

December 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 at 7:00 p.m. by the President Chris Branton.

The meeting opened with a moment of silent meditation and Pledge to the Flag.

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

Board Members Absent: Davenport

Others Present: Dr. Mark Stamm-Superintendent, Dwight Woodley-Director of Innovative Learning, Michelle Loomis-Elementary School Principal, Kristin Bastian-Special Education Director/School Psychologist, Scott Hill-Assistant High School and Rommelt Principal, Bill Reifsnyder-Maintenance Director, Dennis Artley-Business Manager, Jamie Mowery-Assistant Business Manager, and Fred Holland-Solicitor.

Visitors: Pam Reifsnyder, Melissa Bradley, Christy Lusk, Scott Koser, Ellen Koser, Kathy Flerlage, Lauren Reynolds, Rebecca Swinehart, Melissa Stahl, Paul Anderson, Kent Young, Lee Bernstein, Pat Peltier, Theresa Summerson, Lorri Amrom, Katelyn Hibbard-Sun Gazette.

#### **REORGANIZATION**

Mr. Branton nominated Mr. Persun to be the President Pro Tempore for the purpose of reorganization seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes to elect Mr. Persun as President Pro Tempore.

Mr. Persun requested nominations for the office of President. Mr. Anthony nominated Chris Branton, seconded by Miller. All members present voting yes to elect Mr. Branton as President for the ensuing year.

Mr. Branton requested nominations for the office of Vice President. Mr. Miller nominated Mr. Anthony, seconded by Mrs. Bachman. All members present voting yes to elect Mr. Anthony Vice -President for the ensuing year.

#### **ADOPTION OF MEETING DATES**

A motion to adopt the School Board Meeting Calendar for 2019, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Page. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried

#### **APPROVE TREASURER'S REPORT**

A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report for the month of October 2018, was moved by Persun, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-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 \$1,270,846.61, as funds become available, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-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 \$74,713.97, as funds become available, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **APPROVE MINUTES**

A motion to approve the minutes of November 5 and November 19, 2018, as written, was moved by Persun, seconded by Bachman. All members present voting yes, motion carried.

Board member Mrs. Bowman recognized the members of the girl's tennis team for the outstanding year they just completed. They had a record of 21-1 for the season and were District IV champions. They were in the top 8 of double A schools in the state.

## **SUPERINTENDENT RECOMMENDATIONS**

Dr. Stamm recognized the first two honorees under the Million Mountie Lights Program. The first honoree is Teresa Summerson. She is being honored as the long-time girl's tennis coach but also your long-term work on the community park tennis court project. The second honoree is Pat Peltier. She is being honored for her commitment to our students for the last 16 years through her employment with Diacon but also into her retirement. She also led the formation of Mountie Quest.

## **CONFERENCE REQUEST**

Moved by Miller, seconded by Persun, to approve the following conference request:

- **Jenna McWilliams, Nancy Wirth, Lisa Arp and Lauren Reynolds**, to attend Advanced Phonemic Awareness sponsored by Blast IU 17 on December 5, 2018.

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

## **RESIGNATION**

A motion to accept the resignation of Holly Lyons, cafeteria worker effective November 20, 2018, was moved by Miller, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **APPOINT COORDINATOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION TRANSITION SERVICES**

A motion to approve the appointment of Kelsey Shannon as Coordinator of Special Education Transition Services with an annual stipend of \$750, was moved by Bachman, seconded by Miller.

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

## **EMPLOYMENT BUSINESS MANAGER**

A motion to approve the appointment of Jamie Mowrey as Business Manager effective April 5, 2019, with a starting salary of \$80,000, was moved by Miller, seconded by Anthony. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **EMPLOYMENT ACCOUNTANT**

A motion to approve the appointment of Robert Houseknecht as Accountant effective April 5, 2019, with a starting salary of \$45,000, was moved by Page, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **EMPLOYMENT WINTER ATHLETIC COACHES**

A motion to approve the employment of the following winter coaches was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Patrick West –Volunteer Varsity Basketball Coach, Nathan Miller– Volunteer Elementary Basketball Coach, Ben Butler – Volunteer Elementary Basketball Coach, Chad Quimby – Volunteer Elementary Basketball Coach. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-abstain, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **EMPLOYMENT SPRING COACHES AND STIPENDS**

A motion to approve the employment of the following spring coaches was moved by Anthony, seconded by Bachman. Paul “Smokey” Stover- Head Varsity Baseball Coach - \$4469, Scott Stugart – Head Varsity Softball Coach - \$3436, Kent Young – Head Boys Tennis Coach - \$3275. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **TENURE**

A motion to approve tenure for Lauren Reynolds who has completed three years of satisfactory teaching at South Williamsport School District was moved by Bachman, second by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried

## **SUBSTITUTES**

A motion to approve the following additions to the 2018-2019 substitute list was moved by Persun, seconded by Bachman. Tinamarie Munsell/Certified substitute, Serena Mausteller/cafeteria, Holly Lyons/cafeteria, secretary. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **GUEST TEACHERS**

A motion to approve the following additions to the guest teacher list was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. John Driscall, Jacqueline Engel, Randy Holmes, Edward Ullrich, and Cameron Watford. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## **APPROVE POLICY 916 SECOND READING**

A motion to approve second reading of Policy 916 Volunteers was moved by Miller, seconded by Bachman. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **APPROVE DISTRICT VOLUNTEER ASSISTANT**

A motion to approve Paul Anderson as a volunteer assistant at Central Elementary was moved by Anthony, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Persun-yes, Page-yes, and Branton -yes, motion carried.

### **APPROVE POLICY FIRST READING**

A motion to approve first reading of Policy 121 Field Trips and Policy 210 Medications as it relates to field trips was moved by Anthony, seconded by Persun. Miller made a motion to table Policy 121 Field Trips, seconded by Persun. All members present voting yes, motion carried. Policy # 121 was tabled. Roll call on Policy # 210 Medication was Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION OF DISTRICT POLICY 908 TITLE 1 PARENT AND FAMILY ENGAGEMENT**

A motion to approve school guidelines for implementation of district policy 908: Title 1 Parent and Family Engagement were moved by Anthony, seconded by Miller. The guidelines articulate how Title 1 will engage parents this school year. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **APPROVAL FOR TITLE 1 PROGRAMS**

A motion for the Board to provide its annual support for Title 1 programs was moved by Bachman, seconded by Persun. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **AGREEMENT MANSFIELD UNIVERSITY – EARLY START PROGRAM**

A motion to approve an agreement between Mansfield University and South Williamsport Area School District for the Early Start Program was moved by Page, seconded by Persun. The Early Start Program allows qualified high school students to take Mansfield University courses on-line, hybrid, or face-to-face formats and earn college credits while still enrolled in high school. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **JOB DESCRIPTION APPROVALS**

A motion to approve job descriptions for the positions of Business Manager, Accountant and Administrative Assistant to the Business Office was moved by Anthony, seconded by Miller. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

### **REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL POSITION**

A motion to approve the request to create a paraprofessional position with a starting salary of \$12.49 per hour for six hours per day was moved by Miller, seconded by Page. Roll call: Anthony-yes, Bachman-yes, Bowman-yes, Miller-yes, Molino-yes, Page-yes, Persun-yes, and Branton-yes, motion carried.

## FEASIBILITY STUDY APPROVAL

Four architectural firms were interviewed on November 19, 2018, about completing a feasibility study for the districts. The firms were as follows!

McKissick and Associates - \$18,485

Crabtree, Rohrbaugh, & Associates - \$12,500

EI Associates – No cost to the district with reimbursement of \$10,000 credit for a 2008 issue resolution on a previous project.

Highland Associates - \$34,450

Chris Branton went over the McKissick and Associates presentation.

Erica Molino went over the Crabtree, Rohrbaugh, & Associates presentation.

Greg Anthony went over the EI Associates presentation.

Nathan Miller went over the Highland Associates presentation.

After a few minutes of discussion about each of the presentations, Mr. Miller made a motion that the district contract with McKissick and Associates to conduct the feasibility study, seconded by Molino.

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

The Board had an executive session after the meeting for personnel and contract information.

Moved by Anthony, seconded by Miller that the meeting be adjourned. All members present voting yes, the meeting was adjourned at 8:10p.m.

Attest



Dennis A. Artley  
Secretary