

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES FOR THE WORK SESSION
MARCH 8, 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, McKean, O'Day, Okerlund all attended virtually.

Simms, Stratton, Tronetti, and Wertz attended in-person

Administrators Present: Benson, Jordan, London, Rounsville, Wagner, and Zona.

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wertz

Mr. Wertz announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss safety and personnel issues.

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. REPORTS

Mr. London introduced Mr. Eric Petrazio, Account Executive of McClure Co., to present the savings results for the last year and some potential projects that ESSER funds could be used for.

Mr. Kolivoski announced that Doug Rose had started today, a week earlier than expected. Mr. Kolivoski stated the technology department is still playing catchup with the help desk tickets. Lastly, there was some concern as there were internet issues last week that interrupted online learners and some testing.

Mr. Benson presented the high school summer school credit recovery program. This will be a 3-week program in-house. Mr. Benson stated he will be preparing a budget and we could possibly cover the cost of this program with ESSER funds. The career mentor, Betty Swanson, will be starting around Easter once her training is completed. Mr. Benson also stated that last Friday, Mr. Dickerson was on site for the entire day. Mr. Benson provided the board the days the state testing will be completed in May (PSSA and Keystone). Lastly, the boys' basketball team has a playoff game scheduled.

Ms. Zona stated the elementary school will have testing in mid-May as well. She also discussed our on-line learners are at an all-time low this year and the in school attendance continues to improve. Kindergarten registration will take place at the beginning of summer. Ms. Zona reported to the board that the Pre-K program had a review, everything went well, and we have received our allocation changes for next year. She stated to the board that the mobile dentist and physicals will take place in April.

Mrs. Anderson let the board know 2 teachers will be testing when the PASA window opens soon. Mrs. Anderson provided the board with information from the Hershey Virtual Conference that she attended. Also Sherriff Woods and Chief Warnick were in the buildings and it provided an opportunity for the students to get to know them.

Mr. Rounsville has updated the high school water cooler to a bottle filler station. He also stated the elementary school had received four fillers today that will need to be installed.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS

1. To consider removing from table the Agreement with Sarah Colson, CRNP, for review and approval of paperwork for Special Education eligible for ACCESS program.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The following items to be discussed:

1. To consider approving an Agreement with Sarah Colson, CRNP, retro-active to February 1, 2021 – January 31, 2022 for review and approval of paperwork for Special Education Students eligible for the ACCESS program.
2. To consider renewing VLN Partners as a Cyber School resource for the 2021-22 school year.
3. To consider the healthcare insurance premium deposit rate increase for the 2021-22 fiscal year.
4. To consider approving the following Fall Sports Coaching Supplementals 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.....
 - Assistant Cross Country Coach.....
 - Assistant Football Coaches (5).....
 - Volunteer Assistant Football Coaches (4).....
 - Assistant Golf Coach.....
5. To consider approving CBA with SAESPA for the time period July 1, 2021 to June 30, 2024 (21/22, 22/23, & 23/24).
6. To consider approving a MOU with SAESPA regarding the part-time status of Cafeteria Staff and extra hours for cleaning.
7. To consider appointing Jeff Wagner as Board Secretary as of March 20, 2021, to conclude Mrs. Jordan’s 4 yr. term, at a stipend of \$1,000, pro-rated through June 30, 2021.
8. To consider approving an early dismissal on April 1, 2021, if the Student Govt. Canned Food Drive reaches its goal.
9. To consider approving a Resolution regarding Cyber Charter School Funding Reform.
10. To consider approving 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
 - Cheyenne Wilson, Coudersport, English 7-12
11. To consider approving a High School Summer School Program.
12. To consider approving a Contract and Board Resolution with the SHIU9 for Emotional Support Services for the 2021-22 school year.
13. To consider approving transfers to Committed Fund Balances and the Capital Projects Fund from the surplus balance for the year ended June 30, 2020.

14. To consider approving two (2) Wolfinger Family Fund Grants provided by the Cattaraugus Region Community Foundation in the amount of \$1,000.
15. To consider a Letter of Resignation from Brian Henry as a Temporary Full-time Substitute Aide effective March 5, 2021.

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 Students of the Month – Macy Smith, Jr. High and Ella Forquer, Sr.-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 playoffs. The Hubbers will travel to Coudersport on March 9, 2021.
- 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

COMMENDATIONS cont.:

- **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

- **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.

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

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.

X. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Stratton, seconded by Tronetti to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted

Jeffrey S. Wagner
Secretary of the Board