

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 10, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dan Wertz, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:39 p.m. in the Smethport Area Elementary School.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Davis, Learn, McKean, O'Day, Stratton, Wertz.

Members Absent: Okerlund, Shonts, Tronetti.

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

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

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wertz

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

Special Voting Meeting, January 6, 2020

Work Session, January 6, 2020

Regular Board Meeting, January 13, 2020

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

VI. TREASURER'S REPORT

Moved by Davis, seconded by Stratton to approve the Treasurer's Report for January 2020.

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

VII. BILL AND SALARY LIST

Moved by O'Day, seconded by Davis to approve the February 2020 Bill and Salary List.

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

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

IX. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

Mr. David E. London, Superintendent, asked Mr. Benson to introduce the HS Students of the Month. He recognized Kyra Shields – Jr High Student and Jeffrey McKeirnan – High School Student for their achievements, character, and positive behavior at the High School. Each received a signed certificate and had their pictures taken with Mr. London. Mr. London then informed the Board about a letter he had received this week from PDE that indicated that our HS was among the bottom 15% of schools in PA in terms of test scores. He explained that it provides the opportunity for any of our HS students to choose to go to another school that participates in the special scholarship program. He also said that we are required to send a letter out to every HS student in our District to inform them of the opportunity. He explained that

our test scores are moving up, but we have a long way to go to reach the proficiency levels expected by the State. However, he explained about several items that have been put in place in the last couple years, such as the Guided Reading Program, Reading Recovery, Curriculum Mapping and Alignment, the HS Block Schedule, and the Chromebook One-to-One Initiative. He told the Board that changes take time to realize the full potential. He said that we should not dismiss what we have tried until we give it enough time to measure its worth to our students. Mr. London reported that Governor Wolf released his budget this week and he continues to support education and some proposed increases in Basic Education and Special Education Funding. There are also two Cyber Charter Reform bills being discussed in the legislature and the Property Tax Relief continues to be discussed. Mr. London also reported that Mr. Petrazio from McClure Company will be coming to a board meeting next month to discuss and go over the energy savings that we have realized following completion of the ESCO project in 2018

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 Stratton, seconded by Davis to approve the following addition(s) to the Substitute Support Staff list for the 2019-20 school year (pending proper paperwork):

Stephany Kaziska, Smethport, Teacher's Aide/Clerical

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

2. Moved by McKean, seconded by Stratton to approve the following addition(s) to the C.L McKeirnan Substitute Bus/Van driver list for the 2019-20 school year (pending proper paperwork):

Bernard Caldwell, Smethport, Van

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

3. Moved by O'Day, seconded by Davis to approve the following addition(s) to the Aveanna Substitute Nurse list for the 2019-20 school year (pending proper paperwork):

Tiffanie McDowell, Smethport

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

4. Moved by Learn, seconded by Stratton to appoint Jaime Digel as an Elementary Part-time 3-hour Cafeteria Staff.

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

5. Moved by Davis, seconded by Stratton to appoint Angela Jeffers as Mentor for Shawna Wolfgang for the 2019-20 school year.

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

6. Moved by Davis, seconded by Stratton to appoint Latisha Howard as Mentor for Brittany Ginkel for the 2019-20 school year.

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

7. Moved by O'Day, seconded by Davis to appoint Karen Moses as a Teacher to provide services at the McKean County Jail during the 2019-20 school year.

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

8. Moved by Learn, seconded by McKean to approve a Medical Leave of Absence from Sarah Cheatle from April 13, 2020 to May 29, 2020.

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

9. Moved by McKean, seconded by Stratton to approve a list of Disney Chaperones as presented.

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

10. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Davis to approve the 2020-21 School Calendar Resolution regarding Public School Code 1502 – District Approved Local Holidays designating five (5) additional Smethport Area School District local holidays.

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

11. Moved by O'Day, seconded by McKean to approve the Smethport Area School District 2020-21 school calendar, which incorporates the "official local school district holidays" as previously designated by the Board's Resolution dated February 10, 2020.

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

12. Moved by Learn, seconded by McKean to approve up to a 3-hour early dismissal for students on February 14, 2020 if the Student Government Canned Food Drive reaches its goal.

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

13. Moved by McKean, seconded by Stratton to approve an agreement with Bonnie Scanlan, CRNP, effective February 1, 2020 – January 31, 2021 for review and approval of paperwork for Special Education Students eligible for the ACCESS program.

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

14. Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean to approve an Extended School Year (ESY) for Special Education to run July 6th – 23rd, 2020 from 8:15 a.m. – 11:45 a.m. on Mondays – Thursdays.

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

15. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Learn to approve a transfer of \$250,000 to the Capital Projects Fund from the unassigned fund balance remaining as of June 30, 2019.

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

16. Moved by O'Day, seconded by Davis to approve a transfer of \$350,000 to the Debt Service Committed Fund Balance from the unassigned fund balance remaining as of June 30, 2019.

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

17. Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean to approve a transfer of \$360,000 to the PSERS Committed Fund from the unassigned fund balance remaining as of June 30, 2019.

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

18. Moved by McKean, seconded by Stratton to approve a request from David London to take continuing education PILS credits in the area of Responsive Schools and Resilient Students during March 2020 at a cost of \$349 plus travel.

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

19. Moved by O'Day, seconded by Davis to approve a 2nd grade Field Trip request to Sprague's Maple Syrup Farm in Portville, NY, on March 3, 2020. This trip is funded by a Venture Grant.

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

- 20. Moved by O'Day, seconded by Stratton to approve an addendum to the contract with Seneca Highlands I.U. 9 for Internet Consortium Services at a cost of \$4,057.86 with an increase of \$806.40 to more than triple our bandwidth.

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

- 21. Moved by Learn, seconded by McKean to approve the 2020 Amended CTC Articles of Agreement with the Seneca Highlands I.U. 9 as presented.

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

- 22. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Learn to approve a Linkage Agreement between Sagewood, Inc. and Smethport Area School District.

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

- 23. Moved by McKean, seconded by Davis to approve a Letter of Resignation, for retirement purposes, from Patty Shick effective May 29, 2020. Mr. London thanked Patty for her years of dedicated service to the District, Staff, and students of SASD.

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

- 24. Moved by O'Day, seconded by Davis to approve the following Fall Coaching Supplement Position(s) for the 2020-21 school year:

Assistant Cheerleading Coach (Fall)	Denise Frontino
Assistant Cross Country Coach	TBD
Assistant Football Coach(es)	Colby Austin
.....	Jim Berlin
.....	Joel Lent
.....	Kevin Lord
.....	Ryan Yingling
Volunteer Assistant Football Coach(es)	Chad Alexis
.....	Scott Christie
.....	Jim McGuire
.....	Kolin Strawcutter
Assistant Golf Coach	Matt Bailey
Assistant Volleyball Coach(es)	Shannon Faes (JV)
.....	TBD (Jr.-High)
Volunteer Assistant Girls' Jr-High Basketball Coach (2019-20 SY)...	Amanda Davis

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

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- The following have met all requirements and have attained the status of Tenure:
 - Angela Lapp
- Margaret Hewitt's transfer request to the High School Part-time 3-hour Cafeteria position was approved.
- The Board of Education has been presented with the following policies and procedures for first reading with possible approval in March:
 - #150 – Title I Comparability of Services
 - #220 – Student Expression / Distribution & Posting of Materials
 - #913 – Non-school Organizations / Groups / Individuals
 - #233 – Suspension and Expulsion
 - #311 – Reduction of Staff
 - #333 – Professional Development
 - #335 - FMLA
 - #626 – Procurement Procedure– Federal Programs Attachment
 - #806 – Child Abuse
 - Safe2Say Procedures
- Mr. London announced that we had a snow day on 2/7/2020, and it would be made up on 2/17/2020.

COMMENDATIONS:

- Congratulations and good luck to Parker Jack who will be representing Smethport at Region Chorus at Corry High School on February 27th – 29th.
- Congratulations to the following Students of the Month: Jeffrey McKeirman – High School and Kyra Shields – Jr. High.
- Congratulations to Tyler Baldwin who competed at the CTC Skills USA Competition and placed 2nd in the Automotive Maintenance & Light Repair; and to Chase Trask for being part of the Quiz Bowl Team who took 2nd place.

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

Mr. Wertz announced that the Board held an Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss CBA negotiations.

XII. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – GENERAL ITEMS – None.
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XIII. ADJOURNMENT
Moved by O'Day, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Jordan
Secretary of the Board