract with Tonya Hatter for successfully completing three (3) years as a School Social Worker, effective February 1, 2026.

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

Transportation: Motion by Hoffman and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Donald Cordero as a driver for Rohrer Bus Service, effective during the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

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

Technology: No report. Dr. Jankowski noted that there was some conversation held at the Buildings and Grounds Committee meeting regarding potential infrastructure upgrades to our district wide security camera system.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that the committee has not met since December and the next is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 19, 2026. He also mentioned that interviews are being scheduled for the feasibility study.

CSIU Board of Directors: Highlights of the meeting held on January 21, 2026, were included in the Board packet and will be attached and made a part of the official minutes.

PSBA: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Revised Proposal from LeFevre Wilk Architects, LLC:

Mr. Watkins explained that two motions will be needed, one to remove the motion from the table, and one to consider a revised proposal.

Mr. Teats commented that he feels the item should be left on the table and that the committee should take a look at the facility. Mr. Kenawell agreed that it would be nice to have an opportunity to tour the kitchen and questioned if it would be a problem delaying action for another month. Dr. Jankowski and Mr. Sokoloski both responded that it would delay the process for summer completion, noting that it was the recommendation of the Buildings and Grounds Committee to move forward with the project. Mr. Teats remarked that the numbers are not adding up. The question remains, does the Board want to have the kitchen be temperature controlled. Mrs. Frederick noted that with no air conditioning or windows, the kitchen is extremely hot in the summer, and very cold in the winter.

Motion by Watto and seconded by Hoffman to consider removing from the table a proposal received from LeFevre Wilk Architects, LLC for services related to HVAC needs in the High School cafeteria/kitchen planned for summer projects of 2026.

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 2 no (Teats & Kenawell), 1 absent

Motion by Hoffman and seconded by Watto to consider a recommendation from the Business Manager to approve a revised proposal received from LeFevre Wilk Architects, LLC for services related to HVAC needs in the High School cafeteria/kitchen planned for summer projects of 2026. (a copy of the revised proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 2 no (Teats & Kenawell), 1 absent

NEW BUSINESS

SUN Area Technical Institute 2026-2027 General Operating Budget:

Motion by Naugle and seconded by Watto to consider approving the SUN Area Technical Institute 2026-2027 General Operating Budget. (a copy of the budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2026-2027 General Operating Budget:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Naugle to consider approving the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2026-2027 General Operating Budget. (a copy of the budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

2026-2027 School Calendar:

Motion by Davis and seconded by Kenawell to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt a 2026-2027 School Calendar.

Dr. Jankowski commented that it is a traditional calendar, noting however, that the start and end dates fall one week later due to natural calendar changes.

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

Residence Rights to Free School Privileges

Motion by Hoffman 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)

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

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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