

Regular Board Meeting
January 22, 2018

MINUTES

NOTE: Executive Session was held at 6:00 p.m. to discuss personnel and negotiation issues.

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 7:05 p.m. with the following members in attendance: Jeffrey Ackley, Debra Agnew, Ken Bentley, Ron Cole, Peter Quattrini, Don Skerpon and Erin Wayman. Absent: Dave Jarrett. Administrators present: Barry Claypool, Dr. Sherry E. Griggs, Dayton Handrick and Michelle Murrelle.

- i. Redskin Spotlight Awards none to report
- ii. School Board Recognition - Dr. Griggs presented School Board Directors with certificates of appreciation.
- iii. Chair to recognize any resident or taxpayer of the school district wishing to address this public session about
 - a. Title I or Title II programming?
 - b. Any matter of concern or interest properly raised in public session?

Dan Polinski, Sayre resident, questioned the district’s transparency in disseminating financial information and feels more information is available through the local news media. Ken Bentley replied that financial information is displayed on the District’s website, and that anyone is welcome to attend the school district’s financial meetings.

- iv. Approval of the Minutes of the December 4, 2017 Reorganization/Regular Board Meeting

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

RESOLVE THAT THE MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 4, 2017 REORGANIZATION/REGULAR BOARD MEETING BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED/CORRECTED IN EXHIBIT A.

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

I. Instruction

A. Curriculum/Instructional Programs

1. Comprehensive Plan – Mrs. Agnew stated that there will be a meeting scheduled for January 29, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. to begin work on the Comprehensive Plan.
2. Source4Teachers Status - Mr. Claypool stated that they are evaluating other options for staffing.
3. Other

B. Personnel –no report

C. Students

1. Principals' Reports - Mrs. Murrelle reported that reports cards will be distributed Friday and that staff had a productive in-service day recently. Mr. Handrick stated that Keystone Exams were taken again by some students. There is a Forensics Tournament scheduled for this Saturday, February 3, 2018, and Sayre High School's team has advanced to the finals of the Scholarship Challenge scheduled for on March 10, 2018.
 - a. Government Programs Update
 - b. Student Achievement Data - Mr. Handrick distributed PSBA's profile for the school district. The report featured percentages of students scoring advanced or proficient compared to the state averages.
2. Approval of FBLA State Leadership Conference

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

RESOLVE THAT THE FBLA STATE LEADERSHIP CONFERENCE IN HERSHEY, PA APRIL 9 THROUGH APRIL 11, 2018 BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT B IN ACCORDANCE WITH POLICY #231 – STUDENT TRIPS.

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

3. Other

II. Operations

- A. Buildings and Grounds -Mr. Bunker stated that the maintenance staff have been working to keep ice and snow cleared and the buildings heated.

- B. Finance

1. Financial Reports

- a. Transfers

On a motion made by K. Bentley and seconded by R. Cole:

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

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #3 carried.

- b. Bills

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

RESOLVE THAT THE BILLS PAID/BILLS FOR PAYMENT LISTED IN EXHIBIT D BE RATIFIED/APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #4 carried.

- c. Treasurer's Reports

NO ACTION NECESSARY. SEE EXHIBIT E.

2. Tax Reports

On a motion made by K. Bentley and seconded by R. Cole:

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

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

3. Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution

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

RESOLVE THAT THE ACCELERATED BUDGET OPT-OUT RESOLUTION BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT G.

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

4. Appoint Liaison between the Sayre Area School District and Berkeimer

On a motion made by K. Bentley and seconded by R. Cole:

RESOLVE THAT SHAWN MADIGAN BE APPROVED FOR AUTHORIZATION TO RECEIVE TAX INFORMATION FROM BERKHEIMER OF BANGOR, PENNSYLVANIA, ON BEHALF OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT, FOR OFFICIAL PURPOSES AS DESCRIBED IN EXHIBIT H.

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

5. Other

- C. Community Relations - Mr. Cole announced several dates: the Class of 2018 will host a family carnival event on February 3, 2018 and a bottle and can drive on February 10, 2018. Open Forest will be held on the first Saturday of March at the Satterlee Environmental Center.

D. Policy Review

1. Eliminate Policy #310 – Abolishing a Position

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

RESOLVE THAT THE ELIMINATION OF POLICY #310 – ABOLISHING A POSITION BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT I.

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

2. Tentative Adoption of Policy #311 – Reduction of Staff

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

RESOLVE THAT POLICY #311 – REDUCTION OF STAFF BE APPROVED FOR TENTATIVE ADOPTION AS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT J.

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

3. Tentative Adoption of Policy #808 – Food Services

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

RESOLVE THAT POLICY #808 – FOOD SERVICES BE APPROVED FOR TENTATIVE ADOPTION AS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT K.

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

4. Other

E. Athletics and Recreation

F. Personnel

1. Employment of Coaches

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

RESOLVE THAT THE INDIVIDUALS BE EMPLOYED AS COACHES IN THE CAPACITIES INDICATED FOR THEIR RESPECTIVE 2017-2018 AND 2018-2019 SEASONS PENDING RECEIPT OF CERTIFIED CONCUSSION TRAINING AND CPR/FIRST AID CERTIFICATIONS AS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT L.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #11 carried.

2. Retirement of Custodian

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

RESOLVE THAT THE RETIREMENT OF LUCILLE HATCH, CUSTODIAN, BE APPROVED, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 3, 2018.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #12 carried.

3. Reinstatement of a Furloughed Employee

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

RESOLVE THAT THE BOARD APPROVE THE REINSTATEMENT OF ERIN KRALL AS AN AIDE, RETROACTIVE TO JANUARY 8, 2018.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #13 carried.

4. Source4Teachers Addendum

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

RESOLVE THAT THE ADDENDUM FOR THE SOURCE4TEACHERS CONTRACT BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED IN EXHIBIT M.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #14 carried.

5. Other

III. Miscellaneous

A. Reports

1. NTCC Report – Mr. Cole stated that the NTCC approved their 2018/2019 Budget which is slated to represent an approximate 2.7% increase in cost to the District.
2. IU #17 Report –no report
3. PSBA Report - Mr. Cole announced that several events have been planned by PSBA including a member roundtable at Montoursville High School on March 9, 2018 and a proposed resolution regarding ESA vouchers.

4. Board President’s Report - Mr. Hickey recognized the members of the Scholarship Challenge team and wished them well during the finals. He also commended Mr. Claypool and his staff for their efforts during the recent financial audit process.
5. Superintendent’s Report -Dr. Griggs and Alice Bennett spoke about a fun day recently held at Snyder School involving penguins that included special snacks, esteem building and fun facts about penguins.
6. Special Reports – Mr. Hickey stated that applications continue to be accepted for the vacant board position before the meeting scheduled for February 12, 2018.

B. Resolution

On a motion made by D. Skerpon and seconded to D. Agnew:

RESOLUTION TO OPPOSE ESA VOUCHER PROGRAM BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE SAYRE AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #15 carried.

C. Grant

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

RESOLVE TO RETAIN ROBERT J. MILLER AND ASSOCIATES FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE SCHOOL YEAR FOR GRANT WRITING SERVICES.

On the motion all voted yea. Motion #16 carried.

D. Resignation of School Director Resignation

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

RESOLVE THAT THE RESIGNATION OF MR. DAVID JARRETT AS SAYRE AREA SCHOOL DIRECTOR BE ACCEPTED, RETROACTIVE TO DECEMBER 8, 2017.

On the motion, all voted yea. Motion #17 carried.

III. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debra J. Luchaco
Board Secretary

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| Skerpon | X | | X | | X | | X | | X | | X | | X | |
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