

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
NOVEMBER 4, 2019

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Members Absent: Dennis, Stratton.

Administrators Present: Benson, Jordan, London, Zona.

Mrs. Woodard, Mrs. Anderson, and Mr. Kolivoski were also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE - Mr. Funk

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

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V. REPORTS

Mr. Benson presented the Board members with a green handout on some of the new initiatives and some upcoming events at the High School. It included the Chromebook One-to-One Initiative, the Facebook page on our new website, the Future Ready PA Index, and some information on upcoming HS assemblies and the new DECA Club. He reported that the One-To-One Chromebook Initiative will begin after Christmas vacation. He also invited the Board Members to attend the Veteran's Day activities and ceremony planned for the High School.

Ms. Zona reported that in her preliminary analysis of the Future Ready Index results there is slow growth in all areas. She told them that we have a ways to go, but we are definitely moving in the right direction. She also spoke of the Veteran's Day activities in the Elementary classrooms that will occur next Monday. She told the Board about the First Grade Coffee Cart. There will be a picture in the Bradford Era soon. The first grade students are learning the operations of a small business, the handling of money and making change, and dealing with customers as part of the Career Readiness Initiative that the State is supporting at both Elementary and High School levels.

Mrs. Anderson provided the Board with an update on our current special education enrollment numbers.

Mr. Kolivoski reported that the new District website is live now. It was released today at 2 p.m. He also spoke of a new asset management system that is being used to track the Chromebooks and other technology assets and the maintenance logs on those devices.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS - The following items were discussed:

1. To consider the following proposed Elementary field trips for the 2019-20 school year:

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	May 22, 2020
3 rd Grade – St. Bonaventure Challenger Center	Allegany, NY
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

2. To consider approving the following addition(s) to the Substitute Teacher list for the 2019-20 school year (pending proper paperwork):
 Brianna Scott, Smethport, Emergency Certification
3. To consider approving 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
4. To consider approving the following Coaching Supplemental positions for the 2019-20 school year:
 Assistant Baseball Coach
 Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach.....
 Volunteer Assistant Basketball Coach.....
 Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach
 Varsity "S" Advisor or (2) Varsity "S" Co-Advisors
5. To consider a Medical Leave of Absence from Rick Woodring from December 16, 2019 to approximately February 23, 2020.
6. To consider a Letter of Retirement from Suzanne Wallace effective at the end of the day on January 3, 2020.
7. To consider an agreement to be a hosting site for Pitt-Bradford School Nursing Practicum.
8. To consider approving 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.
9. To consider approving a World Affairs field trip to Pittsburgh for two (2) high school students on November 12-13, 2019.

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. They will be attending our Regular Board Meeting next week.
- 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.

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.

- The Student Council will be presenting the Board of Education with an Appreciation Dinner on November 11th.

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

Mr. Funk announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight’s meeting to discuss personnel matters.

IX. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – GENERAL ITEMS

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by O’Day, seconded by Shonts and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Jordan
Secretary of the Board