

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
MARCH 16, 2021

- I. CALL TO ORDER
Mr. Dan Wertz, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M. in the Smethport Area Elementary School.
- II. ROLL CALL
Members Present: Davis, Learn, O'Day (virtual), McKean, Simms, Stratton, Wertz.
Members Absent: Okerlund, Tronetti.
Administrators Present: Benson, Jordan, London, Rounsville, Wagner, Zona.
Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. Anderson (Virtual), Mr. Kolivoski, Mrs. Zeigler, and Mr. De Lancey were also present.
- III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
Mr. Wertz
- IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY – None.
Allegations regarding students or employees are to be provided to the Administration. They are not to be discussed in public. Speakers may be held liable for untrue statements.
- V. MINUTES
Moved by Learn, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:
Work Session, February 8, 2021
Regular Board Meeting, February 17, 2021
- VI. TREASURER'S REPORT
Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report for February 2021.
- VII. BILL AND SALARY LIST
Moved by Davis, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve the March 2021 Bill and Salary List.
- VIII. COMMUNICATIONS – None.
- IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
Mr. David E. London, Superintendent presented a preliminary first draft of the 2021-2022 General Fund budget.

Mr. Benson introduced the students of the month from the high school, provided some information on each of the students, and presented Ella Forquer, Senior High student, with a certificate. The Junior High student is Macy Smith, who was not in attendance.
- X. OLD BUSINESS
 1. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Learn and carried unanimously to remove from table the Agreement with Sarah Colson, CRNP, for review and approval of paperwork for Special Education eligible for ACCESS program.

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 Learn, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve an Agreement with UPMC Cole, for review and approval of paperwork through Sarah Colson, CRNP, for Special Education students eligible for ACCESS program.
2. Moved by Davis, seconded by Learn to renew VLN Partners as a Cyber School resource for the 2021-22 school year. Vote was 6-0 against renewal; Motion Failed.
3. Moved by Stratton, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve the healthcare insurance premium deposit rate increase of 13% for the 2021-22 fiscal year.
4. Moved by McKean, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve the following Fall Sports Coaching Supplemental positions for the 2021-22 school year: *The following stipulations shall apply to all supplemental positions and hires for the summer of 2021 and the 2021-2022 School Year. If the temporary work position, extra hours, season or activity is not completed, these positions will be paid on a pro-rated basis from the first date of student-involved activities/work until the end of the activity/work. SASD will consider any future guidance on supplemental pay that clarifies an appropriate direction related to paying supplemental positions for activities not completed.*

Assistant Cheerleading Coach - Fall	Denise Frontino
Assistant Cross Country Coach	Dan Zeigler
Assistant Golf Coach.....	Matt Bailey
Assistant Football Coaches (5).....	Colby Austin
.....	Jim Berlin
.....	Joel Lent
.....	Kevin Lord
.....	Ryan Yingling
Volunteer Assistant Football Coaches (4).....	Chad Alexis
.....	Tom Kreiner
.....	Jim McGuire
.....	Kolin Strawcutter
5. Moved by Learn, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve a Collective Bargaining Agreement with Smethport Area Educational Support Professionals Association for the period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 (21/22, 22/23, & 23/24).
6. Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve a MOU with Smethport Area Educational Support Professionals Association regarding the part-time status of Cafeteria Staff and extra hours for cleaning.
7. Moved by Learn, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to appoint Jeff Wagner as Board Secretary as of March 20, 2021, to conclude Mrs. Jordan's 4 yr term, at an annual stipend of \$1,000, pro-rated through June 30, 2021.
8. Moved by McKean, seconded by Davis and carried unanimously to approve an early dismissal on April 1, 2021, if the Student Govt. Canned Food Drive reaches its goal.

9. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Davis and carried unanimously to approve a Resolution regarding Cyber Charter School Funding Reform.
10. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve the following addition(s) to the Substitute Teacher list for the 2020-21 school year (pending proper paperwork):
 - Mindi Carly, Port Allegany, English 7-12
 - Tarah Rounsville, Smethport, Elem K-6
 - Cheyenne Wilson, Coudersport, English 7-12
11. Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve a High School Summer School Program to run from June 14 – July 1, 2021, Mondays thru Thursdays.
12. Moved by Simms, seconded by Stratton and carried 6-0 with one abstention (Davis) and two absent (Okerlund, Tronetti), to approve a Contract and Board Resolution with SHIU9 for Emotional Support Services for the 2021-22 school year.
13. Moved by Learn, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve a transfer from the surplus balance for the year ended June 30, 2020 of \$550,000 to the Capital Projects Fund.
14. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Davis and carried unanimously to approve a transfer from the surplus balance for the year ended June 30, 2020 of \$270,000 to the PSERS Designated Committed Fund Balance.
15. Moved by Davis, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve two (2) \$500 Wolfinger Family Fund Grants provided by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation for a total of \$1,000.
16. Moved by Learn, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve a Letter of Resignation from Brian Henry as a Temporary Full-time Substitute Aide effective March 5, 2021.
17. Moved by McKean, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to allow Administration to appoint a Temporary Full-time Substitute Aide, as they deem necessary, with subsequent approval in April.
18. Moved by Learn, seconded by Simms and carried unanimously to approve an Agreement with The Guidance Center for Project RAPPORT program services from July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2022.
19. Moved by Stratton, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve Kathleen Pearson as the only bidder on the 2002 Commercial Refrigerator in the amount of \$ 302.50.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Eric Petrazzio, McClure Co., GESA Project report possible second phase project ideas on 3/8/2021
- Preliminary Budget Presentation on 3/16/21
- SASD 21/22 Supervision Plan and Asst. Principal Position & Discussion on 3/16/21

COMMENDATIONS:

- Congratulations to the following Student of the Month – Ella Forquer, Sr. High and Macy Smith, Jr. High.
- Smethport DECA Club had 14 students qualify to compete in various events at the State Conference on February 17th – 19th, 2021. The following students placed in the top ten in the state of Pennsylvania in his/her chosen category:
 - Chase Burdick ~ Placed 8th in Accounting Applications
 - Jordan Pavlock ~ Placed 5th in Personal Financial Literacy. (If any of the top four placeholders decide not to compete, Jordan will move up to compete on the National Level.)
 - Kaylee Swanson ~ Placed 2nd in Female Business Model. (This is a state-only event, no nationals.)
- Regional Band and Regional Choir will be announced mid-March.
- Congratulations to Braedon Johnson who won the 126-pound Wrestling District Title in Clearfield during the District IX AA Wrestling Championships. Braedon pinned Brockway's Mark Palmer in 3:34 sec. Port Allegany finished second in team standings at the competition.
- Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball team who has qualified for the first round of the AA District Playoffs. The 7th seed Hubbers will travel to 2nd seed Coudersport on March 9, 2021. Unfortunately, the Hubs lost to Coudy and the team finished their regular season with a 9-9 record and consists of: John Adamoski, Chase Burdick, Brandon Higley, Tyler Howes, Richie McDowell, Trent Neff, Matt Nolte, Alex Ognen, Jordan Pavlock, Layne Shall, and Devin Williams.
- **Future City:** The Future City competition is an innovative award winning program that challenges 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students to better understand practical applications of mathematical and scientific principles by creating a city of the future and solving its problems. This year's challenge, ***Living on the Moon***, asked teams to design a futuristic lunar city and provide examples of how the city uses two Moon resources to keep its residents safe and healthy.
Participating Students:
 - Mara Ours
 - Haydn Riekofsky
 - Joseph (Jack) Sherry
 - Fisher Szuba
 - Engineer Mentor: Kevryn Boser-Dixon from the American Refinery Group in Bradford

The students won a special award: Best Power Supply System

- **Mock Trial:** The virtual competition, sponsored by the Young Lawyers Division of the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA YLD), bestows upon high school students firsthand experience with the American judicial system. There were 8 trials on Tuesday, February 23rd. The top four teams advanced to the playoff rounds which were held on Monday, March 1, 2021. The Mock Trial team won both of their trials in the district rounds held on Tuesday, February 23rd putting us as the top seed. For the semifinals we competed against Saint Marys and unfortunately we lost by a split decision.
 - **Attorney Advisors:** Mr. Tony Alfieri and Miss Stephanie Smith

COMMENDATIONS cont.:

● **Participating Students:**

12th Grade

Kyler Alexis – Attorney and Witness
Chase Burdick – Attorney
Kassidy DiDomizio – Witness
Parker Jack – Attorney
Jordan Pavlock – Attorney and Witness

11th Grade

August Cox – Witness
Ashley Day – Attorney
Nathan King – Timekeeper
Caitlyn Munsell – Witness / Timekeeper

10th Grade

Charity Lapp – Witness
Reilly Walker – Witness

Understudies

Brennan Donovan
Ruth Line
Caleigh Wolosewicz

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 safety and personnel matters.

XII. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD** – GENERAL ITEMS

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XIII. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Learn, seconded by Stratton to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey S. Wagner
Secretary of the Board