

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
FEBRUARY 8, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dan Wertz, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:38 p.m. in the Smethport Area Elementary School.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Davis, Learn, McKean, O'Day, Okerlund, Stratton, Wertz. Mr. Wertz attended in-person and the other present Board Members attended the meeting virtually.

Members Absent: Shonts, Tronetti.

Administrators Present: Benson, Jordan, London, Rounsville, Wagner, Zona (Virtual).

Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. Anderson (Virtual), and Mr. Kolivoski (Virtual) were also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wertz

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None.

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V. REPORTS

Mr. London introduced the team from BWB (Dave DiTanna, Danna Isaman, and Kaitlin Giordano) who virtually presented to the Board the Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2020.

Ms. Zona announced that we currently have filled almost all of our Pre-K slots with 39 out of 40 students enrolled. She reported that she has the most remote learning students in 6th grade. The Elementary students were doing weekly themes this past month for the School-Wide Positive Behavior program. She also reported that Ms. Rosenswie's class was doing a special project to celebrate Black History Month. Also, February 4, 2021 was the 100th day of school.

Mrs. Anderson reported that our school was selected as a Tier 2 Targeted District for PASA testing and we will need to complete a survey to justify why our percentage of students taking the PASA tests is higher than the State's threshold percentage. She announced that ESY classes will be held from July 12th – July 29th on Mondays – Thursdays. And we are offering classes in June for compensatory services due to the Pandemic in helping students that have fallen behind to catch up on their work.

Mr. Kolivoski said it has been hectic in 2021. He said that the digital projectors that had been ordered came in late last week and he has installed them in 3 classrooms. He reported that there has been a slight uptick in support tickets, but it has not been excessive. He is looking forward to when Doug Rose is able to join our staff and help out with the backlog. He told the Board that the PETE & C Conference is proceeding virtually this year. He said that the principals ordered site licenses to allow our staff to view any portions of the conference recordings. They also will be used as part of In-Service training activities.

Mrs. Woodard reported that the Foundation will be holding a meeting in the next couple weeks to discuss the annual golf tournament and the craft fair to determine if they will be able to hold these events this year.

Mr. Rounsville announced that he is trying to stay ahead of the snow and the cleaning due to the Pandemic.

Mr. Benson discussed the proposed HS Summer School program to provide classes for HS students to help with learning loss during the Pandemic. He also reported that the Potter County Education Council is meeting with him next week to continue the plans for the Career Counseling program. He announced that some changes have been made to SAT tests and we are offering 3 AP tests for students.

Mr. London reminded everyone that we did qualify for the Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credits Program due to the 2018-19 test scores.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - The following items were discussed:

1. To consider approving the 2021-22 School Calendar Resolution regarding Public School Code 1502-District Approved Local Holidays designating five (5) additional Smethport Area School District local holidays.
2. To consider approving the SASD 2021-22 School Calendar, which incorporates the “official local school district holidays” as previously designated by the Board’s Resolution dated 2/17/21.
3. To consider approving an agreement with Sarah Colson, CRNP, effective February 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022 for review and approval of paperwork for Special Education Students eligible for the ACCESS program.
4. To consider Extended School Year (ESY) for Special Education to run July 12th – 29th, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. and a Summer School Session for Special Education to run June 14th – 24th (no Fridays) 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.
5. To consider approving the following policies:
 - Policy #103 – Title IX
 - Policy #218.3 – Discipline of Student Convicted of Sexual Assault
 - Policy #252 – Dating Violence
 - Act 84 – Compliance Update – Publication of School Director Email Addresses
 - Policy #626 – Procurement Updates – Pricing Thresholds for Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
 - ❖ The amounts reported in the most recent Bulletin on December 12th have increased for the new calendar year: the amount for purchases subject to public bid is \$21,300, and the amount for purchases subject to written or telephonic price quotation is \$11,500; effective January 1, 2021.
6. To consider the following Fall Coaching Supplemental Position(s) for the 2021-22 school year:
 - Cheerleading Coach (Fall).....
 - Cross Country Coach
 - Football Coach
 - Golf Coach.....
 - Volleyball Coach.....
 - Volunteer Track and Field Coach (for 2020-21 school year)
7. To consider hiring a Secondary Principal.
8. To consider naming Jeff Wagner as the District’s Alternate Member on the Seneca Highlands I.U. 9 Cooperative Purchasing Board.
9. To consider approving the Audit Report for the Smethport Area School District, as presented by BWB, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2020.
10. To consider approving a FMLA Leave of Absence from Victoria Vito to begin January 22, 2021 until February 4, 2021 and possibly intermittent days for the remainder of the 2020-21 school year.

11. To consider approving the following addition(s) to the Substitute Teacher's list for the 2020-21 school year (pending proper paperwork):
Steven Kloss, Lewis Run, Social Studies 7-12
12. To consider approving the following addition(s) to the Substitute Teacher's I.U.9 Guest Program list for the 2020-21 school year (pending proper paperwork):
Mark Clark, Emporium, Emergency Cert
13. To consider approving the following addition(s) to the C.L. McKeirnan Substitute Bus/Van Driver list for the 2020-21 school year (pending proper paperwork):
Colleen McClain, Smethport, Van
Barb Sherman, Crosby, Van
14. To consider approving the following addition(s) to the Aveanna Health Care Substitute Nurse list for the 2020-21 school year (pending proper paperwork):
Abigail Price, Smethport, RN
15. To consider approving a Secondary English Day to Day Substitute Teacher effective approximately April 14, 2021 through June 3, 2021.
16. To consider approving a Letter of Resignation from Harold Davis, for retirement purposes, effective June 8, 2021.
17. To consider approving a Letter of Resignation from Christian T. Mattie, III, as School Solicitor for retirement purposes, effective June 30, 2021.
18. To consider approving a Letter of Resignation from Donnie Shonts, Board Member, effective immediately.
19. To consider approving changes to the Athletic Health & Safety Plan for Spring Sports.
20. To consider approving a Discard / Bid list of items as presented.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- 19/20 Audit Report presented by BWB
- Opportunity Scholarship Tax Credit Program 2021-2022
- Budget 2021-2022 Governor Wolf

COMMENDATIONS:

- Congratulations to the following Students of the Month: Logan Christie – High School and Mara Ours – Jr. High.
- Congratulations to August Cox and Jordan Pavlock for being selected for Regional Band. They will be auditioning virtually for All State Band in February.
- Congratulations to Kassidy DiDomizio, Cadence Gamet, Parker Jack, and Matthew Nolte for participating in District Choir. All participants have qualified for Regional Choir.

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

Mr. Wertz announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters and will be continuing the discussion tonight after the conclusion of this meeting.

- IX. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – GENERAL ITEMS – None.
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- X. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Okerlund, seconded by Davis and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Jordan
Secretary of the Board