Regular Meeting SOUTH WILLIAMSPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT Official Record

January 25, 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 the Silent Meditation and Pledge to the Flag.

Board Members Present: Anthony, Branton, Broskey, Davenport, Fiorini, Persun, Pulizzi, and Engel.

Board Members Absent: Bachman

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

Visitors: Scott Hill, Pam Reifsnyder, Jeanette Green, Alisha Wein, Megan Wein.

**APPROVE TREASURER’S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer’s Report for the month of December 2015 was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Fiorini. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-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 $1,497,426.05, as funds become available, was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Davenport. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey -yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-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 $51,018.28 as funds become available was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Branton. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016, as written, was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Broskey. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

**SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

John Compton from Baker Tilly LLC was at the meeting to provide the Board a presentation on the 2014-2015 Audit Report. Most of his discussion centered on GASB Statement No 68 Accounting and Financial Reporting for Pensions. What this statement essentially means is that the district must state what our Pension Liability is as it relates to the total PSERS Liability for the whole state. Our district participates in the Public School Employees Retirement System along with about 800 other school districts and Intermediate Units. PSERS net pension liability as of June 30, 2014, was 39.6 billion dollars. South Williamsport Area School Districts share of this is $24,014,669. This is not a general fund liability. It is recorded in the long term financial statements. This liability is being addressed through PSERS rate increases that have been going on now for a few years and will continue long into the future. Becky Swales from Baker Tilly went over some of the historical data that was part of the audit. The actual 2015 revenues were $17,254,183 which amounted to $177,809 (1.02%) under final budget. Revenues were under budget due to a decrease in expected state funding. Actual expenditures were $17,475,069, or 98.5% of the original budget. The largest fluctuations between original budgeted expenses and the final actual amounts were the expenditure of approximately $52,000 from the increase in charter school students and approximately $120,000 for students attending the Blast Academy for Integrated Studies that originally was not part of the budget.

**2014-2015 AUDIT REPORT**

A motion to accept the 2014-2015 Audit Report, as prepared by Baker Tilly LLC, was moved by Broskey, seconded by Branton. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

# CONFERENCE REQUESTS

Moved by Fiorini, seconded by Broskey, to approve the following conference requests:

* **Sara Beth Ireland**, to attend New Coordinator Training to be held at Blast IU 17, sponsored by PAFPC on February 5, 2016.
* **Ann Neely and Lauren Reynolds,** to attend Math Design Collaborative to be held at Blast IU 17 on February 10-11, 2016, and March 21, 2016.

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**SUBSTITUTE LIST**

A motion to approve the following additions to the substitute list was moved by Pulizzi, seconded

by Davenport; Kelly Burtch-Certified

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**GUEST TEACHERS**

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

**OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

A motion to approve the following overnight field trip requests was moved by Fiorini, seconded by Branton.

* Stephanie Fay, to take Leo Club students to the Beacon Lodge in Mt Union, PA on April 22 – April 24, 2016 for a service project.
* Jennifer Kimball, to take FBLA students to the State Leadership Conference in Hershey, PA on April 11-13, 2016.

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUESTS**

A motion to approve the following out-of-state field trip requests was moved by Anthony, seconded by Fiorini.

* Jeanette Green, to take High School learning support students to Washington DC on May 12, 2016.
* Ryan Carper, to take 12th Grade American Politics class to Washington DC on May 12, 2016.

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**2016-2017 SCHOOL DISTRICT CALENDAR 1ST READING**

A motion to approve the 2016-2017 proposed school calendar, on 1st reading, was moved by Anthony, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-ye, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**MAINTENANCE AND CUSTODIAL JOB DESCRIPTION UPDATES**

A motion to approve the revised maintenance and custodial job descriptions as submitted was moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Davenport. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**PRELIMINARY ADOPTION 2016-2017 GENERAL FUND BUDGET**

A motion to adopt the 2016-2017 Preliminary Fund Budget in the amount of $19,036,945, was moved by

Anthony, seconded by Broskey. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**REVIEW OF POPULATION DISTRIBUTION IN VOTING REGIONS**

School board solicitor, Fred Holland recommends a periodic review of the distribution of population on each voting region to ensure that the community is equitably represented. The analysis found that the total population of the district is 9,285. Therefore, the “ideal region would have 1/3 of that, or 3,095 residents. We can be certain that Region 3 has 2,915 residents. It is reasonable to assume that each Borough region has approximately 3,185 residents. Therefore Region 3 deviated from the norm by 180 people or 6%. If the Borough regions are equally populated, each Borough region deviates by 3%. Even if each Borough Region’s estimate is off by 150, then one region might have as many as 3,335 residents which is a deviation of 9.3%. Based on this available information, it is recommendated that no changes be made to the boundaries of the three regions. Mr. Broskey made a motion that the regions remain the same seconded by Anthony. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Branton-yes, Broskey-yes, Davenport-yes, Fiorini-yes, Persun-yes, Pulizzi-yes, and Engel-yes, motion carried.

**ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS**

IU # 17 – no report.

PIAA – no report.

PTO – no report.

Moved by Pulizzi, seconded by Anthony that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Attest

Dennis A. Artley,

Secretary