

March 5, 2018

The regular meeting of the South Williamsport Area School Board was called to order this evening in the library of the High School by the President, Chris Branton.

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

Board Members Present: Anthony, Bachman, Bowman, Davenport, Miller, Molino, Persun, Page, and Branton.

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

Visitors: Dean Kriebel, Brenda Trimble, Michelle Finn, Pam Reifsnnyder, Selena Loiselle, Tara Stryker, Nick Fiorini, Melissa Stahl, Karen Conley.

APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2018, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Davenport. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE GENERAL FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the General Fund in the amount of \$1,180,462.02 as funds become available was moved by Persun, seconded by Anthony. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE CAFETERIA FUND BILLS

A motion to approve the payment of bills from the Cafeteria Fund in the amount of \$66,420.75 as funds become available was moved by Miller, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

APPROVE MINUTES

A motion to approve the minutes of February 5, 2018, as written was moved by Page seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS

FINANCIAL PROJECT UPDATE

Audrey Bear from Robert Baird & Co was at the meeting to discuss Financing Future Capital Projects. Audrey talked about debt obligation to fund a capital project. She stated that there are many regulations governing a school district incurring debt. A very important aspect is timing of the debt service. When the district would decide to incur debt, the Board should be prepared the following three ways:

- Obligate 5% within six months
- Reasonably expect to spend 85% within three years of settlement
- Proceed with Due Diligence

Audrey talked about the different roles and responsibilities of professionals that will be involved in the project. The following list of professionals will be involved:

- District Solicitor
- Architect
- Bond Counsel
- Paying Agent
- Rating Agency
- Bond Underwriter

She also talked about obtaining credit ratings from either Moody's Investment Services or Standard & Poor's Rating Corporation. She also talked about obtaining Municipal Bond Insurance for the project. She stated much time will be spent developing a financing plan. Some important factors will be Timing of Financing, Sizing the Borrowing, and Wrap-around structure vs. Level Debt Structure. She provided the Board with a timeline of issuing Debt. She stated it will take ten to twelve weeks to actually issue debt. In advance of that, will be a six month to one year process of conducting a feasibility study. Audrey then showed the Board the district's current debt both gross and net after state reimbursement. The district currently has gross debt of 1.8 million each year and net debt of 1.3 million after state reimbursement. Audrey then provided the Board with three different **what if** proposals considering future debt and considering current interest rates. These **what if** proposals were put together with the following information. The Board would be considering a wrap-around 10 million dollar bond issue in each of 2019, 2020, and 2021. We would lower our debt service going forward from 1.3 million per year to 700,000. The three proposals show the costs of debt service going through 2044. The Board asked Audrey a couple of questions and said thank you for bringing the new members up to date with the process.

SCHOOL SAFETY UPDATE

Dr. Stamm informed the Board that the District Safety and Security Committee met on Monday, February 26, to review implementation of the ALICE program. All district employees completed a web based E-Learning program in January and all employees completed active shooter response drills in February. Active shooter response drills were completed with the assistance of the South Williamsport Police and other county agencies. The committee also discussed how to train students in an age-appropriate manner with the ALICE program. Student training will occur during the week of March 12-16 to coincide with the National School Walk-Out to bring attention to gun violence in schools. Looking forward, the district is in discussion with the Borough for a shared resource officer and/or other types of building security staff.

PART-TIME CUSTODIAN

A motion to approve Morgan Bauder as a part-time custodian effective March 5, 2018, for five hours per day for the school year at a rate of \$9.00 per hour in accordance with the A.F.S.C. M. E. Collective Bargaining Agreement was moved by Persun, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, And Branton-yes, motion carried.

SPRING COACHES

A motion to approve the appointment of the following spring coaches was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman.

Track

Art Hengler – 3rd Assistant - \$1,671

Baseball

Zach Welter – JV Coach - \$1,671

Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

GUEST TEACHERS

A motion to approve the additional attached list of Guest teacher submitted by Blast IU 17 was moved by Persun, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

OVERNIGHT FIELD TRIP REQUESTS

A motion to approve the following overnight field trip requests was moved by Miller, seconded by Persun. Stefanie Fay to take Leo Club students to the Beacon Lodge in Mt. Union, PA on April 27, 2018, through April 29, 2018, and also for Jennifer Kimball to take FBLA students to the State Leadership Conference in Hershey on April 9, 2018, through April 11, 2018. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

OUT-OF-STATE FIELD TRIP REQUEST

A motion to approve the request of Ryan Carper, to take some High School students to Washington, DC, on May 18, 2018, was moved by Persun, seconded by Davenport. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Davenport-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Miller, seconded by Anthony. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Attest

Dennis A. Artley
Board Secretary