

June 3, 2024

The work session of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:03 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: 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 Tom Burkhart – Solicitor.

Visitors: Halle Sharp, Hilarie German, Elyse Schopfer, Melanie Rojas, Sophia Biddle, and Dottie Mertz.

ACTION ITEMS

CKLA PILOT PROGRAM

A motion to approve the CKLA pilot program for grades 6, 7, and 8 beginning in the 2024-2025 school year at a cost of \$4,659.75 which will be covered by a grant was moved by Miller, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF BOARD MEETING DATE CHANGES

A motion to change the October 21, 2024 meeting to October 22, 2024 and the December 2, 2024 meeting to December 3, 2024 was moved by Miller, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF DEPOSITORY

A motion to approve Woodlands Bank, Pennsylvania Local Government Investment Trust (PLGIT), and Journey Bank as depositories of school funds for the 2024-2025 school year was moved by Rupert, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVAL OF NEWSPAPER OF RECORD

A motion to approve the Williamsport Sun-Gazette as the newspaper of general circulation for the 2024-2025 school year moved by Bachman, seconded by Young. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVAL POLICIES – FIRST READING

A motion to approve the first reading of the following policies was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Miller:

- Policy No. 222 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
- Policy No. 227 – Controlled Substance and Paraphernalia
- Policy No. 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Policy No. 323 – Tobacco and Vaping Products
- Policy No. 351 – Controlled Substance Abuse

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

EMPLOYMENT

A motion to approve Halle Sharp as a Jr/Sr High School Special Education Teacher for grades 9-10 learning support students effective at the start of the 2024-2025 school year at step B-1 at a salary of \$50,089 in accordance with the South Williamsport Area Education Association was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

JOB DESCRIPTION

A motion to approve the paraprofessional job description was moved by Rupert, seconded by Young. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

DISPOSAL/SALE OF OLD TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT CENTRAL ELEMENTARY FURNITURE

A motion to approve the disposal/sale of old technology equipment and furniture from Central Elementary was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

TIMBERING OF DISTRICT TREES

Dr. Eric Briggs spoke about timbering of trees behind the Jr/Sr High School.

2024 DEBT ISSUE

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, spoke about the results of the RFP sent to banks for the 2024 debt issue. After a review of the results, it was determined that a bond issue will be the least expensive option.

FINAL BUDGET DISCUSSION

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, answered questions about the final budget, including real estate tax increase and various expenses. The final budget will be voted on at the June 24, 2024 school board meeting.

CAPITAL RESERVE BUDGET

Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, Business Manager, and Mr. Bill Reifsnyder, reviewed the 2024/2025 Capital Reserve Budget with the school board. The Capital Reserve Budget will be voted on at the June 24, 2024 school board meeting.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Young. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:18 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary