

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 9, 2026

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, March 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 7:18 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. Michael A. Bingaman, Mrs. Chelsey K. Davis, Mr. David W. Hess, 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.

Others present were as follows: Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Troy Hickman, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Jeremy Rice, Mr. Mike Sokoloski, Mrs. Caitlin Swank, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, PJ Adam, Rick Zeigler, Joy Hahn, Mike Hahn, Ryan Heintzelman, Marcia Moore (Daily Item), Jason Kline, Jason Kaufman, Eric Frantz, Mike Moyer, Dylan Hoover, Caleigh Fitzsimmons, Quentin Palmatier, Clark Ritzman, Cole Shutt, Derek Asche, Hannah Matriccino, Marquis Frius, Stella Feenstra, Marjorie Larrick, Joel Perez, James Gossert, Michael Portas, Zanae Hollond-Barksdale, Tommy Grabowski, Connor Whalen, Nathan Connor, Sarah Stuczynski, Alycia Knorr, Sydney Weyant, Ashley Nace, Erin Weller, Claire Gallagher, Audrey Miller, and Michelle White.

**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: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

**Announcements:**

Mr. Hess announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, April 13, 2026. He also announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the meeting to discuss legal and personnel matters.

**Opportunity for Public Comment**

Jason Kline, Fire Chief and Vice President of the Dauntless Hook & Ladder Fire Company, addressed the Board regarding a proposed Fire Club at the High School. He introduced Administrative Chief, Jason Kauffman; Assistant Chief, Mike Moyer; Captain Dylan Hoover; and Eric Frantz who serves as an advisor for the Danville Fire Club. Chief Kline noted that he has been involved in community fire protection since the age of 14. He reported that since the 1970's, Pennsylvania volunteer fire companies have seen membership decline from approximately 300,000 to 30,000. He believes that a Fire Club would attract young people into the field and would benefit both the students and the community. Mr. Frantz explained that he started a Fire Club at Danville High School in 2023 with six students, which has since grown to 23 members.

Mr. Hess, Mr. Naugle, and Mr. Hoffman all spoke in support of the new club and thanked everyone for coming to the meeting.

## **ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

### **Superintendent**

In regard to the formation of a Fire Club, Dr. Jankowski reported that the ball is already in motion with the district's career counselor, High School administration, and counselors who have partnered up with representatives from the fire company to work together.

Dr. Jankowski formally introduced and welcomed Jeremy Rice as the district's new Director of Facilities and Maintenance, noting that he officially began in the district on February 23<sup>rd</sup> just in time for the start of the spring sports season.

### **High School Principal**

Dr. Conrad reported that the following students were recognized by PAFootballNews.com as members of the 2026 All-Academic Gold Team: Andrew Gesumaria, Brett Rice, Ian Sassaman, Jet Hollenbach, Kinnley Weiser, Nash Fordyce, and Rocco Amato.

Dr. Conrad announced that Isabel Clark, a Freshman competing in the Senior division, took first place in the individual paper category at the National History Day Regional Competition held on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the Commonwealth University in Lock Haven. Isabel will be heading on to the state competition in April.

Dr. Conrad reported that two of our Track and Field athletes made the podium at the PA State Indoor State Track meet held at Penn State University. Matthew Stebila placed fourth in the Triple Jump and Bella Furgison placed second overall in the Shot Put event.

Dr. Conrad also reported that this past weekend the district hosted nine schools for a Forensics competition and the following students placed in the top three and will be moving onto the National tournament competition: Hendrix Corbin, Addyson Smith, Abigail Watkins, Cordellia Griener, and Ellie Schaeffer. Additionally, Abigail Watkins placed third in the Rotary 4-Way Speech Regional Contest.

### **Middle School Principal**

Mr. Gessel reported that the following Middle School students placed at the National History Day Regional Competition: Group Performance – 1<sup>st</sup> place: Nesochi Akujieze, Emma Clark, Addison Falk, and Lucy Gessel; Individual Documentary – 2<sup>nd</sup> place: Brendan Lins; and Group Exhibit - 1<sup>st</sup> place: Tessa Boudier and Sorley Mercer.

Mr. Gessel also reported that the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention & Supports) Team presented the new PBIS Matrix for the Middle School to the faculty on March 6<sup>th</sup>. He explained that the matrix will be in line with the language already used at the Elementary and Intermediate schools and will be based around the Show Respect, Exercise Safety, Act Responsibly, Listen to Learn Framework. Mr. Gessel noted that the matrix will be presented to students to start next school year during the opening day "expectations assemblies".

### **Acting Intermediate School Principal**

Ms. Garman reported that on February 11<sup>th</sup> fourth grade students participated in a Career Fair with SUN Area Technical students from eight different programs of study. She also reported that on March 4<sup>th</sup> students from SUN Area Technical Institute read to third grade students in celebration of Read Across America Week. Ms. Garman noted that during the week of March 23<sup>rd</sup> the Mobile Ag Lab will be on-site and fourth grade students will participate in three different agriculture-related lessons.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Budget and Finance:** No report.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Hoffman to consider approving KIT Communications for \$546,011 to upgrade district wide security cameras under PEPPM Contracts 548362-275 and 548362-256. Capital Reserve and Grant Funds will be used to fund such project. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

**Policy and Education:** Mr. Watkins reported that a committee meeting was held on February 9, 2026. (a copy of the minutes of the meeting to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Davis and seconded by Hoffman to consider approving first reading revisions to Board Policy No. 201 – Admission of Students. (a copy of the policy to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Extracurricular:** Dr. Watto commented that winter sports have come to an end and spring sports have begun. He recognized and highlighted the following teams and individuals: the Boys Basketball Team for winning the District IV 5A Championship, Coach Justin Keiser for his great leadership and fantastic job coaching the Boys Basketball Team; Madi Merrell for scoring her 1,000<sup>th</sup> basket, and Xavier Jackson for scoring his 1,000<sup>th</sup> basket, Gabby Heckman for qualifying for the state bowling tournament, Holly Grayston and Sawyer Kovaschetz for qualifying for the state swimming tournament, Hagan Sprenkel for being a District IV diving medalist, and Jack Peters and Alex Kadryna for qualifying for the state wrestling tournament.

**Personnel/Meet and Discuss:** Motion by Watkins and seconded by Hoffman to act upon the leave of absence request separately from the other personnel matters.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Kenawell and seconded by Hoffman to approve the following personnel matters:

**Staff Resignations:** Alyssa Grose as a Cook at the Intermediate School, effective February 17, 2026; Denise Dietterick as a Cook at the Middle School, effective February 18, 2026; and Claudia A. Beaver as Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, effective October 9, 2026, due to retirement

**Staff Elections:** Reagan M. Hetrick as an Autistic Support Paraprofessional at Selinsgrove Elementary, at the hourly rate of \$17.50 +50 cents, effective March 2, 2026; Ashley M. Goodson as an Autistic Support Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, at the hourly rate of \$14.00 +50 cents, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required paperwork; Justin M. Keiser as a Predictable Day-to-Day Substitute Emotional Support Teacher at the Middle School, tentatively effective March 17, 2026 through the end of the 2025-2026 school year;

**2025-2026 District Volunteers:** Heather Carr, Jeffrey Eppley, Jessica Eppley, Jayme Knouse, Ashley Martin, Ashley Ruch, Christine Strunk, Jennifer Troxell, Christine Witmer, Kathy Zeigler, and Jennifer Zeiders (pending receipt of required paperwork) (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

**2025-2026 New Spring Coach with Extracurricular Contract:**

Damian Catherman – Assistant Boys' Track Coach

**2025-2026 Volunteer Spring Coach:**

Courtney Hamm – Jr. High Girls' Soccer (pending receipt of required paperwork) (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

**Substitutes:** Teacher – Madison Rodkey (pending receipt of required paperwork);

Guest Teacher – Sarah Erdman (pending receipt of required paperwork); and Food Service – Isaiah Irani

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watkins to consider approving a request from Angela Hartman to discontinue her sabbatical leave and return to her nursing position at the Intermediate School, effective at a date to be determined.

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

**Transportation:** Motion by Naugle and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Gary Herman, Deborah Pitt, and Nicholas Rine as drivers for Adam Transportation, effective during the remainder of the 2025-2026 school year.

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

Motion by Watkins and seconded by Teats to consider approving a proposal from Adam Transportation for a Transportation Management Agreement, to be effective April 1, 2026 through June 30, 2031. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

**Technology:** No report.

**SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee:** No report. (a copy of the highlights of the JOC meeting held on February 19, 2026, to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

**CSIU Board of Directors:** No report. (a copy of the highlights of the Board of Directors meeting held on February 18, 2026, to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

**PSBA:** No report.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Public School Facility Improvement Grant Resolution**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Davis to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to approve the Public School Facility Improvement Grant Resolution authorizing the submission of a grant sponsored by the Commonwealth Financing Authority for facility improvements. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

**AP Psychology Course as a Dual-Credit Course**

Motion by Hoffman and seconded by Watkins to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to approve designating the high school's existing AP Psychology course as a dual-credit course. Students successfully completing the course will be able to receive high school and college credit through the District's current agreement with Luzerne County Community College.

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

**Amplify CKLA as Primary K-5 English Language Arts Resource**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Davis to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to adopt Amplify CKLA, 3rd Edition as our primary English Language Arts resource for Kindergarten through fifth grades. This is an updated edition of the existing program for the Elementary and new adoption for the Intermediate School.

On roll call vote: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

**Board Discussion:**

Dr. Watto acknowledged that earlier in the evening the Board accepted the resignation of Claudia Beaver as Executive Assistant. He expressed thanks to her for doing a wonderful job and for making his job as a Board member a whole lot easier and for being available to answer any questions at any time. Mr. Hess echoed Dr. Watto's sentiments and commented that he does not want Ms. Beaver to go anywhere.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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