

October 22, 2024

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order at 6:00 PM in the High School Auditorium by the Vice President, Steve Rupert.

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

Board Members Present: Brigandi, Hitesman, Lewis, Miller, Rupert, and Young.

Others Present: Jesse Smith – High School Principal, Kim Bollinger – High School Assistant Principal, Maria Pierce – Rommelt Elementary Principal/Director of Student Services, Dyan Frame – Central Elementary Principal, Bill Reifsnyder – Director of Buildings and Grounds, Eric Briggs – Superintendent, Jamie Mowrey – Business Manager, and Fred Holland – Solicitor.

Visitors: Matt Courter, Jess Watson, Matt Krach, Tara Stryker, Dustin Isenberg, Melissa Daily, Eric Gerber, John Peters, George Gerber, Shawn Millard, Erik Cawley, and Katie Caputo.

PRELIMINARY COMMENTS ON AGENDA ITEMS

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Eric Gerber – wrestling room location

ACTION ITEMS

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the treasurer's report from September 2024 was moved by Miller, seconded by Young. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-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 \$3,262,800.43, Food Service Fund in the amount of \$28,059.44, Capital Reserve Fund in the amount of \$81,559.76, GO Note 2022 in the amount of \$260,408.93, GO Bond 2023 in the amount of \$3,193,234.62, and GO BOND 2024 in the amount of \$369,976.00 as funds become available was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Hitesman. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024 and October 7, 2024 as written was moved by Young, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

CHANGE ORDERS

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

HVAC Contract (H-007)

- COR 012 – Provide Lintels for Phase 3 Wall Penetrations - \$1,431.00

HVAC Contract (H-007)

- COR 013R1 – Provide and Install Roof Duct Supports - \$5,815.50

General Contract (G-005)

- COR 006R – Complete Additional Floor Coverings - \$16,824.33

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

ELA SPORTS – ARMSTRONG TOWNSHIP PARK COMPLEX

A motion to authorize ELA Sports to take actions necessary in seeking zoning approval from Armstrong Township, with cooperation from the Borough of South Williamsport as Landowner, to construct a track/soccer field complex the current park site, owned by South Williamsport Borough, located in Armstrong Township was moved by Miller, seconded by Brigandi. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

HUMMER TURFGRASS AGREEMENT

A motion to approve the Hummer Turfgrass Agreement for maintenance on the practice football field, baseball and softball fields, and soccer field was moved by Young, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

BAYADA CONTRACTS

A motion to approve the Bayada Contract for School Nursing Services and Bayada Contract for Field Trip Nursing Services effective October 1, 2024 through September 30, 2025 was moved by Brigandi, seconded by Young. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

APPROVE POLICIES – FIRST READING

A motion to approve the first reading of Policy No. 113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities; Policy No. 113.2 – Behavior Support; Policy No. 202 – Nonresident Students; Policy No. 236.1 – Threat Assessment; Policy No. 254 – Educational Opportunities for Military Children; Policy No. 607 – Tuition Students; and Policy No. 805.2 – School Security Personnel was moved by Hitesman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Brigandi-yes, Hitesman-yes, Lewis-yes, Miller-yes, Rupert-yes, and Young-yes; motion carried.

EMPLOYMENT – INFORMATIONAL

Dr. Briggs accepted the resignation from Cherie Bowen from her Paraprofessional position at the Jr/Sr High School effective October 25, 2024.

EMPLOYMENT

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

- Stipends for 2024-2025 school year – Amy Vance and Rachel Knipe as Freshman Class Advisors at \$220 per person; rescind Stephanie Fay as Leo Club Advisor; recognize Hilarie German as Leo Club Advisor at a stipend of \$930.
- Mentors for 2024-2025 school year – Samara McLaughlin and Melanie Rojas (\$250 each) for McKenna Woodley; Mike Rodgers (\$500) for Angela Confair
- Long-Term Special Education Substitute – Courtney Arce effective October 23, 2024 through the end of the 2024-2025 school year at a rate of \$200 per day plus benefits
- Food Service Manager at Rommelt Elementary – Jenna Barton for 8 hours per day at \$18.55 per hour effective immediately in accordance with the South Williamsport Education Support Professionals Association Agreement.
- Guest Teacher Program through Blast IU for the 2024-2025 School Year – Charles Amer, Kelsey Hein, and Carissa Houser
- Certified Substitutes for the 2024-2025 School Year – Mary Geise and Bethany Marcello
- Winter Coaches for the 2024-2025 School Year
 - Boys Basketball: Rick Moser as JV Coach at \$3,685; Scott Lowery as 8th Grade Coach at \$4,795; Braydon Miller as 7th Grade Coach at \$2,764; and Nick Koletar as a Volunteer
 - Elementary Boys Basketball Volunteer Coaches: Jesse Manikowski and Paul McGinn
 - Girls Basketball: Gregg Anthony as JV Coach at \$3,685; Julie Anthony and Claudia Green as Volunteers
 - 8th Grade Girls Basketball: Rescind Gregg Anthony as coach at \$3,540, recognize Gregg Anthony and Aaron Green as co-coaches at \$1,770 each.
 - Wrestling: Tyler Watts as Assistant Varsity Coach at \$3,886; Chris Lusk as Head Junior High Coach at \$2,660; and Scott White as Assistant Junior High Coach at \$2,210
 - Elementary Wrestling Volunteers: Don Bower, Joe Engel, Luke Franzen, Shane Gephart, Sam Persun, Travis Rogers, Kris Runner, and Jessica Smith

- Game Workers for 2024-2025 Winter Season – Curtis Anthony

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

NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Briggs informed the school board that the District was awarded a \$1,000,000 grant from the PA Public School Facility Improvement Program Grant.

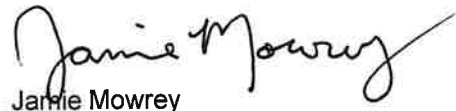
COURTESY TO THE FLOOR

The following individuals spoke about the following topics:

- Erik Cawley – band concession stand
- Katie Caputo – 3rd grade technology

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Young. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 6:27 PM.

Attest



Jamie Mowrey
Board Secretary