

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 17, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dan Wertz, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:40 pm in the Smethport Area Elementary School.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Davis (Virtual), Learn (Virtual), McKean (Virtual), O'Day (Virtual), Okerlund, Stratton (Virtual), Tronetti (Virtual), Wertz.

Member Absent: Shonts.

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

Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. Anderson, Mr. Kolivoski (Virtual), and Mr. DeLancey-Bradford Era (Virtual) were also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wertz

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

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V. MINUTES

Moved by Okerlund, seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously to approve the following minutes:

Work Session, October 5, 2020

Regular Meeting, October 12, 2020

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Learn, seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously to approve the Treasurer's Report for October 2020.

VII. BILL AND SALARY LIST

Moved by Davis, seconded by Okerlund and carried unanimously to approve the November 2020 Bill and Salary List.

Moved by Okerlund, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve the Capital Projects Fund Bill List for November 2020.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. David E. London, Superintendent, explained some changes to the Health and Safety Plan that the Board is considering later tonight. He announced that McKean County has entered the "Substantial" phase of community COVID spread. He reported that we are closely monitoring the situation in the schools. Based on our cases locally the intent of the District is to continue with in-school learning as long as we possibly can. He said that he has had extensive conversations with the IU9 school districts, Administration, the Board, PA Department of Health, and the Pennsylvania Department of Education, and he continues to revisit it on a daily basis. He also reminded parents that they still have the option to shift to on-line learning with the school district if they wish or are concerned with the number of confirmed cases. If

a parent is interested in that, they need to contact their child's principal. Lastly, he mentioned that the Department of Health announced additional mitigation orders today. He said he is very proud of the students and staff with mask wearing and social distancing.

Following the Superintendent's Report Mr. Benson presented the Students of the Month awards. The Junior High Student of the Month for November 2020 was Brianna Digel and the Senior High Student of the Month was Cadence Gamet. Congratulations to both of those young ladies.

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 Okerlund, seconded by Davis and carried unanimously to approve items for the sale / discard list: "My Math Materials" – Elementary K-6 Math books.
2. Moved by Learn, seconded by Tronetti and carried unanimously to approve a repository bid of \$500 from Patricia Miller for property located at 18 King Road, Mt. Jewett as presented by Tax Claim Bureau.
3. Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve extending the Seamless Summer Option until June 30, 2021.
4. Moved by Tronetti, seconded by Okerlund and carried unanimously to approve a FMLA Leave of Absence (self) for Colleen McClain for intermittent days throughout the 2020-21 school year effective immediately.
5. Moved by Davis, seconded by Learn and carried 7-0 with one abstention (Okerlund) to approve a Transportation Contract with C.L. McKeirman.
6. Moved by Tronetti, seconded by Learn and carried unanimously to approve updates to the SASD Health & Safety Plan as presented.
7. Moved by Learn, seconded by Tronetti and carried unanimously to approve updates to the SASD Athletic Health & Safety Plan as presented.
8. Moved by Okerlund, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve a MOU with Smethport Regional Youth Trap Team for the 2020-21 season.
9. Moved by Davis, seconded by O'Day and carried 7-0 with one abstention (Wertz) to approve a MOU with McKean County CYS Human Services regarding Foster Care Transportation.
10. Moved by Tronetti, seconded by Davis and carried unanimously to approve creating a Special Education Aide position for HS Emotional Support.

11. Moved by Learn, seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously to approve Linda Fetter as a HS Emotional Support Aide effective 11/18/2020 (pending proper paperwork).
12. Moved by Tronetti, seconded by Learn and carried unanimously to approve the following addition(s) to the Substitute Teacher list for the 2020-21 school year (pending proper paperwork):
 - Ryan Davis, Smethport, Emergency
 - Lori Edgar, Smethport, Emergency
 - Justin Tanner, Smethport, Emergency
13. Moved by Learn, seconded by Davis and carried unanimously to approve the following addition(s) to the Substitute Support Staff list for the 2020-21 school year (pending proper paperwork):
 - Ryan Davis, Smethport, Clerical / Teacher's Aide
 - Lori Edgar, Smethport, Clerical / Teacher's Aide

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 18, 2020, 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.
- The Board of Education will be given the following policies for first reading with subsequent approval in December:
 - #113.1 – Discipline of Students with Disabilities
 - #113.2 – Behavior Support
 - #113.4 – Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
 - #122 – Extracurricular Activities
 - #123 – Interscholastic Athletics
 - #123.2 – Sudden Cardiac Arrest
 - #214 – Class Rank

COMMENDATIONS:

- Congratulations to the Jr. High Student of the Month – Brianna Digel and the High School Student of the Month – Cadence Gamet.
- Congratulations to the Varsity Football team for being named Small School North Champs with an undefeated regular season of 5-0. The Hubbers beat Union/AC Valley in the D9 Class A Semifinals and advanced to the Class A Title game on 10/31 against 5-0 Redbank Valley. The Hubbers ended their season with a 20-6 loss to Redbank Valley. Great season to the players, Coach Jack, and all the other coaches that helped guide the team to the D9 Finals.

- Congratulations to both Boys' and Girls' Varsity Cross Country teams for going undefeated against NTL teams with 15-0 and 19-4 overall records. Jenna Gregory broke Tracy Woodring's 5K Smethport Course Record by running a time of 19:52. Districts were held on 10/31. Jenna won first place at Districts and qualified for States. Jenna is only the 2nd Hubber to place 1st at Districts, behind Brandi Colley, in Cross Country. Good Luck at States Jenna! **UPDATE:** Jenna finished 8th at States with a time of 20:49. Great Job Jenna!

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 tonight's meeting to discuss safety and personnel matters.

- XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – GENERAL ITEMS – None.
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- XIII. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by Tronetti, seconded by Learn and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Jordan
Business Manager