

November 4, 2024

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

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

Board Members Present: Bukeavich, Engel, Hitesman, Lewis, and Rupert.

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

Visitors: Rebecca Sones, Danelle Saxe, Thomas Wippenbeck – Schrader Group, Damion Spahr – SitelogIQ, and Wayne Brookhart – SitelogIQ.

## **ACTION ITEMS**

### **SCHRADER GROUP**

A motion to approve the Schrader Group to further plan and design the concession stands/bathrooms at the football stadium at a cost of \$55,000 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **SERVICE LINKAGE AGREEMENT WITH CENTER FOR COMMUNITY RESOURCES**

A motion to approve the Service Linkage Agreement with the Center for Community Resources, Inc. to provide services to students who receive mental health evaluations before returning to school was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **REGRADEING OF PROPERTY AGREEMENT**

A motion to approve the Regrading of Property Agreement with J.C. Orr & Son, Inc and Steven M. and Susan M. Styers for regrading, topsoil replacement, and reseeding a portion of the Styers property due to the construction project at Central Elementary was moved by Rupert, seconded by Bukeavich. Roll call: Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **CHANGE ORDERS**

A motion to approve the following change orders was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel.

#### General Contract (G-008)

- COR 0012 – Retaining Wall – (\$2,318.40)
- COR 009R/011 – Paving - \$13,550.63

#### HVAC Contract (H-010)

- COR 016 – Boiler Strainers - \$1,621.59

#### Electrical Contract (E-007)

- COR 012 – Connections for Emergency Stops to Boilers - \$204.43
- COR 013 – Power for Window Curtains as per RFI 17 - \$5,184.36
- COR 014 – Electrical Connections for Basketball Hoops as per RFI 18 - \$2,678.77
- COR 015 – Relocate IDF to PE Officer per RFI 16 - \$1,318.77

Roll call: Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **OVERNIGHT/OUT OF STATE FIELD TRIP**

A motion to approve Sophia Biddle's overnight field trip request to take FBLA students to Kalahari Poconos Resort for a state leadership workshop on November 3-4, 2024 was moved by Bukeavich, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **CHILD BEARING/REARING LEAVE REQUESTS**

A motion to approve EE #1411 child bearing/rearing leave request from October 30, 2024 through December 6, 2024 and revised leave for EE #1311 for October 18, 2024 through October 17, 2025 was moved by Rupert, seconded by Engel. Roll call: Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL**

Dr. Briggs accepted the resignation from Steve Sennett from his Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach position effective October 25, 2024.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

A motion to approve the following employment was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Bukeavich.

- Guest Teacher Program through Blast IU for 2024-2025 School Year – Nathan Lavallee
- Winter Coaches for 2024-2025 – Hilarie German and Jodi Woelagle as Elementary Girls Basketball Volunteer Coaches
- Game Workers for 2024-2025 Winter Season – Jean Lowery and Mark Watts

Roll call: Bukeavich-yes, Engel-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, and Rupert-yes; motion carried.

### **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

#### **PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY IMPROVEMENT GRANT**

Mr. Damion Spahr, SitelogIQ, discussed the \$1,000,000 grant that the district received from the Public School Facility Improvement Grant Program. The District must make a 25% match on the funds which will be \$250,000. The funds must be focused on HVAC or pieces of the HVAC system at the Junior Senior High School. It also must be items beyond the previously approved GESA project; funds cannot be used for already contracted work. SitelogIQ will work with district administration to develop a plan to use the grant funds and present it to the school board for approval.

Mr. Brigandi arrived at the meeting at 6:23PM.

#### **SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

Dr. Briggs provided an update on the school construction projects. At Central Elementary, there are paving issues being addressed with Hawbaker. The new gymnasium/cafeteria should be finished by Thanksgiving break. The second grade classrooms should be complete in February 2025. At the Football Field, bleacher work should begin within the next week and a half. At the Junior Senior High School, restroom and library work is progressing and work is being completed to move the guidance suite into a temporary location. For the future soccer/track complex, ELA Sports is working with codes enforcement to get through zoning issues. A draft agreement has been presented to the South Williamsport Borough for their review and comments.

#### **CELL PHONE FOCUS GROUP RESULTS**

A focus group was established to review the district's current policy and regulations. The focus group reached the conclusion that policy shouldn't be changed; but there should be clearer expectations set about permitted cell phone use.

#### **2025 BOARD MEETING DATES**

The school board reviewed 2 options of meeting dates and discussed that all meetings should be called regular meetings rather than work sessions. A final version of dates will be presented at the December reorganization meeting.

There will be an executive session following the meeting for legal advice related to student matters. No action to follow.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Bukeavich, seconded by Rupert. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:43 PM.

Attest

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Janie Mowrey". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

Janie Mowrey  
Board Secretary