

May 7, 2024

The work session of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:02 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, Miller, Rupert, and Young.

Others Present: Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnnyder – Director of Buildings and Ground, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and Fred Holland – Solicitor.

Visitors: Brenda Trimble, Dottie Mertz, and Audrey Bear – Piper Sandler.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **RESOLUTION TO INCUR DEBT**

A motion to approve a resolution to incur non-electoral debt pursuant to the Local Government Unit Debt Act, and to evidence such indebtedness by the issuance of its General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2024, for the purpose of planning, designing, acquiring, constructing, furnishing and equipping additions, renovations and improvements to the School District's existing school buildings and grounds, renovations and improvements to the athletic fields and any other additional capital projects or capital equipment as may be determined by the School District was moved by Rupert, seconded by Young. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

### **SUSQUEHANNA VALLEY SOUND AND VIDEO**

A motion to approve the proposal from Susquehanna Valley Sound & Video for installation of a new sound system for the football field at a cost of \$83,552 with funds from the Capital Reserve Fund was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

### **POWERSCHOOL COMMUNICATION AND SCHOOL MESSENGER**

A motion to approve PowerSchool for My Powerschool Communications SaaS and School Messenger SafeArrival at a cost of \$14,181.07 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

### **INSTRUCTIONAL DAY CHANGE**

A motion to approve changing Friday, May 24, 2024 from a full student day to a half student day was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

### **CHANGE ORDERS**

A motion to approve the following change orders for the Central Elementary Building Project was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman:

- Electrical Contract (E-004): Lighting Circuit Relocation - \$11,024.31
- Plumbing Contract (P-002): Art Room Faucet Replacements - \$3,459.

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

## **EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL**

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, accepted letters of resignation from the following employees:

- Scott Hill from his High School Assistant Principal and Athletic Director positions, for retirement purposes, effective June 28, 2024
- Dodi Gower from her Central Elementary Food Service position effective April 29, 2024
- Yvonne Inners from her full-time Custodial position effective June 14, 2024

## **EMPLOYMENT**

A motion to approve the following employment was moved by Miller, seconded by Young.

- Cherie Bowen as a paraprofessional at the Junior Senior High School effective April 30, 2024 for 6 hours per day at a rate of \$13.74 per hour in accordance with the South Williamsport Area Education Support Professionals Association Agreement
- Yvonne Inners as a building secretary at the Junior Senior High School effective June 17, 2024 for 7.5 hours per day, 240 days per year at a rate of \$18.02 per hour with benefits in accordance with the South Williamsport Area Education Support Professionals Association Agreement.

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

## **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

### **SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN REVIEW**

Dr. Eric Briggs presented the Special Education Plan. He reviewed the 14 indicators, discussed out of district placements, staffing of the Special Education Department, including whether the individual was a district employee or a contractor, spoke about planned professional development, parent training, and historic special education population of South Williamsport Area School District in comparison to the Commonwealth's average.

### **PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET DISCUSSION**

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, answered questions about the proposed final budget, including real estate tax increase and various expenses. The proposed final budget will be voted on at the May 20, 2024 school board meeting.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Dr. Briggs asked for clarification of priorities for the District's various facility projects.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Dwight Woodley, Director of Innovative Learning/IT, spoke about a change order for the High School auditorium regarding the relocation of an HDMI plug and protective casing around the stage control screen that is mounted on the backstage wall.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Young. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:06 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary