

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – DECEMBER 4, 2023

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, December 4, 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 7:04 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. William L. Bechtel, Jr., Mr. David W. Hess, 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. Mrs. Anabel Meniffee, Board Member, was absent.

Others present were: Mr. Zachary Appleman, Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Paul Bozella, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mike Stebila, Rick Zeigler, Mike Bingaman, Missy Bingaman, Chris Kenawell, Cory Naugle, Tish Brouse, Eric Watkins, Mike Walz, and Alexa Fasold.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Taylor 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 proposed to be held on Tuesday, January 16, 2024. He also announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the Board meeting. Mr. Hess called attention to a correction to the agenda explaining that a student number was omitted for approval of an Independent Study Proposal on page 4 of the agenda. He noted that the proposal had been included with the documents, but the student number had not been listed on the agenda.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski noted that his report this evening will focus on dedication of service, beginning with a bus driver.

Mark Wolfberg, Transportation Coordinator, presented a recognition of service award to Alexa Fasold, a bus driver for Weikel Busing, for going above and beyond on November 14, 2023, by providing "last minute" transportation of cheerleaders and band equipment to Catasauqua.

Dr. Jankowski reported that School Boards reorganize every year in December. He noted that since this is an election year, we have four members leaving the Board. Those members are Bill Bechtel, Anabel Meniffee, Matt Slivinski, and Kara Taylor. Dr. Jankowski highlighted each of them individually, acknowledging Mr. Bechtel's 12 years of service, Attorney Slivinski and Ms. Taylor for 3.5 years of service, and Mrs. Meniffee for 1 year of service, with a commemorative plaque.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Mr. Paladino, Chair, reviewed the recommendations of the Budget and Finance Committee.

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Teats to consider approving the year end budgetary surplus transfers and designation of the General Fund balance as of 6/30/23 as follows:

- a. Transfer \$1,000,000 to the Capital Reserve Fund and \$500,000 to the Debt Service Fund; and,
- b. Make the following General Fund balance designations as of 6/30/23

Designation of Fund Balance:	Balance 6/30/2022	2022-23 Designation	Balance 6/30/2023
General Fund			
Assigned	\$ 98,330	\$ (27,004)	\$ 71,326
Restricted - Special Ed ACESS Program	\$ 509,218	\$ (1,951)	\$ 507,267
Nonspendable - Inventory of Supplies	\$ 38,931	\$ (7,109)	\$ 31,822
Nonspendable - Prepaid Expenses	\$ 172,454	\$ 98,847	\$ 271,301
Committed - Real Estate Tax Appeals	\$ 146,125	\$ -	\$ 146,125
Committed - Retiree Healthcare	\$ 2,145,371	\$ (538,326)	\$ 1,607,045
Committed - technology	\$ -	\$ 371,000	\$ 371,000
Committed - PSERS	\$ 3,714,716	\$ (1,500,000)	\$ 2,214,716
Committed - Instructional support positions	\$ 1,425,000	\$ 1,400,000	\$ 2,825,000
Committed - Future Capital Projects	\$ -	\$ 1,000,223	\$ 1,000,223
Unassigned	\$ 2,946,211	\$ -	\$ 2,946,211
Total Fund Balances	\$11,196,356	\$ 795,680	\$ 11,992,036

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

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Watto to consider approving the recommendation of the committee to adopt the 2024-2025 Act 1 Budget Resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of real estate taxes by more than the allowable index. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Buildings and Grounds: No report. Atty. Slivinski questioned if renovations to the bathroom doors have begun? Dr. Jankowski responded that work has been begun at the high school.

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: No report.

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

Letters of Intent to Retire at the End of the 2023-2024 School Year: Judy Fatchaline as a Guidance Counselor at the Intermediate School; Bridget Ritter as a Grade 8 Social Studies Teacher at the Middle School (June 3, 2024); and, Leslie Slaybaugh as a Grade 3 Teacher at the Intermediate School

Staff Resignations: Rebecca Ferry as a Paraprofessional at the Seals Den, effective December 1, 2023; Lori Rathfon as a Paraprofessional at the High School, effective December 5, 2023; and, Jayme Knouse as Library Aide at the Elementary School, effective December 15, 2023

Staff Elections: Elizabeth Gaugler as a Teacher Mentor during the 2023-2024 school year; Austin Meeker as a First Shift Custodian at the High School, effective December 4, 2023; Cynthia Gaisior as Kitchen Manager at the Intermediate School, effective December 4, 2023 (6 hours per day); Angela Spotts as Kitchen Manager at the Elementary School, effective December 4, 2023 (6 hours per day) (pending receipt of required paperwork); Keiley Smith as a Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective December 18, 2023 (pending receipt of required paperwork); 2023-2024 Employees with Supplemental Duty Contracts, effective November 15, 2023 - Jill Raymond and Angela Hartman as District Nurse Co-Leaders; Shawndra Scholl as Head Bowling Coach, effective with the start of the 2023-2024 Bowling Season; 2023-2024 FBLA Volunteers – Mike Stebila and Bethanie Yevics (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation); 2023-2024 District Volunteers – Kimberly Porter and Maureen Pugh (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation) 2023 Intermediate Boys' Basketball Volunteer – Kyle Somers (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Teacher – Kylie Ulrich (pending receipt of required paperwork); and Guest Teacher – Jamie Shambach

Other Matters: Entering into a Professional Contract with Jenna Daddario for successfully completing three (3) years of teaching, effective November 28, 2023;

A six-month employment agreement (1/1/24 – 6/30/24) with Jeffrey H. Hummel, Business Manager, per the terms and conditions of the contract as presented; and,

A recommendation of the Director of Food & Nutrition to approve wage adjustments for Erika Cherry, Middle School Kitchen Manager and Rebecca Womer, High School Kitchen Manager, as presented.

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

Transportation: Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Watto to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve the following drivers: Meghan Cannon for Rohrer Bus Service; and Paul Baker and Randy Yerger for Weikel Busing, effective during the 2023-2024 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 next meeting of the Board will be held on January 17, 2024, at which time they will be voting on the General Operating Budget. He also reported on a program that the CSIU is coordinating, along with Transitions and the PA CareerLink, called YES To the Future. He noted that this is a paid internship program for young adults. Mr. Hess noted that as more information becomes available, he will share it with the Board.

PSBA: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve a list of requests for tax exoneration, as presented. (a copy of the list to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

Independent Study Proposals:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve Independent Study Proposals for the following students: #11157, #11205, #11161, #11062, #11039, and #200586, as presented. (a copy of the proposals to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion was unanimously carried.

Penn College of Technology AMP MOU:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Slivinski to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Selinsgrove Area School District and the Pennsylvania College of Technology that will allow selected students the opportunity to participate in an Advanced Manufacturing Pre-Apprenticeship Program, as presented. (Costs associated with the program for this year are covered through grant funds acquired by the college.) (a copy of the MOU to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion was unanimously carried.

Fort Hays State University Social Work Program Agreement:

Motion by Taylor and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent to enter into an agreement between the Selinsgrove Area School District and Fort Hays State University's Department of Social Work that will allow for non-paid field practicum for prospective school social workers, as presented. (This agreement is similar to those we have with universities for student teacher placements.) (a copy of the agreement to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion was unanimously carried.

Proposed Courses to be Included in the 2024-2025 HS Course Description Guide:

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Watto to consider the recommendation of the High School Principal and Assistant Superintendent to approve the proposed courses to be included in the 2024-2025 High School Course Description Guide: Positive Psychology, Introduction to World Languages, and World Culture through the Cinematic Lens, as presented. (a copy of the list of proposed courses to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion was unanimously carried.

2024-2025 High School Course Description Guide

Motion by Slivinski and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the High School Principal and Assistant Superintendent to approve the Course Description Guide for the 2024-2025 school year, as presented. (a copy of the course description to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion was unanimously carried.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Teats questioned if students who took the PSAT's in the spring, were given the opportunity to retake it this fall? Dr. Conrad reported that all of those students were afforded the opportunity with approximately 20-30 students electing to retake it.

Atty. Slivinski expressed thanks to everyone in the district and the Board for allowing him to be a part of it. He feels that it has been a fruitful experience for him.

Atty. Slivinski remarked that Mr. Bechtel deserves to be celebrated even more than he has been. He noted that Mr. Bechtel has been involved in teaching and coaching multiple generations of students, which he followed up by transitioning immediately from an educator to a Board member, thus dedicating most of his life to the district. Atty. Slivinski, on behalf of the Board, expressed thanks to Mr. Bechtel for his service.

Mr. Bechtel remarked that he has really enjoyed his time here in Selinsgrove, noting that he has spent over 60 years involved as a student, a teacher, a coach, and a Board member. He added that he loves Selinsgrove and that he will miss everybody.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned sine die at 7:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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