Regular Meeting SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Official Record

 January 4, 2016

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order this evening in the conference room of the Rommelt Building by the President John Engel.

The meeting opened with Silent Meditation and Pledge to the Flag.

Board Members Present: Bachman, Branton, Broskey, Fiorini, Pulizzi, and Engel.

Board Members Absent: Davenport and Anthony

Others Present: Dr. Mark Stamm-Superintendent, Kathy Furman-Central Principal, Dwight Woodley-Rommelt Principal, Jesse Smith-High School Principal, Bill Reifsnyder-Maintenance Director, Fred Holland-Solicitor, and Dennis Artley-Business Manager.

Visitors: Jeanette Green, Pam Reifsnyder, Tara Stryker, Mary Kay Bukeavich.

**APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of November 2015 was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of $1,028,166.14, as funds become available, was moved by Broskey, seconded by Branton. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Pulizzi-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS**

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of $88,610.87, as funds become available, was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Pulizzi-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of December 2, 2015, with two small changes, was moved by Branton seconded by Fiorini. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Mary Kay Bukeavich, from the Nutrition Group was at the meeting to provide an update of the cafeteria program so far this year. She stated that the Guarantee this year is to break even and so far this year that is about where we are. The breakfast participation is down 13 from budget, lunch counts are down 37 but Ala Carte is up $21 per day so far. She also provided the board updates on the Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act (HHFKA). Some changes they are working on are the labeling of Grab & Go Items and also Professional Standards for Training for all employees. Nutrition tries different concepts to try to introduce the students to better Nutrition information. These include Wellness Wednesdays, Taking Nutrition Global, Farm 2 Fork Program, and Youth Advisory Meetings. Some of the Promotional Events they have had to try to increase participation include Thanksgiving Lunch with Parents, Breakfast with Santa, Grandparents Breakfast, National School Lunch Week Celebration and a Rommelt Contest Giveaway. Some things new for 2015-16 include an Extended Breakfast Program at the High School and outside Chef Visits. The chef was here once and he is coming back in January.

**SUBSTITUTES**

A motion to approve the addition of Megan Fox to the Certified substitute list and Crystal Smith to the classified substitute list was moved by Bachman, seconded by Pulizzi. Roll call: Bachman-yes,

 Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**GUEST TEACHERS**

A motion to approve the attached list of guest teacher submitted by Blast IU 17 was moved by Branton, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried

**EMPLOYMENT LONG-TERM GUIDANCE SUBSTITUTE**

A motion to approve Kaitlyn Karney for the long-term guidance substitute position at a rate of $125 per day was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**ASSISTANT MUSICAL DIRECTOR**

A motion to approve Erik Homberger as assistant director for the Spring Musical was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Branton. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**HEAD TRACK AND FIELD COACH**

A motion to approve Chris Molino for the position of Head Track and Field Coach was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Broskey. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**EMPLOYMENT WINTER COACHES AND VOLUNTEERS**

A motion to approve the following athletic coaches and volunteers was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Branton. Elementary Basketball – Bill Schriner. Game Worker – Brady Sahm. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUEST**

A motion to approve the request of Scott Manning, to take the High School Key Club to the Annual Key Club Convention, on March 11-13, 2016, in State College, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Broskey. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**CHILD-BEARING/CHILD REARING LEAVE**

A motion to approve the child-bearing/childrearing leave request of Sarah Beth Ireland beginning Tuesday, May 10, 2016, through the end of the school year was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Branton.

Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**APPROVE POLICIES SECOND READING**

A motion to approve the following policies on second reading was moved by Branton, seconded by Bachman. Policy No 317 – Conduct and Disciplinary Procedures, Policy No 806 – Child Abuse, and Policy No 824 – Maintaining Professional Adult and Student Boundaries. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Fiorini-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried

Mr. Artley informed the Board on January 5 the state is sending the district over 4 million dollars of back subsidies due the district. This money is for the basic subsidy, special education subsidy, transportation, social security and retirement through December. The governor did sign the budget that was approved over the holidays but he significantly reduces the Basic Education Funding line item by about 50%. Going forward Mr. Artley believes the district will receive all subsidies we are owed with the exception of the Basic Subsidy which is next due the last week of February. The governor needs to lift his line item veto for the district to receive that money which would be about $865,000.

**2016-2017 BUDGET OVERVIEWS**

Mr. Artley told the Board we start with the budgeted deficit from 2015/16 of $307,085. Health insurance is projected to increase 8.25%, the retirement rate changes from 25.84% to 30.03%. These two items alone increase expenses over $300,000 which leaves a starting point deficit of over $600,000. This is the starting point for the Administration. Mr. Artley told the Board with these numbers, he felt he has no option but to recommend that the Board follow the early budget process and approve a preliminary budget in February and submit for any exceptions the District may be qualified to receive.

 **APPROVAL TO DRAFT PRELIMINARY 2016-17 BUDGET AND PUBLICALLY DISPLAY**

Mr. Branton made a motion to allow the Administration to draft a preliminary 2016-2017 budget, and publically display the budget as required by law, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Pulizzi-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**PERMISSION TO IDENTIFY AND SUBMIT EXCEPTIONS TO THE STATE**

Mr. Pulizzi then made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s request to allow the Administration to identify and submit to the State any exceptions allowable by law, seconded by Fiorini.

Roll call: Bachman-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Pulizzi-yes, Fiorini-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

 **BOARD VACANCY**

During the election in November, no one accepted open Board position in Region 2. The Board advertised seeking candidates from Region 2. Steven Persun submitted a letter of interest and was present at the meeting to be interviewed. The Board ask Mr. Persun a couple of questions and he informed the Board why he was interested in serving. Mr. Fiorini then nominated Mr. Persun seconded by Ms. Bachman. The roll call to seat Mr. Steven Persun on the Board was as follows. Bachman-yes,

Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Pulizzi-yes, Fiorini-yes and Engel-yes. Mr. Persun was approved to serve on the Board, pending being sworn in before a Judge before the next meeting.

**ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**

PIAA – no report.

 PTO - no report

The Board went into executive session after the meeting for legal reasons.

Moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Bachman that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Attest

Dennis A. Artley

Secretary