

SELINGSGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – MARCH 11, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, March 11, 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 7:10 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, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Jeffrey Hummel, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mrs. Caitlin Swank, Mr. Mike Wiley, Esq., Mr. Troy Hickman, Ms. Claudia Beaver, Rick Zeigler, Teresa O'Brien, Murphy O'Brien, Leslie Slaybaugh, Joelle McEvoy, Tracy Foor, Colleen Kerber, Matt Wenrich, Mike Sokoloski, Elaine Short, Nick Jacobson, and Marcia Moore (Daily Item).

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Aikey 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, April 8, 2024. He also announced that an Executive Session was held prior to the Board meeting for personnel and legal matters.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski acknowledged that two individuals, Grant Walter and Scott Simone, who were approved at the February Board meeting as Asst. Jr. High Girls' Soccer Coaches, will not be signing a contract or serving in those positions. He explained that there are no negative reasons that they will not be serving in these positions, but that they were placed on the agenda inadvertently. Dr. Jankowski added that recommendations to fill these two positions are listed later on the agenda.

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad reported that the boys' basketball team recently defeated Muhlenberg in the first round of State playoffs and will travel to Altoona tomorrow evening to play against Franklin Regional. He recognized Tucker Teats who took third place in the 189 lb. weight class in PIAA State Wrestling Championships. Dr. Conrad noted that Hailey Beaver, Elise Zimmerman, Maddie Bucher, Emily Flint, Zach Martin, Gavin Hare, Austin Imhoof and Gabe Shaffer, recently participated in PMEA Region IV Chorus. Both Elise Zimmerman and Austin Imhoof will advance to the State level, as well as Maddie

Bucher as first alternate. Dr. Conrad recognized McKenna Ulery as qualifying for all-state band. He also reported that “Shrek the Musical” was very successful and recently wrapped up three shows that were all sold out.

Intermediate School Principal

Mr. Bozella reported on a very successful, and well attended, Open House held in February. He noted that the students at the Intermediate School enjoyed visits from Shrek characters. Mr. Bozella also reported that the Grades 3 & 4 chorus concert was held last week.

Elementary School Principal

Mr. Gessel stated that, through the efforts of teachers and the new literacy curriculum, students are making significant gains in reading. He commented that kindergarten students began the school year at 70% below benchmark in DIBELS for their reading scores, and by mid-year 71% of those students were at or above benchmark and 34% of those students were in the blue above benchmarks. Mr. Gessel reported that at a recent visit by representatives from the Line Mt. School District to view our new curriculum, they were blown away at absolutely how remarkable our kindergarten students are doing with the reading and writing unit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Motion by Paladino and seconded by Watkins to consider approving the proposal from LeFevre Wilk Architects, LLC for professional services for the Middle School auditorium storage addition 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: No report.

Extracurricular: No report.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Mr. Paladino requested that action on the request for leave of absence be taken as a separate motion.

Motion by Watto and seconded by Kenawell to consider approving the following personnel matters, with the exception of the request for leave of absence:

Staff Resignations: Tina Auman as a Cook/Cashier at the High School, effective March 1, 2024; Austin Meeker as a 1st Shift Custodian at the High School, effective March 1, 2024

Staff Elections: Malarie Warren as a Cook at the Intermediate School, effective date to be determined, pending receipt of required paperwork; Appointment of Michael J. Sokoloski as Business Manager, effective June 17, 2024, through June 30, 2029, per terms of contract;

2024-2025 New Fall Coach with Extracurricular Contract:
Head Varsity Football – Matthew Wenrich

2023-2024 New Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

2nd Assistant Softball – Steve Shambach
 JH Assistant Girls Soccer – Denyel Decker
 Assistant Girls Lacrosse – Tracy Hepner

2023-2024 Spring Coach Volunteers:

Boys Lacrosse – Ryan Bucher
 Boys Lacrosse – Conner VanZijl
 Girls Lacrosse - Hannah Domaracki
 Girls Lacrosse – Alyssa Latsha
 Boys Track – Jim Heinly
 Girls Track – Charles Bingeman
 Softball – Josh Kurtz
 Softball – Nick Bressler
 Softball – Nick Hess
 Softball – Christian Boyer
 Softball – Jordan Chappell
 JH Girls Soccer – Kyle Maust
 JH Girls Soccer – Scott Simone
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2023-2024 District Volunteers – Michael Corman, Tara McGuire, Nate Roman, and Alex Ulsh
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Substitutes:

Day-to-Day Predictable Substitute Teacher – Diane Shamory (SE) (per building or based upon operational needs); Teacher – Patrick Zimmerman; Guest Teachers – Alexander Ozazewski and Daniel Snyder; and Prospective Teacher – Meghan Bussey

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

Motion by Watto and seconded by Watkins to table a request from Joelle McEvoy for a sabbatical leave for professional development, effective during the 2024-2025 school year.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Transportation: Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Transportation Coordinator to approve the following drivers: Jeremy Houtz, John Rothrock, Abigail Snook, Linda Snook, and Darlene Thibodeau for Weikel Busing, effective during the remainder of 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: Mr. Teats, Representative, reported that two Selinsgrove students, Ryan Gavason and Collin Sauers, recently placed first in the state in welding fabrication.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Hess, Representative, noted that the Board needs to appoint a representative to the CSIU Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Naugle to reappoint Dave Hess as a representative to the CSIU Board of Directors for a three-year term, effective July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027.

The motion was unanimously carried.

PSBA: Mr. Bingaman, Liaison, reported that he and Mr. Naugle are registered to attend PSBA's School Safety Summit on March 19th. Mr. Hess added that he hopes to attend if a space becomes available.

NEW BUSINESS

Extended Day Field Trips:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bingaman to consider approving requests for extended day field trips as follows: a request from the High School Principal made on behalf of the Japanese Exchange Students to travel to Washington D.C. on March 21, 2024 (departure at 6:30 a.m. with return at 9:30 p.m.); a request from the Middle School Principal made on behalf of the MS TSA Club for a trip to Seven Springs Mountain Resort for a state competition, April 17 through April 20, 2024; and a request from the High School Principal made on behalf of the HS TSA Club for a trip to Seven Springs Mountain Resort for a state competition, April 17 through April 20, 2024.

The motion was unanimously carried.

2024-2027 Comprehensive Plan:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Aikey to table the request of the Assistant Superintendent to approve the district's 2024-2027 Comprehensive Plan.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Board Discussion:

Several Board Members expressed congratulations and acknowledged the election of Matt Wenrich as Head Varsity Football Coach, and the appointment of Mike Sokoloski as Business Manager.

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 7:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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