

MINUTES

NOTE(S): The Board of Directors of the Sayre Area School District held an Executive Session that immediately preceded this combination work session and regular board meeting in the David Port Community Room at H. Austin Snyder Elementary School for the purpose of discussing personnel and negotiations.

Notice from the Board President: All votes will be roll call votes. All roll call votes will be by acclamation unless requested otherwise by one or more Board members including the Board President. In the absence of such a request and in the absence of a “nay”, “I object”, or “I abstain” by one or more Board members, all Board members present will be recorded as voting in the affirmative.

The Board of Directors of the Sayre Area School District began their meeting at 7:10 p.m. with the following in attendance: Debra Agnew, Kenneth Bentley, Ron Cole, Andrew Hickey, Kay Husick, David Jarrett, Peter Quattrini and Donald Skerpon. Absent: Rick Jennings. Administrators present were: Barry Claypool, Dr. Sherry E. Griggs, Dayton Handrick, and Michelle Murrelle.

- i. Redskin Spotlight Awards—None to report
- ii. Chair to recognize any resident or taxpayer of the school district wishing to address the meeting about
 - a. Title I or Title II programming?
 - b. Any matter of concern or interest properly raised in public session?

Tammy Ciavardini questioned why 9th period had been changed in the school schedule, and Dr. Griggs explained that it was felt to be more beneficial for students at a different hour. Tim Shaw asked if a junior high soccer coach had been hired. Mr. Handrick remarked that recruitment continues in that regard.

- iii. Presentation by Madison Romberger on her “Buddy Bench Project.” Madison presented the results of her Girl Scout buddy bench project. She has developed a video and information for teachers.
- iv. Appointment of Foundation Board of Directors

On a motion made by D. Jarrett and seconded by D. Skerpon:

RESOLVE THAT THE BOARD OF THE SAYRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT APPOINT THREE (3) FOUNDATION DIRECTORS. THE APPOINTEES ARE DEBRA AGNEW, RON COLE AND KAY HUSICK.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #1 carried.

I. Instruction

- A. Curriculum/Instructional Programs – no report
- B. Personnel
 1. Approval of 2017-2018 Substitute Lists

On a motion made by D. Jarrett and seconded by D. Skerpon:

RESOLVE THAT THE UPDATED 2017-2018 SUBSTITUTE LISTS BE APPROVED FOR USE DURING THE 2017-2018 SCHOOL YEAR AS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT A.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #2 carried.

2. Other—Dr. Griggs introduced Aislinn Benfield as a new secondary science teacher.

On a motion made by K. Husick and seconded by D. Jarrett:

RESOLVE THAT JOSEPH ROVINSKY OF DICKSON CITY, PA BE APPROVED AS THE HIGH SCHOOL ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL, AT AN ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPENSATION OF \$75,000 WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE AS ARRANGED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

On a motion made by D. Jarrett and seconded by P. Quattrini:

RESOLVE THAT RANDY FELT OF SAYRE, PA BE APPROVED AS THE ATHLETIC DIRECTOR, AT AN ANNUAL ADMINISTRATIVE COMPENSATION OF \$14,771.48 WITH AN EFFECTIVE DATE AS ARRANGED BY THE SUPERINTENDENT.

C. Students

1. Principals' Reports—Mrs. Murrelle announced that open house for Ready 4 and Kindergarten is Thursday, August 24, and open house for students in grades 1 through 6 is September 13, 2017. Mr. Handrick reported that High School orientation for 7th graders and new students is Wednesday, August 23, 2017. Schedules for students will be posted on Skyward tomorrow. Extra monitoring will occur at the Brock Street lot for bus arrivals and departures. The high musical dates have been set for November 10-12, 2017 and the fall dance will be November 18, 2017.

- a. Government Programs Update—no update

2. Other

II. Operations

A. Buildings and Grounds—Mr. Bunker reported that the buildings are ready for the first day of classes.

B. Finance—Mr. Claypool stated that a Finance Committee meeting will be held on September 12, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. Season ticket prices will increase this year from \$40 to \$50. The Committee will also begin work on a 5-10 year capital projects plan.

1. Financial Reports

- a. Transfers

On a motion made by K. Bentley and seconded by K. Husick:

RESOLVE THAT THE TRANSFERS LISTED IN EXHIBIT B BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #5 carried.

- b. Bills

On a motion made by K. Bentley and seconded by K. Husick:

RESOLVE THAT THE BILLS PAID/BILLS FOR PAYMENT LISTED IN EXHIBIT

C BE RATIFIED/APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #6 carried.

c. Treasurer's Reports

NO ACTION NECESSARY. SEE EXHIBIT D.

2. Tax Reports

On a motion made by D. Agnew and seconded by K. Bentley:

RESOLVE THAT THE TAX REPORTS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT E BE APPROVED AS RECOMMENDED BY THE BOARD SECRETARY/BOARD TREASURER.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #7 carried.

3. Other

- C. Community Relations—Mr. Cole stated that the Community Relations Committee will have a tent at Riverfront Park this weekend. There will be a free electronic recycling event on September 9, 2017, and preparations for homecoming activities are underway.

D. Policy Review

1. Approval of the Final Adoption of Policy #213.1—Test Security

On a motion made by D. Agnew and seconded by R. Cole:

RESOLVE THAT POLICY #213.1—TEST SECURITY BE APPROVED FOR FINAL ADOPTION AS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT F.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #8 carried.

2. Other

- E. Technology—no report

- F. Athletics and Recreation—Mr. Skerpon stated that a meeting date will be determined.

G. Personnel

1. Retirement of Bookkeeper

On a motion made by K. Bentley and seconded by K. Husick:

RESOLVE THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE RETIREMENT OF GERTIE KINGSLEY, BOOKKEEPER, EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 8, 2017.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #9 carried.

Note: Gertie has worked for the Sayre Area School District for eight years.

2. Other

On a motion made by R. Cole and seconded by P. Quattrini:

RESOLVE THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REINSTATEMENT OF STEPHEN SATTERLY, AIDE, TO A FULL-TIME POSITION, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 25, 2017.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #10 carried.

On a motion made by D. Skerpon and seconded by P. Quattrini:

RESOLVE THAT THE SAYRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVES A FILING WITH THE BRADFORD COUNTY ELECTION OFFICE FOR THE PLACEMENT OF A QUESTION ON THE UPCOMING FALL 2017 ELECTION BALLOT IN ALL ASSOCIATED ELECTION DISTRICTS FOR PUBLIC INPUT WHICH READS, "DO YOU SUPPORT A DISCUSSION BETWEEN THE SAYRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND THE ATHENS AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS TO EXPLORE THE POSSIBILITY OF A MERGER?"

DISCUSSION POINTS

- Knowing that this is a multi-year process, recognizing the sustained decrease in school enrollment, and having the potential to enhance the academic and extracurricular opportunities for our students, as well as other potential community benefits are the reasons for bringing this resolution forward now
- This is not a resolution agreeing to merge
- There is no timeline attached, and there is no pre-defined outcome
- This resolution has one simple purpose, to get an opinion from the public at-large as to the level of interest in the two districts beginning a discussion
- If there is public interest, it's simply to EXPLORE the possibility of a merger, the pros and the cons
- With exploration, a decision can be made to merge or not to merge - a decision to merge can also come in many forms—from being focused in very specific areas to a full consolidation of the two districts—facts that are identified during the process would drive the direction

On the motion 6 voted nay, 2 voted yea. Motion #11 not carried.

III. Miscellaneous – Mr. Claypool stated that the busing schedule was reviewed but not changed.

A. Reports

1. NTCC Report—Mr . Hickey reported enrollment at NTCC is 433 students which means the Center is at 95% capacity, and they have a new HVAC program.
2. BLaST IU 17 Report—there will be a leadership conference on September 12, 2017.
3. PSBA Report—T will be a rural forum webinar for PIAA on Thursday, August 24, 2017. The PSBA Conference is scheduled for October 18-20, 2017.
4. Board President's Report—Mr. Hickey thanked the Building and Grounds staff for their hard work preparing the facilities for students.
5. Superintendent's Report—Dr. Griggs remarked that staff will report tomorrow to begin

professional development in anticipation of the arrival of students next week.

IV. Adjournment—The meeting was adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Luchaco
Board Secretary

MOTION	1		2		3		4		5		6		7		8	
Roll call	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Agnew	X		X		X		X		X		X*		X		X	
Bentley	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Cole	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Hickey	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Husick	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Jarrett	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Quattrini	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	
Skерpon	X		X		X		X		X		X		X		X	

MOTION	9		10		11		12	
Roll call	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N	Y	N
Agnew	X		X		X		X	
Bentley	X		X		X		X	
Cole	X		X		X		X	
Hickey	X		X		X		X	
Husick	X		X		X		X	
Jarrett	X		X		X		X	
Quattrini	X		X		X		X	
Skерpon	X		X		X		X	

*abstain line item 76