

May 20, 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 (via Zoom), Bachman, Bukeavich, Engel, Hitesman, Miller, and Rupert.

Others Present: Jesse Smith – Junior Senior High School Principal, Maria Pierce – Rommelt Principal/Director of Student Services, Dyan Hulslander – Central Elementary Principal, Kristin Bastian – Director of Special Education/School Psychologist, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings and Ground, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and Tom Burkhart – Solicitor.

Visitors: Matt Courter – Williamsport SunGazette, Jessica Watson, Doug Hoffman, Jennifer Hoffman, Stephanie Bradley, Rebecca Sones, Charles Haefner, and Andy Brown.

The school board went into executive session from 6:01 – 6:12 regarding legal advice.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the treasurer's report from April 2024 was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,465,360.97, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$82,067.11, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$38,122.78 and GO Note 2022 in the amount of \$16,168.76 as funds become available was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of April 22, 2024 and May 7, 2024 as written was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

LORETTA WOODSON AWARDS

Mrs. Maria Pierce presented the Loretta Woodson Support Staff Finalist Award to Stephanie Bradley and the Loretta Woodson Teacher of the Year Finalist Award to Rebecca Sones.

SCHRADERGROUP FOOTBALL FACILITIES PRESENTATION

Mr. Thomas Wippenbeck, Regional Manager from SchraderGroup spoke about current conditions of the retaining wall, ticket booths, and concession stands. He then presented schematics for new west end ticketing, concessions, and restroom building, and a new east concessions, ticketing, and restroom building with an estimated construction cost of \$1,278,865. This would not include work done on the retaining wall or a cheerleading sales building.

BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Dr. Eric Briggs gave an update on the various building projects. At Central Elementary, the goal is to have the new gymnasium/cafeteria area complete for the beginning of the 2024/2025 school year. When that work is complete, construction will begin on the new second grade classrooms. There is also the building envelope issue which will be discussed later in the meeting. At the football field, Musco lighting has been installed. Graduation will occur on the football field. Turf work will begin after graduation. Sound system and the scoreboard have been ordered. At the potential new soccer/track complex, there is nothing new to report. At the High School, there are ongoing discussions on the architectural drawings. At Rommelt, the Lycoming County superintendents will be meeting to discuss whether there is a need for a possible PALS program.

CENTRAL ELEMENTARY PROJECT – ENVELOPE ISSUE

Mr. Vern McKissick from McKissick Associates and Mr. Joe Orr from J.C. Orr spoke to the board about the issue with the current building envelope and their design on how to fix the issue. The main cost proposal which includes replacing cladding and sheathing, installing air barrier, window receivers for new windows, miscellaneous framing and roof edge work will cost \$476,968. In addition, the cost to remove and reinstall existing windows, installing new Winco window receivers, caulking of receivers, drywall window returns, solid surface window sills, and wood window blocking will cost an additional \$153,519; for a grand total of \$630,487.

A motion to approve a change order in the total amount of \$630,487 to fix the Central Elementary Envelope Issue was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

HEALTH AND SAFETY PLAN

A motion to approve the Health and Safety Plan was moved by Bachman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

SPECIAL EDUCATION PLAN

A motion to approve the Special Education Plan that was reviewed with the school board at the May 7, 2024 work session was moved by Bachman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT - INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, accepted a letter of resignation from Kelsey Shannon from her Central Elementary School Counselor position effective June 30, 2024.

EMPLOYMENT – SCHOOL POLICE OFFICER

A motion to approve Douglass Hoffman as a School Police Officer effective July 1, 2024 for 7.5 hours per day, 200 days a year at a rate of \$34.50 per hour in accordance with the Act 93 Administrative Compensation Plan was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

BUSINESS MANAGER CONTRACT

A motion to approve a five-year contract with Business Manager, Mrs. Jamie Mowrey, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS ASSOCIATION 2024-2027

A motion to approve three-year negotiated agreement with the South Williamsport Education Support Personnel Association, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2027 was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

AGREEMENT WITH DTAC

A motion to approve the agreement with Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC (DTAC) was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

CHANGE ORDERS FOR THE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

A motion to approve the following change orders with Illuminated Integration for the Auditorium Renovation Project was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Miller.

- \$6,740.00 for flooring upgrade
- \$5,229.67 for HDMI Input and Touchscreen Enclosure

Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Rupert-yes,

SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT AREA FIRE DEPARTMENT

A motion to approve the South Williamsport Area Fire Department's request to use the District's softball field on August 31, 2024 to raise funds for the Borough's annual Christmas Gift Program for disadvantaged families, and waiving all fees associated with Policy No. 707 was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

PROPOSED FINAL BUDGET FOR 2024-2025

A motion to approve the 2024-2025 proposed final budget with budgeted revenues of \$22,112,066 and budgeted expenditures of \$22,388,572, with real estate millage of 18.85 mills, earned income rate of 1.1%, and real estate transfer tax rate of 0.5%, was moved by Miller, seconded by Rupert. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

APPOINT BOARD TREASURER

Board Policy 005 stipulates a treasurer must be appointed in May of each school year to serve for a one-year term beginning the first day in July. Mr. Engel requested nominations for Treasurer. Mr. Miller nominated Mrs. Bachman. Being no other nominations, Mr. Engel closed nominations. All members present voting yes, Mrs. Bachman was elected as Treasurer for the next year beginning in July.

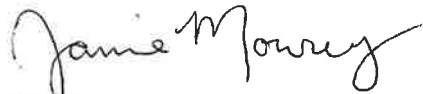
GRADUATION LIST – CLASS OF 2024

A motion to approve the list of graduate candidates for the Class of 2024 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

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

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Hitesman. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary