

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
APRIL 20, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dan Wertz, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:35 P.M. in the Smethport Area Elementary School.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: McKean, Stratton, Simms, and Wertz attended in-person. Davis, Learn, O'Day, and Okerlund attended virtually.

Members Absent: Tronetti.

Administrators Present: Anderson, Benson, Dickerson, Kolivoski, London, Rounsville, Wagner, and Zona attended in-person.

Mr. DeLancey, Mrs. Woodard, and Mrs. Zeigler were also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wertz

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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Mr. Wagner introduced Mrs. Stake from the Nutrition Group to present the 2021/2022 cafeteria budget. Mrs. Stake presented the budget for next year's operations. She explained to the board the budget is based on worst case scenario with continuing COVID-19 concerns and uncertainties.

V. MINUTES

Moved by Stratton, seconded by Learn and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:

Work Session, March 8, 2021

Regular Meeting, March 16, 2021

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report for March 2021.

VII. BILL AND SALARY LIST

Moved by Stratton, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve the April 2021 Bill and Salary List with the exception of the asterisk items.

Moved by Learn, seconded McKean and carried unanimously to approve the asterisk items on the April 2021 Bill and Salary List (Avenanna Check #44058).

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. David E. London, Superintendent, shared with the board that the COVID-19 trend line has continued upward and we have started to see a couple cases at the Elementary School and the High School. He continued by alerting the board that McKean County is now in the substantial range and Smethport will continue to follow the attestation document and guidelines the department of education provided for school closures.

Spring Sports, Prom, graduation, and all extracurricular activities will all be subject to these regulations. Mr. London also notified the board that the National Guard will be conducting trainings in the area with low flying aircraft. He asked to board if there were any concerns with this information we received. The 21/22 Budget document was included in board packets; the redline budget outlines all of the changes that were made in the draft 2 budget. Mr. London stated the influx of money due to ESSER grants will increase our budget from approximately \$16 million to \$18 million in the 21/22 school year. The majority of the changes in the budget are to allocate grant funding using ESSER funds to address learning loss. The board was presented with the option to possibly add an autistic support teacher as the numbers from early intervention are growing. He stated we will need a plan moving forward to give the students the support they need. Mr. Learn questioned the need of the possible program now vs. what is needed down the road. Mrs. Anderson provided additional details on the possible program moving forward. Mr. London also shared the driver's education behind the wheel is a cut in the proposed budget. Mr. Stratton expressed concern about cutting the program and thinks the program is still needed. Mr. Wertz asked about the possibility of finding an alternative to hosting the driver's education program ourselves. Mr. London agreed the program is still a need and other program possibilities are an option. Lastly Mr. Wertz asked the question to confirm that grant funds will be used for positions rather than one time purchases. Mr. London confirmed that the majority of ESSER funds will be used to obtain teachers to help address learning loss.

X. OLD BUSINESS – None.

XI. NEW BUSINESS

(Any new hires under New Business are hired subject to the restriction that the hire will not be finalized unless all of the ACT 168 requirements relative to provisional employment have been met. He/She shall not be permitted to work with or have direct contact with children until all of the mandates of ACT 168 of 2014 have been compiled and the results are determined to be satisfactory to the District).

1. Moved by McKean, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to appoint the following as SSS Special Education Teachers for June 14th – 24th, 2021 @ per diem rate as per contract:
 - Jacey Forness
 - Brittany Ginkel
 - Shilah Hassek
2. Moved by Okerlund, seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously to appoint the following as SSS Special Education Aides for June 14th – 24th, 2021 @ per diem rate as per contract:
 - Morgan Causer
 - Colleen McClain
 - Victoria Vito
3. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Davis and carried unanimously to appoint the following as ESY Special Education Teachers for July 12th – 29th, 2021 @ per diem rate as per contract:
 - Jacey Forness
 - Brittany Ginkel
 - Shawna Wolfgang
4. Moved by McKean, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to appoint the following as ESY Special Education Aides for July 12th – 29th, 2021 @ per diem rate as per contract:
 - Morgan Causer
 - DiAnn Cox
 - Linda Fetter
 - Colleen McClain

5. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Learn and carried unanimously to appoint Karen Moses as a High School Summer School Credit Recovery Program Teacher for June 14th – July 1st, 2021 @ hourly rate of \$23.00 as per contract.
6. Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to appoint Ronda Wian as a High School Summer School Credit Recovery Program Teacher for June 14th – July 1st, 2021 @ hourly rate of \$23.00 as per contract
7. Moved by Simms, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to appoint Rebecca Busmann as a Temporary Year-long Substitute Aide to complete the assignment for the 2020-21 school year.
8. Moved by Learn, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to accept a Letter of Resignation, for retirement purposes, from Brenda Young effective June 8, 2021.
9. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Simms to accept a Letter of Resignation, for retirement purposes, from Sarah Newton effective June 11, 2021.
10. Moved by McKean, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to accept a Letter of Resignation from Bridgot Hernan effective July 1, 2021.
11. Moved by Davis, seconded by Learn and carried 7-0 to approve a job description for SASD Assistant Principal. Mr. Wertz asked for a roll call vote.

Roll Call Vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Learn, McKean, O'Day, Okerlund, Stratton, and Wertz.
No: None. Abstain: Simms. Absent: Tronetti.
12. Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean and carried 7-0 with one abstention (Simms) and one absent (Tronetti) to approve creating a SASD Assistant Principal position.
13. Moved by McKean, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve an Elementary Summer School Option Program as presented for July 6th – July 29th, 2021.
14. Moved by Simms, seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously to approve the Smethport Area Jr/Sr. High School Activities Account for the period ending March 31, 2021.
15. Moved by Learn, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve the Seneca Highlands I.U.9 General Operating Budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year in the amount of \$1,135,255. (Our share is estimated to be approximately \$30,982).
16. Moved by McKean, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve an agreement with CARE for Children for Occupational Therapy, Physical Therapy, and Speech Services for the 2021-22 school year (No increase in costs).
17. Moved by Okerlund, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve changing the Food Service Program from Seamless Summer Option (SSO) to Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) effective date retroactive to April 1, 2021.

18. Moved by O'Day, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve amending the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract with the McClure Company, originally executed on February 12, 2018. The amendment to be titled Phase 2 is not to exceed \$1,291,587. The amendment includes continuing work to improve the HVAC systems at Smethport Area School District facilities and will be paid for with Smethport Area School District Capital Improvement Funds. In addition, the Board authorizes the Board President to execute the amendment to the agreement upon final District Administration and Solicitor review and approval.
19. Moved by Davis, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve UGG SASD checklist for Sole Sourcing as presented.
20. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve the following addition(s) to the Substitute Teacher's list for the 2020-21 school year (pending proper paperwork):
 Kyle Lightner, Smethport, Emergency Certification
21. Moved by Simms, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve the following addition(s) to the Substitute Support Staff list for the 2020-21 school year (pending proper paperwork):
 Kyle Lightner, Smethport, Clerical/Teacher's Aide
22. Moved by Stratton, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve the HS Course Selection Guide for the 2021-22 school year as presented.
23. Moved by McKean, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve the AP Studio Art: Drawing Syllabus for the 2021-22 school year.

INFORMATION ITEM:

- April 18th – 24th is Administrative Professional's Week with April 21st being Administrative Professional's Day.
- DECA presented a brief overview of the program and the awards netted.
- 21/22 Budget discussion.
- ESSER Grant discussion.
- Nutrition Inc. presented on April 20th.

INFORMATION ITEM cont:

- The Board of Education will be given the following policies for first reading with subsequent approval in May:
 - #137.1 – Extra Curricular Participation by Home Education Students
 - #150 – Title 1 Comparability of Services
 - #626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance with attachments
 - #810.1 – School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers
 - #810.3 – School Vehicle Drivers

COMMENDATIONS:

- Congratulations to the following Students of the Month – Carson Dunn, Jr. High and Daryn Dalton, Sr. High.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Kelly Tarbox and the following Gifted students who competed and placed in the **High School Academic Virtual Quiz Bowl**: The Academic Quiz Bowl was held virtually on March 16th. We had three participating teams and our seniors took 2nd place.

Team 1: * 2nd Place

Kassidy DiDomizio
Parker Jack
Jordan Pavlock

Team 3:

Madison Faes
Jaidyn Goodman
Ruth Line

Team 2:

Brennan Donovan
Nathan King
Caleigh Wolosewicz

- In other news, Mrs. Kelly Tarbox gave us some insight on what's been happening with STEM: 4th – 6th graders learned about kinetic and potential energy and completed an investigation using rubber bands; K – 2nd graders learned about weather where K & 1st grade made windsocks and 2nd grade made kites; 3rd graders did the Egg Drop Challenge. The winners from the Egg Drop Challenge were Room 301 – Vincent Bailey, Samuel Benson, and Lucas Himes. The winners from Room 304 were Mathias Fontaine and Isabelle Tanner. Congratulations to Mathias and Isabelle for winning the Egg Drop Championship round.
- Congratulations to Braedon Johnson who was named to the I.U. 9 Wrestling League All-Star. Braedon won a district championship, finished second at regionals, and was a Super Regional qualifier at 126 pounds.
- Congratulations to Layne Shall who was named to the NTL Boys' Basketball All-Stars.

NOTE: Executive Session may be held between tonight's meeting and the next board meeting.

XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – GENERAL ITEMS

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XIII. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Stratton, seconded by Simms to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey S. Wagner
Secretary of the Board