

January 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Library by the President, Todd Engel.

The meeting opened with a Moment of Silence and Pledge to the Flag.

Board Members Present: Armond, Bachman, Brigandi, Bukeavich, Engel, Hitesman, Rupert, and Young.

Others Present: Jesse Smith – High School Principal, Dyan Hulslander – Central Elementary Principal, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education/School Psychologist, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and Tom Burkhart – Solicitor.

Visitors: Matt Courter – Williamsport SunGazette, Jessica Watson, Cheyenne Hogue, Christy Pinkerton, Danny Pinkerton, Elyse Schopfer, McKenna Woodley, Amy Woodley, Janice McEwen, Hayes McEwen, Shawn Millard, Heather Millard, Hilarie German, Melissa Stahl, Melissa Daily, Carrie Pauling, Angela Mitcheltree, Aaron Mitcheltree, Megan Neuffer, Braden Paules, Amber Paules, Travis Rogers, and Dustin Isenberg.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the treasurer's reports from November 2023 and December 2023 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Armond. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$3,764,627.73, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$174,800.93, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$40,150.00 and GO Note 2022 in the amount of \$910,667.92 as funds become available was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of December 4, 2023 and January 8, 2024 as written was moved by Bachman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

CHILD BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE

A motion to approve EE #1007's child bearing/child rearing leave request from March 24, 2024 through mid-March 2025 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Armond. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST

A motion to approve Mrs. Vance's overnight field trip request to take FCCLA students to Wyndham Lancaster Resort and Convention Center in Lancaster PA on March 17-20, 2024 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT - INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs, Superintendent, accepted a letter of resignation from Brandon Hogue from his School Security position effective January 8, 2024.

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve the following employment was moved by Bachman, seconded by Armond.

Elementary Special Education Teacher – McKenna Woodley as a 4th grade special education teacher pending release from her current employer on salary step B-1 at a salary of \$48,053 in accordance with the South Williamsport Area Education Association Agreement.

Classroom Monitor for the 2023-2024 School Year – Selena Lopez

Drama Staff for the 2024 Spring Musical – Jared Whitford as Director and Choreographer at \$3,150, Miki Rebeck as Music Director at \$2,250, Stefanie Welty as Stage Manager at \$2,500, Katelyn Loss as Assistant Choreographer at \$900, and Liz Snow as Production Assistant at \$900

Guest Teachers through Blast IU for the 2023-2024 School Year – Austyn Carson

Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

TENURE

A motion to approve tenure for Margaret Furst was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

INDUSTRY-RECOGNIZED CREDENTIALS

A motion to approve AED training as a graduation pathway was moved by Young, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

E-RATE CATEGORY 2 FUNDING CONSULTANT

A motion to approve an agreement with Kristin Van Strein Consulting for E-Rate Category 2 Funding for the 2024-2025 funding year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

FOOTBALL STADIUM RENOVATIONS

A motion to approve the following package related to the Rodney K. Morgans football stadium renovations, at a total cost of \$1,318,729.05 to be paid from the Capital Reserve Fund was moved by Rupert, seconded by Young.

- Hummer Turfgrass Systems - \$370,300.00
- Musco Sports Lighting - \$263,410.00 + \$10,000.00 contingency for powerline insulation
- Stadium Solutions Inc. - \$527,750.00
- Schrader Group - \$17,576.00

In addition to these agreements, the grand total consists of estimated bonding costs of \$20,210.65, construction contingency of \$73,039.90, and professional service fees from ELA Sports of \$36,442.50. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

2024-2025 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR – FIRST READING

A motion to approve the proposed 2024-2025 school calendar for first reading was moved by Bachman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

A motion to authorize the Business Manager to transfer budgetary funds in relation to the settlement of the teachers' agreement, with no overall impact on the 2023-2024 budget, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

CHANGE ORDER – AUDITORIUM

A motion to approve the change order with Illuminated Integration for the additional purchase of 450 pounds of counter bricks for the mid stage traveler at a cost of \$1,226.00 was moved by Armond, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

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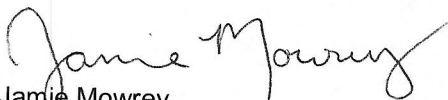
The following individuals spoke about the following topics

- Hayes McEwen – situation affecting the drama director
- Janice McEwen – situation affecting the drama director
- Melissa Stahl – situation affecting the drama director
- Travis Rogers – situation affecting the drama director

There will be an executive session following the board meeting regarding personnel matters and student discipline; no action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Brigandi, seconded by Rupert. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary