

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 11, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Bill Funk, Vice-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: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz.

Member Absent: Dennis.

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

Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Kolivoski, and Ms. Erin Eckerd of PSBA were also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Funk – Mr. Funk asked the public for a moment of silence after the Pledge for all of the Veterans who have made the ultimate sacrifice to make our American freedoms possible.

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 O'Day, seconded by Wertz to approve the following minutes:

Work Session, October 7, 2019

Regular Meeting, October 14, 2019

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Davis, seconded by Stratton to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2019.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

VII. BILL AND SALARY LIST

Moved by O'Day, seconded by Learn to approve the November 2019 Bill and Salary List.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

Moved by O'Day, seconded by Davis to approve the Capital Projects Fund Bill List for November 2019.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. David E. London, Superintendent

- School Board Member Recognition (Erin Eckerd, PSBA) – Ms. Eckerd recognized 4 Board Members for their years of service to the Board. They included Mr. Dennis, Mr. Funk, Mrs. O’Day, and Dr. Tronetti. She also thanked Mr. Dennis and Mr. Funk (24 years and 10 years, respectively) for their dedication to the Board over the years.
- One-to-One Program – Mr. London did a presentation along with Mr. Benson on the One-To-One Chromebook Program that will be instituted at the High School in January.
- New website – Mr. London showed the Board the new website that is now up and running.
- He also wished everyone a Happy Veteran’s Day and recognized those Board members who have served or have had a close family member serve in the Armed Services.
- Mr. London and Mr. Benson introduced the Jr. High and Sr. High students of the month, Faith Miller and Jordan Pavlock and their parents and congratulated them both. He also recognized Ethan Nannen who did an Eagle Scout project to repair several Veteran headstones and add some landscaping around them. A rededication ceremony was held in Rosehill Cemetery, and the Band and Choir performed.
- Mr. London briefly talked about the numbers for the Elementary and High School for the School Performance Profile which came in better than the prior year. More information will be provided to the Board on this subject at a later date once the analysis of the numbers is complete.

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 O’Day, seconded by Stratton to approve an Elementary Discard List as presented.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O’Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

2. Moved by Shonts, seconded by Learn to approve the following field trips for the 2019-20 school year:

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| Pre-K – Evergreen Park, Kane, PA..... | May 15, 2020 |
| Kindergarten – Old Red School House Nature Center..... | Shinglehouse, PA |
| Kindergarten – Larson’s Farm..... | Smethport, PA |
| 1 st Grade – Erie Zoo, Erie, PA..... | May 21, 2020 |
| 2 nd Grade – Sprague’s & SBU, Portville & Allegany, NY..... | March 3, 2020 |
| 3 rd Grade – St. Bonaventure Challenger Center, Allegany, NY..... | May 22, 2020 |
| 4 th Grade – Buffalo Zoo..... | Buffalo, NY |
| 5 th Grade – Maid of the Mist, Niagara Falls, NY..... | May 26, 2020 |
| 6 th Grade – Corning Glass Museum, Corning, NY..... | November 25, 2019 |
| 9 th Grade – Career Exploration @ JCC, Olean, NY..... | December 6, 2019 |

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O’Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

3. Moved by Davis, seconded by O'Day to approve the following addition(s) to the Substitute Teacher list for the 2019-20 school year (pending proper paperwork):
Brianna Scott, Smethport, Emergency Certification

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

4. Moved by Wertz, seconded by Stratton to approve the following addition(s) to the Support Staff Substitute list for the 2019-20 school year (pending proper paperwork):
Bethany Frame, Smethport, Teacher's Aide / Clerical
Katie Watson, Smethport, Teacher's Aide / Clerical & Cafeteria

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

5. Moved by Wertz, seconded by Stratton to approve the following Coaching Supplemental positions for the 2019-20 school year:
Assistant Baseball Coach Joel Lent
Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach Rick Austin
..... Brian Lawson
Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach Steve Nelson
Volunteer Assistant Boys' Basketball Coach..... Clay Schuler
Varsity "S" Advisor none at this time

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

6. Moved by Wertz, seconded by Shonts to approve a Medical Leave of Absence request from Rick Woodring from December 16, 2019 to approximately February 23, 2020.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

7. Moved by Shonts, seconded by Stratton to approve a Letter of Resignation from Suzanne Wallace, for retirement purposes, effective January 3, 2020.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

8. Moved by Davis, seconded by Funk to approve a Medical Leave of Absence request from Michelle Acker, for maternity purposes, from approximately April 16, 2020 to May 26, 2020. Sick days will be used first and then it will go into a FMLA Leave of Absence.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

9. Moved by O'Day, seconded by Wertz to approve an agreement to be a hosting site for Pitt-Bradford School Nursing Practicum.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

10. Moved by Davis, seconded by Wertz to approve Mr. London's Act 45 training and credit by attending the 2019 SAS Institute Building Strong Career Pathways at a cost of \$150 added to the conference costs.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

11. Moved by Learn, seconded by Shonts to approve a World Affairs field trip to Pittsburgh for two (2) high school students on November 12-13, 2019. Mr. Jack will be taking the two students, of which one is his son, on the field trip.

Carried by roll call vote as follows: Yes: Davis, Funk, Learn, O'Day, Shonts, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. No: None. Absent: Dennis.

COMMENDATIONS:

- Congratulations to Connor Alfieri on qualifying for the PIAA Class AA State Championships. He placed 13th in the PA West Region Championship. Connor placed 17th at the PIAA State Golf Championships two-day tournament. Great season!
- Congratulations to Heather Lawrence and Tucker Morgan for representing Smethport at the Flaming Foliage Festival on October 12th.
- Congratulations to the Jr. High Student of the Month – Faith Miller and the High School Student of the Month – Jordan Pavlock.
- Congratulations to the Boys' Varsity Cross Country team for being named NTL Champions for the 5th year in a row. Congrats and Good Luck to Jordan Pavlock and Ethan Nannen who medaled at Districts which qualified them for the State Meet in Hershey on November 2nd. **UPDATE:** Out of 216 runners, Ethan finished 86th and Jordan finished 120th.

INFORMATION ITEM:

- American Education Week is observed the first full week before Thanksgiving with that Wednesday being National ESP Day. National ESP Day honors and recognizes the contributions education support professionals make to public education. November 20, 2019, is *NATIONAL EDUCATION SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS DAY* ~ the day set aside to honor all the "other people" that provide invaluable services to our schools: bus drivers, cafeteria workers, classroom aides, paraeducators, secretaries, security services, and technical services.

INFORMATION ITEM (Continued):

- November 11-15, 2019 is also School Psychologists Week in recognition of support provided to students on a daily basis.
- The Student Council presented the Board of Education with an Appreciation Dinner tonight before the Board Meeting.

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

Mr. Funk announced that the Board held an Executive Session prior to tonight's meeting to discuss personnel matters.

- XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – GENERAL ITEMS – None.
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- XIII. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by O'Day, seconded by Shonts and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Jordan
Secretary of the Board