

SELINGROVE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS
MINUTES OF MEETING – FEBRUARY 10, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Selingsrove Area School District's Board of Directors was held on Monday evening, February 10, 2025, at 7 p.m. in the Cherry Street Bistro, SUN Area Technical Institute, 815 Market Street, New Berlin, PA 17855.

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. Chris 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, Dr. Matthew Conrad, Mr. Erick Decker, Mrs. Renee Frederick, Dr. Colton Moyer, Mr. Brian Parise, Mr. Mike Sokoloski, Mr. Ryan Solomon, Mr. J. Michael Wiley, Esq., Ms. Claudia Beaver, Mr. Mark Wolfberg, David Bacher, Thomas Jaffray, Seth Taub, Jasmine Durst, and Alexander Landis.

Consent Agenda:

Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Kenawell 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 10, 2025. He called attention to an addendum to the agenda.

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watkins to approve amending the agenda to include the addendum, as presented.

The motion was unanimously carried.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORTS

Superintendent

Dr. Jankowski announced that Dave Bacher, Administrative Director of SUN Tech., will serve as tour guide for anyone interested in taking a tour of the facility immediately following adjournment of the meeting.

Dr. Jankowski noted that students, families, and staff were recently notified of an adjustment to the schedule for March 3rd and March 4th, so that all district teachers and staff can participate in professional development training (ALICE) related to preparedness and response in the event of an emergency. He explained that there will be no school for students in K-2 and 9-12 on March 3rd, and no school for students in grades 3-5 and 6-8 on March 4th. Dr. Jankowski remarked that our instructional schedule enables us to make this adjustment to the school calendar without having to add days to the school year.

Dr. Jankowski announced that on March 5th a multi-district High School Career Fair will be held at Susquehanna University. He explained that this is a joint endeavor of the Greater Susquehanna Valley Chamber of Commerce and CareerLink to dually help area employers and students come together and to help them evaluate their potential future career choices.

Business Manager

Mr. Sokoloski reported that the 2025-2026 budget preparation is on-going and that he is in the process of entering salary information for all teachers and staff and comparing it and expenses to prior years. He stated that cyber/charter expenses are increasing with a higher number of students enrolled which could affect the budget. Mr. Sokoloski noted that as work continues on the budget, he will continue to report to the Board on the figures and that the final budget will be presented for approval in May.

High School Principal

Dr. Conrad reported that 10 Selinsgrove SUN Tech. students recently placed in the top three at the District 6 SkillsUSA competition. He noted that six of the ten students will go on to compete at the state level.

Dr. Conrad reported that High School TSA students recently participated in the Technology Student Association's Region 7 Conference held on February 1st. He noted that the students entered 25 of the 35 events, resulting in 17 1st place wins, 13 2nd place wins, and 5 3rd place wins. Dr. Conrad commended Jon Jarrett, who is the district's principal TSA advisor.

Middle School Principal

Dr. Moyer reported that six Middle School TSA students also competed in the Technology Student Association's conference, resulting in three 1st place wins, 3 2nd place wins, 2 3rd place wins, and several 4th place wins.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Budget and Finance: No report.

Buildings and Grounds: Motion by Aikey and seconded by Bingaman to consider approving the proposal from LeFevre Wilk Architects, LLC for professional services for the Middle School freezer/refrigerator replacement project. (funding from the Food and Nutrition Account) (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: It was announced that a committee meeting was held on January 30, 2025. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Watkins and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Assistant Superintendent and High School Principal to approve the updated 2025-2026 High School Course Description to include Anatomy & Physiology I & II. (a copy of the course description and updated guide to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Extracurricular: Dr. Watto, Chair, reviewed the minutes of the meeting held on January 30, 2025. (a copy of the minutes to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Personnel/Meet and Discuss: Motion by Bingaman and seconded by Aikey to approve the Tax Collector Compensation Resolution, as presented. (a copy of the resolution to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

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

Staff Resignation: Dan Frake as Assistant Boys' Track & Field Coach, effective January 24, 2025

Staff Transfers: Megan Dauberman-Yoder from Autistic Support Paraprofessional at the Intermediate School to a Predictable Long-Term Substitute Autistic Support Teacher at the Intermediate School, tentatively effective January 24, 2025, through the end of the 2024-2025 school year; and Marie Mull from Food Service Cook at the Intermediate School to a Paraprofessional at the High School, effective January 27, 2025

Staff Elections: Jaclyn Cook as a 2024-2025 Mentor Teacher; Mallary Spade as a Food Service Cook at the Intermediate School, effective February 3, 2025; Jennifer McDonough as an Emotional Support Paraprofessional at the Middle School, effective February 24, 2025 (pending receipt of required paperwork);

2024-2025 District Volunteers – Michele Pryor and Jennifer Zeiders (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

2024-2025 New Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Assistant Boys Lacrosse – Ryan Bucher
 Assistant Baseball Coach – Eric Hubbert
 Assistant Baseball Coach – Bryan Mohr
 Assistant Softball Coach – Josh Kurtz
 Assistant Boys Track – Ben Dillon (pending receipt of required paperwork)

2024-2025 Continuing Spring Coaches with Extracurricular Contracts:

Head Girls Lacrosse - Andy Howell
 Assistant Girls Lacrosse – Tracy Hepner
 Head Boys Lacrosse – Jim Youngman
 Assistant Boys Lacrosse – Ben Youngman
 Assistant Baseball – Dave Brown
 Head Softball - Jessica Chappell
 Assistant Softball – Anthony Hauck
 Head Boys Tennis – Jason Hostetter
 Assistant Boys Tennis – Madeline Rowan
 Head Boys Track and Field - Brian Catherman
 Assistant Boys Track and Field - Ken Estep
 Head Girls Track and Field - Mike Stebila
 Assistant Girls Track and Field - Allison Pelletier
 Assistant Girls Track and Field - William Switala
 Assistant Girls Track and Field - Beth Huff
 Head JH Boys Soccer - Brian Derr
 Assistant JH Boys Soccer – Frederic Lawrence
 Head JH Girls Soccer - Cheryl Underhill
 Assistant JH Girls Soccer – Denyel Decker
 Head JH Field Hockey - Roz Erb
 Assistant JH Field Hockey - Melissa Bingaman

2024-2025 Volunteer Spring Coaches:

Girls Lacrosse – Lauri Burns
 Boys Lacrosse – Garrett Howell
 Baseball – Justin Keiser
 Baseball – Duane Gaugler
 Baseball – John Herring
 Baseball – Logan Hile (pending receipt of required paperwork)
 Softball – Christian Boyer
 Softball – Nick Hess
 Boys Tennis – Evelyn Hostetter
 Boys Track – Jim Heinly
 Boys Track – Rod Joseph
 Girls Track – Charles Bingeman
 JH Boys Soccer – Isaiah Brader
 JH Girls Soccer – Kyle Maust
 JH Girls Soccer – Scott Simone
 JH Girls Soccer – Madison Weiser (pending receipt of required paperwork)
 (without salary, benefits, or expectation of any other compensation)

Leave of Absence: Employee #000-00-2433 for a childbearing/child rearing leave of absence, tentatively effective March 26, 2025 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year

Substitutes: Teacher – Jacob Swineford (pending receipt of required paperwork);
Prospective Teacher – Riley Corbett; Crossing Guard – Kevin Kline, and Food Service – Tanaporn Matos

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

Transportation:

Motion by Watto and seconded by Paladino to consider the request of the Transportation Coordinator to approve Sherry Soto as a driver for Rohrer Bus Service, and Charlotte Aderhold, Lisa Burgard, Duane Ewing, Keith Plummer, and Ashley Wanner as drivers for Adam Transportation, effective during the remainder of the 2024-2025 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, noted that the next meeting of the JOC is scheduled to be held on Thursday, February 20, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

Dr. Jankowski commented that our district has the highest percentage of seniors currently attending SUN Tech. that we have ever had.

CSIU Board of Directors: Mr. Hess, representative, referred to the highlights of the meeting held on January 15, 2025. (a copy of the highlights to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

Motion by Teats and seconded by Bingaman to consider approving the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit 2025-2026 General Operating Budget. (a copy of the budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

PSBA: No report.

NEW BUSINESS

Business Matters:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Paladino to consider the recommendation of the Business Manager to approve the contract extension for auditing services with Zelenkofske Axelrod LLC for the fiscal years ending June 30th 2025, 2026, 2027, and 2028. (a copy of the contract to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

High School Educators Rising Club:

Motion by Teats and seconded by Watkins to consider the request of the High School Principal to approve a proposal to form an Educators Rising Club. (a copy of the proposal to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

SUN Area Technical Institute 2025-2026 General Operating Budget:

Motion by Aikey and seconded by Naugle to consider approving the SUN Area Technical Institute 2025-2026 General Operating Budget. (a copy of the budget to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

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

2025-2026 School Calendar:

Motion by Watkins and seconded by Teats to consider the recommendation of the Superintendent to adopt a 2025-2026 School Calendar. (a copy of the calendar to be attached and made a part of the official minutes)

The motion was unanimously carried.

Board Discussion:

Mr. Paladino noted that at the Policy and Education Committee meeting held on January 30th, Mr. Parise reviewed the district's standardized test results. He recognized that change in the workplace is not easy and that a significant change was made at the K-2 level with the reading curriculum that showed some absolutely outstanding results. Mr. Paladino commended the teachers, administrators, and everybody else who put an effort into that change which resulted in an impressive increase in student reading scores.

Dr. Jankowski added that, Selinsgrove Elementary's attainment of growth was actually referenced to the state legislature last week in regard to the way that we used ESSER funds and the way that we turned that into student learning results post-Covid.

Adjournment:

With no further business before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Claudia A. Beaver
Recording Secretary

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