

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS  
MINUTES OF MEETING – APRIL 17, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, April 17, 2023, at 7:00 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 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, Mrs. Anabel Menifee, Mr. Andrew V. Paladino, Atty. Matthew A. Slivinski, Ms. Kara L. Taylor, Mr. Kenneth B. Teats, Jr., Dr. David M. Watto, and non-voting member, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent. Mr. William L. Bechtel, Jr., Board Member, was absent.

Others present were: Mr. John Bohle, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Kevin Oswald, Mr. Justin Simpson, Atty. J. Michael Wiley, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Renee Frederick, Mike Bingaman, Matt Herrold, Gabrielle Chaudry, Logan Moyer, Abigail Hooftallen, Amanda Witmer, and Sylvia Kappen.

**Consent Agenda:**

Motion by Slivinski 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)

The motion was unanimously carried.

**Announcements:**

Mr. Hess announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, May 8, 2023.

**ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS**

**Superintendent**

Dr. Jankowski noted that it's that time of the year when we evaluate our goals. He explained that Administrators set goals, in conjunction with the Board, and then those goals are communicated throughout the district to various employee groups. Most importantly, teachers are continuing to work with students to make sure that they grow in the classroom and maximize some of their behavioral capabilities as well. Dr. Jankowski commented that as we approach assessment season and the end of the year evaluation season, we know that one test does not determine whether we are successful or not, but we do want to do our best in whatever we do. The district goal is to get the message out to our students and families, do your best, work as hard as you can, and we will be proud of you.

Dr. Jankowski acknowledged that Renee Frederick was present at the meeting and that her election to the position of Director of Food and Nutrition is on the agenda for consideration by the Board. He commented that Mrs. Frederick will be stepping into a program that has been running efficiently and well under the direction of Kevin Oswald for many years.

### **Middle School Principal**

Mr. Bohle expressed thanks to the Board for the opportunity to speak about a project that the students have been participating in for several years now, "What's So Cool About Manufacturing?" Mrs. Amanda Witmer, Enrichment Teacher, and Sylvia Kappen, student, presented a slide show explaining the contest, the process of the program, and how it relates to the Middle School curriculum. Mrs. Witmer reported that this same group of 4 students participated last year and won both the regional and viewer's choice awards and went on to compete at the state level. Miss Kappen noted that last year they were paired with BrightFarms which is a hydroponic greenhouse facility. Mrs. Witmer explained that this year the students were paired with Gilson Snow, a local snowboard manufacturer, and were responsible for doing marketing and producing for them. Mrs. Witmer and Miss Kappen also shared the video that was entered into the "What's So Cool in Manufacturing?" contest. The Board expressed thanks for the presentation, noting that it was quite impressive.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Budget and Finance:** No report.

**Buildings and Grounds:** Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on April 11, 2023.

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Watto to approve the bid from Apollo Fence Company for the Selinsgrove Elementary playground fence project for a cost of \$26,191. (funds from donations received)

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

Mrs. Menifee inquired as to where the donations for the fence project were received. It was noted that donations were received from the Alumni Association, Giant Corporation, as well as the Selinsgrove Area Education Association.

**Policy and Education:** Mr. Hess, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on April 11, 2023.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Menifee to consider the recommendation of the committee to approve a request of the Assistant Superintendent for a new Intermediate School Math Series "Go Math" for grades 3-5 published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt. (Costs associated for the initial purchase will be offset by ESSER Funds.)

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

**Extracurricular:** Atty. Slivinski reported that a committee meeting was held on March 27, 2023. He noted that several topics of discussion were held. Atty. Slivinski commented that the committee reviewed policy and fees associated with the use of school district facilities by youth sports teams. He noted that the committee also discussed the Athletic Council and concessions as they relate to the Football Boosters and their request. It was noted that the policy regarding youth sports and facility fees will be referred to the Policy and Education Committee for review and consideration.

**Personnel/Meet and Discuss:** Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Watto to approve the following personnel matters:

**Staff Resignations:** Karen Herman as a Paraprofessional at the High School, effective April 13, 2023; Faron Hollenbach as a Maintenance employee, effective May 4, 2023, due to retirement; and Rebecca Bollinger as an English Teacher at the High School, effective at the end of the 2022-2023 school year, due to retirement

**Staff Transfers:** Michelle Kline from Cook/Cashier to Baker at the Intermediate School, retroactive to March 14, 2023; and Teresa Showers from Cook/Cashier at the High School to Cook/Cashier at the Elementary School, effective retroactive to March 21, 2023

**Staff Elections:** Renee I. Frederick as Director of Food & Nutrition, effective May 1, 2023; Lori Rathfon as a Paraprofessional at the High School, effective April 18, 2023; Emily G. Guy as a Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective May 1, 2023; and 2022-2023 District Volunteers – Cathy Beeler (pending receipt of required paperwork), Danielle Chuklochak, McKenzie Golden, Kathleen Holmes, Florence Schrey, Kimberly Slanga, Patricia Wendt, and Alayna Wenrich (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

**Substitutes:** Prospective Teachers – Joanna Campbell, Ernest Falgo, Kyley Hoffmaster, Matthew Martone, and Jalen Steiner (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

**Transportation:** Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Menifee to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Christine Lahr as a driver for Rohrer Bus Service; and Nancy Brouse, Courtney Ewing, and Jean Long as drivers for Weikel Busing, effective during the remainder of the 2022-2023 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, reported that the Board will hold its next meeting on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. At this meeting, the Board plans to take action to approve the General Operating Budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Mr. Hess noted that the budget has been approved by all 17 districts in IU 16. He also commented on the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center Dual Enrollment Program agreement that is on the agenda for consideration by our Board.

**PSBA:** Mrs. Menifee, Liaison, reported that she will be participating tomorrow in PSBA's Advocacy Day. She noted that they will be meeting with legislators and advocating for new and additional basic education funding, special education funding, mental health and school safety funding, and charter school funding reform. Mrs. Menifee also noted that there will be an opportunity to ask questions that impact local districts as well.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Extended Day Field Trip Request:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve an extended day field trip request made on behalf of the Forensics Club to travel to Louisville, Kentucky, May 26 through May 29, 2023, to compete in the National Forensics Tournament.

The motion was unanimously carried.

### **2023-2026 Special Education Plan:**

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Director of Special Education to approve the 2023-2026 Special Education Plan, as presented. (a copy of the plan to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

### **CSIU/Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center Agreement/MOU:**

Motion by Teats and seconded by Taylor to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with the Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center Dual Enrollment Program, for a one-year term, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024, as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth Agreement:**

Motion by Watto and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to enter into an agreement with Nittany Learning Services, effective 2023-2024 through 2027-2028 School Years, as presented. (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

### **Board Discussion:**

Ms. Taylor shared with the Board a story from Facebook that occurred recently at a girls' lacrosse match at the Midd-West School District. Prior to the start of the game, an announcement was made that the National Anthem would not be sung due to a glitch in the system. At that time, the Selinsgrove team started belting out the National Anthem and everyone joined in. Ms. Taylor added that she thought this was pretty amazing and wanted to recognize the student athletes for their actions.

**Adjournment:**

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver  
Recording Secretary

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