

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
MAY 3, 2021

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dan Wertz, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:33 p.m. in the Smethport Area Elementary School.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Davis, Learn, O'Day, and Okerlund attended virtually. Simms, Stratton, Tronetti, and Wertz attended in-person.

Members Absent: McKean

Administrators Present: Benson, Dickerson, Kolivoski, London, Rounsville Wagner, and Zona all attended in-person. Anderson attended virtually.

Mrs. Woodard was also present.

III. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Wertz

IV. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – AGENDA ITEMS ONLY

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V. REPORTS

Mr. London introduced Sharon Montayne from Sweet, Stevens, Katz & Williams to present solicitor services for the upcoming year.

Mrs. Anderson informed the board that PASA state assessment requirements have been completed by life skills teachers and students and results are ready to submit to the state.

Ms. Zona communicated to the board that 6th grade students will be attending Elk Lick Scout Camp for 6th grade camp in the middle of June. Ms. Zona also let the board know about the planned 6th grade graduation June 2nd in the stadium. She stated that testing will be starting tomorrow and running through the next week. Lastly, Pre-K & Kindergarten packets are now available in the elementary office.

Mr. Kolivoski presented the May version of techbits that had just been released. He shared that the tech department will continue monthly techbits distributions after receiving positive feedback from many faculty members. Asset tracking and help desk system setup with Incident IQ has begun. The new software is expected to be in place for device collection at the end of the year. Also Mr. Kolivoski stated that the tech department has been working on automation for streamlining the process of creating new accounts to allow more time for other duties.

Mr. Dickerson shared with the board that he has completed 10 walkthroughs and has had a great start at the district. Mr. Dickerson also shared the busy schedule for year-end that includes activities such as prom, graduation, testing and finals.

Mr. Benson informed the board that senior awards night is planned to be held this year in person. Graduation is also tentatively planned to be held in the stadium so we will be able to accommodate all participants and guests. Mr. Benson stated that if inclement weather is a factor, the ceremony will be moved inside with limited tickets available. Any guest that does not have a ticket will be able to watch the ceremony via live stream.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – None.

9. To consider approving up to twenty (20) additional hours for each of the nurses, Mrs. Costa and Mrs. Colley for the summer of 2021 to implement the immunization requirements at their per diem rates.
10. To consider approving Shane Locke for Summer Technology help for up to 25 days total at a rate of \$125/day.
11. To consider the list of Seniors for graduation pending completion of all graduation requirements.
12. To consider a tentative Preliminary General Fund Budget for the 2021-22 fiscal year.
13. To consider the 2021-22 Seneca Highlands Career and Technical Center Operating Budget in the amount of \$2,344,744. (Our estimated share is \$210,943)
14. To consider approving the Seneca Highlands I.U.9 General & Janitorial Co-op Bid orders for the 2021-22 school year.
15. To consider a contract with Seneca Highlands I.U. 9 for Psychological Services at \$75.00/hour for the 2021-22 school year.
16. To consider approving a one-year renewal with Nutrition Inc. for the 2021-22 school year.
17. To consider the appointment of a School Board Treasurer for the 2021-22 fiscal year at a salary of \$1,000.
18. To consider the appointment of a School Board Secretary for the 2021-22 fiscal year at a salary of \$1,000.
19. To consider approving a ticket price increase for Athletic Sports for the 2021-22 school year.
20. To consider approving a 6th Grade Field Trip to Elk Lick Scout Camp for May 19th – 21st, 2021 for 6th Grade Camp.
21. To consider approving a FMLA Leave of Absence for Colleen McClain, for a family member, for intermittent days starting April 26, 2021.
22. To consider approving MOU's for Year-long Temporary Substitute Employees for the 2021-22 school year due to the pandemic.
23. To consider approving the following policies:
 - #137.1 – Extra Curricular Participation by Home Education Students
 - #150 – Title 1 Comparability of Services
 - #626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance with attachments
 - #810.1 – School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers
 - #810.3 – School Vehicle Drivers
24. To consider an agreement with The Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural PA.
25. To consider the appointment of the following for the 2021-22 fiscal year:

School Auditor	School Solicitor
School Dentist	School Physician

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- May 3: Presentation Solicitor Services – Sweet/Stevens/Katz/Williams
- May 3 – 7, 2021 is Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week with May 4th being Teacher Appreciation Day
- May 6 – 12, 2021 is School Nurses Week with May 12th being School Nurses Day
- May 10: Presentation Solicitor Services – Knox Law
- Keating Township Tax Collector, Sandra Vossler, will appoint Dawn Babcock as Deputy Tax Collector

COMMENDATIONS:

- Congratulations to the following Students of the Month – Kaylee Edgar, Jr. High and Joanie Waldeck, Sr.-High.
- Congratulations to the Seneca Highlands CTC National Technical Honor Society inductees who were inducted on April 22, 2021:
 - Hayley Durphy
 - Alexandria Norris
 - Brian Tanner
- The PA Envirothon Challenge was held virtually on April 14th. Students worked in teams of five and they were tested on the following areas: Soils & Land Use, Forestry, Aquatics, Wildlife and Current Environmental Issues. The McKean County Conservation District along with other PA counties are in charge of the event and put together all of the details for the event. We had two teams participate this year. Congratulations to our team made up of our seniors for taking 2nd place:
 - **Senior Team: Swamp Grass** – Kyler Alexis, Chase Burdick, Kassidy DiDomizio, Parker Jack, and Jordan Pavlock.
 - **9th Grade Team: Sassy Salamanders** – Brennan Donovan, Madison Faes, Jaidyn Goodman, Emily Higley, and Ruth Line.
- The Egg drop Challenge for 4th and 5th graders was completed. The 4th Grade team had four finalist teams: Team A consisted of Jacob Custer, Ava Raszmann, and Owen Szuba; Team B consisted of Wyatt Hungiville, Ayla O’Connell, and Cassidy Szuba; Team C consisted of Andrew Benson, Kenley Okerlund, and Mariah Tanner; Team D consisted of Trent Howard, Deater Martin, and Holden Smith. The results were:
 - 1st Place: Team D – Trent Howard, Deater Martin, and Holden Smith
 - 2nd Place: Team A – Jacob Custer, Ava Raszmann, and Owen Szuba

The 5th Grade team had four finalist teams: Team A consisted of Collin Furgeson, Tristan Lenze, and Olivia Rounsville; Team B consisted of Shayonna Chapman, Braxx Hogan, and Cameron Larkham; Team C consisted of Ethan Gifford, Beccah Henderickson, Jude Kisko, and Lillian Vandermark; Team D consisted of Faith Benjamin, Braiden Keech, and Thomas Wolosewicz. The results were:

- 1st place: Team A – Collin Furgeson, Tristan Lenze, and Olivia Rounsville
- 2nd place: Team D – Faith Benjamin, Braiden Keech, and Thomas Wolosewicz

COMMENDATIONS cont.:

- The PA Media and Design Competition is an annual event that highlights Pennsylvania students' application skills, creativity, and knowledge. Students are able to unleash their creativity, learn how to convey information more dynamically, and enhance the learning process. All competition deliverables were uploaded on April 15th for judging the following week. Top team in the division will move onto the state competition which is virtual. Congratulations to Brennan Donovan and Caleigh Wolosewicz who competed and will be moving on to the State Competition. Good Luck!

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

IX. PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – GENERAL ITEMS

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Stratton, seconded by Simms to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jeffrey S. Wagner
Secretary of the Board