

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
MINUTES OF THE WORK SESSION
JANUARY 6, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Dan Wertz, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order immediately after the Special Meeting at 7:36 p.m. in the Smethport Area Elementary School.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Davis, Learn, McKean, O'Day, Okerlund, Shonts, Tronetti, Wertz.

Member Absent: Stratton.

Administrators Present: Benson, Jordan, London, 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.

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V. REPORTS

- 18/19 Audit Report – Mr. David DiTanna and Mrs. Kaitlin Giordano of BWB presented the Audit Report for the year ended June 30, 2019.

- Administrators:

Mr. Benson distributed a High School newsletter to the Board. He reported that 288 of 348 students/parents have signed up and attended the mandatory meeting to begin the One-to-One Program, of which he is very pleased with those numbers. He also is having another makeup meeting on the program and hopes to get another 25 students signed up at that time.

Ms. Zona announced that the end of the first semester is coming up soon. Also near the end of January is the 100th day of school which is widely celebrated at the Elementary. She reported that the STEM Days will be continuing, and the numbers keep rising for the After School Y program.

Mrs. Anderson thanked the Board and formally recognized them to celebrate School Directors Recognition Month. She also shared a newsletter with the Board that highlights the updated Special Education enrollment numbers and some information on the PASA Assessment.

Mr. Kolivoski welcomed the new Board members and congratulated the new President and Vice-President of the Board. He discussed the One-to-One Program and reported that Bryan Nelson and DiAnn Cox have been a great help with this new program. He told the Board that 89 families have purchased the insurance for their child's Chromebook. He also mentioned that he submitted the annual PATI Technology Survey to the State in December and the number of devices has grown substantially with 353 Chromebooks and 70 iPads in addition to our prior technology devices. He reported that he did some Server and Network maintenance over the holidays when students and staff were not in attendance.

VI. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

VII. OLD BUSINESS – None. (Next week there will be Old Business added regarding the Trap Team discussion.)

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

The following items were discussed:

1. To consider the Smethport Jr.-Sr. High School Student Activities Account for the period ending December 31, 2019.
2. To consider approving the following addition(s) to the Substitute Teacher list for the 2019-20 school year (pending proper paperwork):
 Thomas Kerek, Kane, Emergency
3. To consider the following Fall Sports Head Coaching Supplemental position(s) for the 2020-21 school year:
 Head Cheerleading Coach (Fall).....
 Head Cross Country Coach
 Head Football Coach
 Head Golf Coach
 Head Volleyball Coach.....
4. To consider creating a teaching position for a new Secondary 7-12 Emotional Support program.
5. To consider appointing a Secondary 7-12 Emotional Support Teacher.
6. To consider appointing a Short-term Elementary Substitute Teacher from January 13, 2020 to February 28, 2020.
7. To consider appointing a Long-term Secondary Learning Support Substitute Teacher for the Spring Semester.
8. To consider appointing a Foreign Language “German” and ESL Long-term Substitute Teacher from January 10, 2020 until May 28, 2020 or to consider a purchase with VLN for 2nd Semester German Instruction.
9. To consider approving the Audit Report of the Smethport Area School District for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2019 as presented by BWB.
10. To consider approving the following policies:
 - Policy #224 – Care of School Property.
 - Policy #237 – Electronic Devices – Students.
 - Policy #708 – Lending of Equipment & Books.
 - Policy #814 – Copyright Material.
 - Policy #815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers, & Network Resources.

11. To consider approving members of the DECA Club to attend the PA State DECA Conference in Hershey, PA from February 19 – 21, 2020.
12. To consider approving the SASD Elem & HS as a site based mentoring location for Big Brothers & Big Sisters.
13. To consider a Repository sale of a property in Sergeant Township as requested by the McKean County Tax Claim Bureau.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

- Review 2020-2021 School Calendar.
- Sherri Swanson will be filling in for Mary Kay Peters, during her illness, as Hamlin Township Tax Collector until further notice.
- Mel Burt's request to transfer into the full-time Elementary Cafeteria position was approved. She began the position on January 2, 2020.
- Lead testing report for 2019.
- Mr. Woodring's Leave of Absence has been postponed from mid-December to possibly mid-January.

COMMENDATIONS:

- Congratulations to the following DECA Members who qualified for State Competition in Hershey in February:
 - Connor Alfieri – Sports and Entertainment Marketing
 - Kassidy Didomizio – Principles of Business Management
 - Anna Holohan – Marketing Communications
 - Parker Jack – Business Services Marketing
 - Braedon Johnson & Kolby Wilber – Travel and Tourism Team
 - Haley Leet – Restaurant and Food Service Management
 - Richie McDowell & Trevor Zuver – Sports and Entertainment Marketing Team
 - Jordan Pavlock – Quick Serve Restaurant Management. Jordan also won “The Outstanding Student Award”, “Best Role Play”, and “Best Test Score” at the District Competition.
- Good luck to the following Seneca Highlands Career and Technical students who will be representing Smethport Area High School at the Skills USA Competition in January: Cory Dart, Justin Gallup, Summer Tanner, Wyatt Yocum, and Sarah Young.

COMMENDATIONS (Continued):

- Thank you to the HS Life Skills class for decorating for the craft show and to the staff and students for helping to make this year's craft show a success.

- Congratulations to the following Students of the Month: Oliver Johnson – High School and Owen Holmberg – Jr. High. Justin Gallup, 3rd year Welding student, received Student of the Week at the CTC for the week of December 16, 2019.

Mr. Wertz announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to tonight's meetings to discuss personnel matters.

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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Mr. Bill Bailey answered some Board questions regarding the Trap Team proposal.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Learn, seconded by O'Day and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Jordan
Secretary of the Board