

July 15, 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, Brigandi, Engel, Hitesman, Miller, Rupert, and Young.

Others Present: Maria Pierce, Director of Student Services/Rommelt Elementary Principal, Dwight Woodley – Director of Innovative Learning/IT, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings and Ground, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and Fred Holland – Solicitor.

Visitors: Matt Courter – Williamsport SunGazette, Jessica Watson, Elyse Schopfer, Melissa Daily, Andy Brown, Michelle VanGilder, Joe VanGilder and Krista Rogers.

#### **APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the treasurer's report from June 2024 was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-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 \$1,423,589.96, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$222.83, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$315,035.00 and GO Note 2022 in the amount of \$1,267,462.73 as funds become available was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Young. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

#### **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of June 24, 2024 as written was moved by Young, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

#### **SUPERINTENDENT REPORT & RECOMMENDATIONS**

##### **2023-2024 YEAR IN REVIEW PRESENTATION**

Dr. Eric Briggs, Superintendent, presented a review of the 2023-2024 year. He spoke about the 4 goals that he set for 2023-2024 and how they were accomplished. He then presented his 4 goals for the 2024-2025 school year.

##### **KOOTH PROGRAM**

A motion to approve the Kooth pilot program for a second year at no cost to the district was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

##### **FOREIGN EXCHANGE STUDENT**

A motion to approve a foreign exchange student (student #26184) as an 11<sup>th</sup> grade student for the 2024-2025 school year, pending successful completion of all registration paperwork was moved by Miller, seconded by Young. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

### **CHANGE ORDER APPROVAL FOR CENTRAL ELEMENTARY PROJECT**

A motion to approve the following Change Orders for the Central Elementary Project was moved by Bachman, seconded by Young.

- General Contract (G-004): total deduction of \$3,996.20
  - COR 005 – Door Changes – (\$3,996.20)
- Electrical Contract (E-005): total net addition of \$4,440.40
  - COR 7 – Heaters and Thermostats - \$5,132.44
  - COR 8 – OT/Sensory Room Security Camera Deduction = (\$692.04)

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

### **EDUCATOR & CLINICAL PREP FIELD EXPERIENCE AGREEMENT WITH IUP**

A motion to approve the Educator and Clinician Prep Field Experience Agreement with Indiana University of Pennsylvania was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

### **EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL**

Dr. Briggs accepted a letter of resignation from Anna Guerrisky, for retirement purposes, from her paraprofessional position at Central Elementary effective May 31, 2024.

### **EMPLOYMENT – ELEMENTARY SCHOOL COUNSELOR**

A motion to approve Johnna Harper as an Elementary School Counselor for Central Elementary School starting with the 2024-2025 school year was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

### **EMPLOYMENT – SECURITY**

A motion to approve Cody Strouse as Event Security Staff for the 2024-2025 school year was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Armond-yes, Bachman-yes, Brigandi-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

The school board spoke about the following topics under old business

- Ballfield scoreboard inspections
- Football field project progress
- Timbering
- Pre-k counts

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- Dual enrollment courses

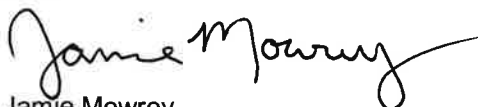
### **COURTESY TO THE FLOOR**

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Melissa Daily – dual enrollment courses
- Krista Rogers – theater program

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Young. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey  
Board Secretary