

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – JANUARY 13, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsgrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, January 13, 2025, 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 7:09 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, Mr. David W. Hess, 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. Mr. Christopher A. Aikey and Mr. Chris J. Kenawell, Board Members, were absent.

Others present were: Mr. Paul Bozella, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Ms. Michelle Garman, Mr. Damian Gessel, Mr. Troy Hickman, Mrs. Susan Lipsey, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mrs. Maggie Roberts, Mr. Mike Sokoloski, Mr. Ryan Solomon, Mrs. Caitlyn Swank, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mike Stebila, Rick Zeigler, Toni Niles, Karen Morton, George Morton, Michael Hahn, and Joy Hahn.

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)

Mr. Teats asked that the minutes of the Reorganization meeting be pulled, citing that the voting results for President was inaccurate, as he did not vote, and therefore it was not unanimous as reflected in the minutes. He noted that the temporary President called for those in favor to say "aye", but did not call for those opposed to say "nay". Atty. Wiley questioned if Mr. Teats would like the minutes to reflect that he did not vote, or that he was not in favor of the nomination? Mr. Teats responded that he would like the minutes to reflect that he voted no. Atty. Wiley explained that a motion would be required to amend the minutes as presented, reflecting his vote as a no.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to amend the minutes to reflect Mr. Teat's vote as discussed.

The motion to amend the minutes passed with everyone voting in favor, except for Dr. Watto who voted no. Dr. Watto, who had served as the Temporary President, commented that he believed that the vote was properly conducted.

Atty. Wiley explained that the Board could now vote on the original motion made by Mr. Paladino and seconded by Mr. Naugle, who expressed agreement and acknowledged that the motion includes the amendment to the minutes of the Reorganization meeting.

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Announcements:

Mr. Hess announced that the next regular monthly Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Monday, February 10, 2025. He also announced that an executive session was held prior to the meeting regarding legal and personnel matters.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski remarked that there has been a lot of political discussion, throughout the Commonwealth and the country, as to how President Donald Trump may impact the operations of the PA Department of Education as well as the operations at the Federal level. He commented that there are a lot of unknowns as the district begins to prepare the 2025-2026 budget. Dr. Jankowski remarked that they will keep their eyes on the turnover in the White House and Governor Shapiro's budget proposal in early February.

Dr. Jankowski noted that we are one day away from the official mid-way point of the 2024-2025 school year, and we are looking forward to a strong start to the second half of the school year.

Business Manager

Mr. Sokoloski noted that there are budgetary transfers, as well as financial statements and an audit report from the district's local audit firm listed on the agenda for Board consideration and approval.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: Motion by Teats and seconded by Bingaman to consider approving the year-end budgetary surplus transfers and designation of the General Fund balance as of 6/30/24 as follows:

Make the following General Fund balance designations as of 6/30/24:

| Designation of Fund Balance: | Balance 6/30/2023 | 2023-24 Designation | Balance 6/30/2024 |
|---|----------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| General Fund | | | |
| Assigned | \$ 71,326 | \$ (1,957) | \$ 69,369 |
| Restricted - Special Ed ACCESS Program | \$ 507,267 | \$ 92,352 | \$ 599,619 |
| Nonspendable - Inventory of Supplies | \$ 31,822 | \$ (163) | \$ 31,659 |
| Nonspendable - Prepaid Expenses | \$ 271,301 | \$ (40,992) | \$ 230,309 |
| Committed - Real Estate Tax Appeals | \$ 146,125 | \$ - | \$ 146,125 |
| Committed - Retiree Healthcare | \$ 1,607,045 | \$ | \$ 1,607,045 |
| Committed - technology | \$ 371,000 | \$ | \$ 371,000 |
| Committed - PSERS | \$ 2,214,716 | \$ | \$ 2,214,716 |
| Committed - Instructional support positions | \$ 2,825,000 | \$ | \$ 2,825,000 |
| Committed - Future Capital Projects | \$ 1,000,223 | \$ 1,250,000 | \$ 2,250,223 |
| Unassigned | \$ 2,946,211 | \$ 36,956 | \$ 2,983,167 |
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| Total Fund Balances | \$11,992,036 | \$ 1,336,196 | \$ 13,328,232 |

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Teats to consider approving the 2023-24 Financial Statements and Audit Report from Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC. (District's local audit firm) (a copy of the statements and audit report to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Buildings and Grounds: Mr. Teats, Chair, reported that a committee meeting was held on December 16, 2024.

Motion by Naugle and seconded by Watkins to consider approving the recommendation to purchase a 2025 Model 97M12 "M Series" CNC Router from C.R. Onsrud (R.T. Machine) under Costars Contract # 008-E24-1410RT, at a cost of \$114,249 for the High School Tech Ed Department to be installed in the summer of 2025. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Policy and Education: No report.

Extracurricular: No report.

Personnel/Meet and Discuss:

Staff Resignations: Jamie Shambach as a Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective January 9, 2025; Brenda Witmer as a Cook at the High School, effective January 15, 2025; Kirk Renn as a School Police Officer, effective January 17, 2025; and Steve Shambach as Second Assistant Softball Coach, effective December 12, 2024

Staff Transfers: Shannon Walter from Reading Intervention Tutor at the Intermediate School, to a Temporary Professional Employee at Step 1 of the Bachelor's Classification, to be assigned as a Grade 2 Teacher at Selinsgrove Elementary, effective January 9, 2025; Emily Morgan from Paraprofessional at Selinsgrove Elementary to K-2 Reading Intervention Tutor, effective January 21, 2025; and Ashley Herring from Paraprofessional at the High School to Office Clerical Assistant (Front Office) at Selinsgrove Elementary, effective January 23, 2025

Staff Elections: Ryan R. Maxwell as a School Police Officer, effective January 9, 2025; Charles S. Berkoski, Jr. as a Maintenance employee, effective January 14, 2025; Luxi O. Walz as a Predictable Long-Term Substitute Grade 3 Teacher, effective January 10, 2025, through the end of the 2024-2025 school year; C. Mason Neiman as Temporary Professional Employee at Step 1 of the Master's +15 Classification, to be assigned as a Grade 8 ELA Teacher at the Middle School, effective January 16, 2025; Candi Carper as Assistant Cheerleading Coach, effective January 3, 2025; 2024-2025 High School Employee with Hybrid Duties Contract – Laci Walter; and 2024-2025 District Volunteers – Audrey Casteel, Joy Hahn, Kassie Kenton, and Chris Snyder (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Leave of Absence: Employee #000-00-2873 for a childbearing/child rearing leave of absence tentatively effective April 14 through June 30, 2025

Substitutes: Teacher – Anne Hollenbach; Prospective Teachers – Skyler Kriss and Kyla Pham; and Paraprofessional – Linda Herrold

Other Matters: Wage adjustments for School Police Department employees, effective January 13, 2025

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Transportation: Motion by Paladino and seconded by Naugle to consider the request of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Angela L. Michael as a driver for Rohrer Bus Service, and Pamela Reitenbach and Pamela Rice as drivers for Weikel Busing, effective during the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year.

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Technology: No report.

SUN Area Technical Institute Joint Operating Committee: No report. (a copy of the highlights of the JOC meeting held on 12/9/24 to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Hess, Representative, reported that a meeting is scheduled for later this week, Wednesday, January 15, 2025. He referred to the highlights of the meeting held on December 18, 2024. (a copy of the highlights to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

PSBA: No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Proposed 2025 Committee Assignments:

Motion by Watto and seconded by Paladino to consider approving proposed 2025 committee assignments. (a copy of the committee assignments to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Mr. Teats questioned why Mr. Bingaman was not on the Extracurricular Committee when everybody in the community thought he would be on it, given his knowledge of extracurriculars. Mr. Hess responded that none of the current committee members communicated that they wanted to come off of that committee. Dr. Jankowski commented that committees and particularly this committee meets publicly, and that all Board members are welcome to attend the meetings and voice their viewpoints should they desire to do so.

On roll call vote: 6 yes, 1 no (Teats), 2 absent

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Paladino and seconded by Watkins to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve the Affordable Care Act Resolution for 2025. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

On roll call vote: 7 yes, 0 no, 2 absent

Independent Study Proposals:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watkins to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve Independent Study Proposals for students #12521, #202600, and #12014. (a copy of the proposals to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extended Day Field Trip Requests:

Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Paladino to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve the following extended day field trip requests:

- 1) Ski & Board Club to travel to Killington Ski Resort in Killington, Vermont, February 8 through February 10, 2025; and
- 2) Ski & Board Club to travel to Belleayre Mountain Ski Resort in Highmount, New York, February 22 through February 23, 2025.

The motion was unanimously carried.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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