

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Tuesday evening, February 13, 2024, 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. Michael A. Bingaman, Mr. David W. Hess, Mr. Christopher J. Kenawell, 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, Dr. Frank R. Jankowski, Superintendent.

Others present were: Mr. Zachary Appleman, Mr. John Bohle, Mr. Paul Bozella, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Ryan Solomon, Mrs. Caitlin Swank, Mr. Steven Hartley, Esq., Mr. Mark Wolfberg, Mr. Troy Hickman, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mike Stebila, and Rick Zeigler.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Paladino 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: 9 yes, 0 no, 0 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Hess announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, March 11, 2024. He also announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the Board meeting for personnel and legal matters and that an Executive Session will be held following adjournment as well. Mr. Hess called attention to an addendum to the agenda which includes additional personnel matters.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski commented that school was closed today due to inclement weather, noting that this is the third closure due to weather. Tuesday, April 2nd will be the makeup day for today, and we have one remaining makeup day built into the calendar. Dr. Jankowski explained that we do have options available to us to ensure that we don't go beyond the current graduation date and the last day of school. Those options include Flexible Instruction Days as well as recent legislation that changes the instructional time requirement, allowing more flexibility in scheduling.

Assistant Superintendent

Mr. Parise presented to the Board a brief compilation of some of the work that has been on-going regarding the district's 2024-2027 Comprehensive Plan. He noted that this is a state required plan that is intended to steer the district's efforts and support our mission, vision, and values for the next three years. Mr. Parise indicated that several community and school-based groups have contributed

to the development of the plan which includes goals, action steps, and professional development. He explained that this is a brief summary of where we are right now in the process, and that next month the Board will be requested to approve a more detailed report. (a copy of the presentation to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad reported on student achievement at the High School noting that eight out of 10 students in district band advanced to regional band, that two out of three district orchestra students advanced to regional orchestra, and that 11 out of 16 students are moving onto regional chorus. He announced that our Technology Student Association hosted the Region 7 event on February 3rd, taking nine 1st place prizes in 16 available events, as well as seven 2nd place finishes, and five 3rd place finishes at the event. Dr. Conrad reported that Kelsey Persons won an award for her 2024 VFW Voice of Democracy essay. She won 1st place at the local level, 1st place at the district level, and then 6th place at the state competition. He also reported that Cassidy Burns earned a grand prize for her short story creative writing at the Renaissance Fair, and that Emerson Zobal earned 3rd place in photojournalism at the Renaissance Fair. Dr. Conrad acknowledged that Emerson has also been recently named as a finalist for a National Merit Scholarship award. He also recognized the wrestling team as district champions.

Middle School Principal

Mr. Bohle reported that a TSA Program was recently implemented at the Middle School, noting that they only had two weeks to prepare to participate in the TSA competition held at the High School. He shared that 12 students participated in the competition and that two of those students designed and printed 3D CO2 cars, which were the only 3D printed cars in the competition and which “blew the competition out of the water” for speed. However, because the paper they used was too large, they went from 1st place to 4th place. Mr. Bohle recognized that three students received 1st place in the Tech Bowl and will go onto the state competition.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats reported that a committee meeting was held on January 16, 2024. He noted that discussion was held regarding a possible addition behind the Middle School stage for storage, cleanup of the garage area behind the High School, softball field drainage, and possible fundraising projects.

Policy and Education: Mr. Hess reported that a committee meeting was held on January 16, 2024. He noted that the comprehensive plan, fundraising, artificial intelligence, Act 56, and the 2024-2025 school calendar were all topics of discussion. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Extracurricular: No report.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Motion by Watto and seconded by Watkins to amend the agenda to include the personnel items listed on the addendum, as presented.

Motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Naugle to consider separately the election of Melissa Bingaman as Assistant JH Field Hockey Coach.

Motion was unanimously carried.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to approve the following personnel matters:

Staff Resignations: Seth Hicks as Assistant Varsity Football Coach, effective January 15, 2024; Derek Hicks as Head Varsity Football Coach, effective January 22, 2024; Ryan Heintzelman as Assistant Jr. High Football Coach, effective January 26, 2024; Amber Young as a Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective February 9, 2024; Esther Brubaker as Food Service Administrative Assistant, effective at the end of the 2023-2024 school year, due to retirement

Staff Elections: Bobbie Atwood as a Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School, effective February 20, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Karen Herman as a Learning Support Paraprofessional at the High School, effective February 20, 2024 (pending receipt of required paperwork); Ethan Hummel as a Predictable Long-Term Substitute Grade 7 Mathematics Teacher, tentatively effective February 28 through May 20, 2024; Justin Buckley as an Intern in the Technology Department, effective immediately (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation); 2023-2024 District Volunteers – Kris Brown, Jennifer Bucher, Eric Hunt, Susan Ryan, Andrea Schmitt, Edna Wenrich (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2023-2024 Continuing Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Head Boys Track and Field - Brian Catherman
 Assistant Boys Track and Field - Daniel Frake
 Assistant Boys Track and Field - Dave Lauer
 Assistant Boys Track and Field - Ken Estep
 Head Girls Track and Field - Mike Stebila
 Assistant Girls Track and Field - Allison Huber
 Assistant Girls Track and Field - William Switala
 Assistant Girls Track and Field - Beth Huff
 Head Baseball - Brent Beiler
 Assistant Baseball - Dave Brown
 2nd Assistant Baseball - Kevin Kline
 2nd Assistant Baseball - Jim Messner
 Head Softball - Jessica Chappell
 Assistant Softball – Anthony Hauck
 Head Boys Tennis – Jason Hostetter
 Head JH Boys Soccer - Brian Derr
 Assistant JH Boys Soccer – Frederic Lawrence
 Head JH Girls Soccer - Cheryl Underhill
 Assistant JH Girls Soccer - Scott Simone
 Assistant JH Girls Soccer – Grant Walter
 Head JH Field Hockey - Roz Erb
 Head Boys Lacrosse – Jim Youngman
 Assistant Boys Lacrosse – Ben Youngman
 Assistant Boys Lacrosse – Tim Gorin
 Head Girls Lacrosse - Andy Howell

2023-2024 New Spring Coach with Extracurricular Contract:

Assistant Boys Tennis – Madeline Rowan

2023-2024 Volunteer Spring Coaches

Boys Tennis – Evelyn Hostetter

Baseball - Travis Lerch

Baseball - Eric Hubbert

Baseball - Bryan Mohr

JH Boys Soccer – Ryan Smith

JH Boys Soccer – Ryan Schuch

JH Boys Soccer – Isaiah Brader

JH Field Hockey – Megan Wetzel

JH Field Hockey – Rachel Martin

(without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes: Teacher – Kayla Bowers, Susan Ryan, and Edna Wenrich (pending receipt of required paperwork); Guest Teachers – Kaeley Blair, Kelsey Daddario, and Drew Potts; Prospective Teacher – Melanie Minnier; Nurse – Michelle Zalar (pending receipt of required paperwork); Food Service – Mckenna Weigel; and Paraprofessional – Scott Parker (pending receipt of required paperwork)

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

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watto to approve the election of Melissa Bingaman as Assistant JH Field Hockey Coach.

On roll call vote: 8 yes, 0 no, 1 abstain (Bingaman), 0 absent

Transportation: Motion by Paladino and seconded by Kenawell to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve the following drivers: Elwood Smith, Erin McManus-Yatsko, and Heather Shultz for Weikel Busing; and Brian Hufnagle for Rohrer Bus Service, effective during the 2023-2024 school year.

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

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: No report.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Hess, Representative, noted that the CSIU General Operating Budget is listed later on the agenda for Board consideration. (a copy of the Highlights of BOD meeting held on January 17, 2024, to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

PSBA: Mr. Bingaman, Liaison, mentioned that he is considering attending an upcoming meeting in March on school safety measures to be held in Mechanicsburg.

NEW BUSINESS**SUN Area Technical Institute 2024-2025 General Operating Budget:**

Motion by Watto and seconded by Naugle to consider approving the SUN Area Technical Institute 2024-2025 General Operating Budget. (a copy of the budget and voting resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Dr. Jankowski explained that every fall the Superintendents and Business Managers from the five sending school districts meet to review what is anticipated to be the beginnings of a proposed budget. That information is then conveyed over the course of multiple meetings, with different programs being considered with the JOC. Dr. Jankowski noted that the total budget is \$7.3 million which represents a decrease of approximately \$300,000 from the previous year. He also noted that as a district we anticipate a 5.78% decrease in our expenses towards this budget.

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

Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2024-2025 General Operating Budget:

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Kenawell to consider approving the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2024-2025 General Operating Budget. (a copy of the budget and voting resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

2024-2025 School Calendar:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt a 2024-2025 School Calendar. (a copy of the calendar to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion was unanimously carried.

Snyder County Children & Youth Services and Justice Works Youth Care MOU:

Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Aikey to consider approving a recommendation from the Assistant Superintendent and Principals to enter in a Memorandum of Understanding with Children and Youth Services and Justice Works to implement a Truancy Prevention Program. This is to occur at no cost to the District. (a copy of the MOU to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

Board Members were reminded that an Executive Session would be held immediately following adjournment.

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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