

SMETHPORT AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING  
JULY 8, 2020

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mr. Daniel Wertz, President of the Board of Education, called the meeting to order at 7:48 p.m. in the Smethport Area Elementary School. Mr. London apologized on the late start as Executive Session lasted longer than usual.

II. ROLL CALL

Members Present: Davis, Learn, McKean, O'Day, Okerlund, Stratton, Tronetti, Wertz. (These Board members all attended the meeting virtually, with the exception of Mr. Wertz who attended in-person.)

Members Absent: Shonts.

Administrators Present: Jordan, London, Rounsville.

Mrs. Woodard also attended in-person. Jerry McKeirnan, Bus Contractor, also attended the meeting in-person.

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.

Questions regarding the Health and Safety Plan were delayed until Mr. London went over those agenda item. The Public was given the opportunity to ask questions following his explanation and also in the second Public to Be Heard Section of the agenda. He felt it would be more beneficial for the public to hear the overview before they began their questions. All of them were fine with this.

V. COMMUNICATIONS – None.

VI. OLD BUSINESS – None.

VII. 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 Tronetti, seconded by Learn and carried unanimously to approve the 2020-21 SASD Health and Safety Plan for Returning to School for the 2020-21 school year.
2. Moved by Okerlund, seconded by Tronetti and carried unanimously to approve the 2020-21 SASD Athletic Plan (as part of the Health and Safety Plan) for returning to athletic participation July 9, 2020 and for the 2020-21 school year.
3. Moved by Davis, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of "Warranty Coverage" from Tremco, Inc. for the new roof replacement over the high school gymnasium and auditorium at a cost of \$14,920.92. The warranty coverage extends the remaining roof warranty 15 years (to 09/05/2038) and includes housekeeping and maintenance visits in year 4, 9, and 14 of the warranty. This will be paid for out of the Capital Projects Fund.

4. Moved by Davis, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve the purchase of Roof Restoration at a cost of \$223,526.52 for SASD Roofs CAF5, CAF6, Faculty Room, Library, Science Wing, and Canopies 1 to 5 from David Maines Assoc. Inc. via the NIPA Procurement Program. This roof system restoration includes a 20-year warranty for the roofs and on-site inspections and monitoring provide by Tremco, Inc. during construction. Expenses will be paid from Capital Projects Fund.
5. Moved by McKean, seconded by Stratton and carried unanimously to approve the replacement of sidewalk and edging at the corner of the Maintenance Yard in the High School gym circle by Clarke Contracting at a cost of \$11,000. Expenses will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund.
6. Moved by Okerlund, seconded by Tronetti and carried unanimously to approve Christian T. Mattie III, Mattie & Alfieri Attorneys at Law as the SASD School Solicitor for the 2020-21 school year at a retainer fee of \$4,500 and an hourly rate of \$140/hour for special work outside the retainer fee.
7. Moved by Stratton, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve "Wildlife and Fisheries Study" as a new elective science course at the SAJSHS as presented.
8. Moved by Davis, seconded by Okerlund and carried unanimously to approve an agreement, as presented, with Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services Inc. to provide services for the Student Assistance Program for the 2020-21 school year.
9. Moved by Davis, seconded by Learn and carried unanimously to approve the proposal to replace the entry door in the Tech Ed wing of the high school by Hallstrom Construction in the amount of \$8,118. Expenses will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund.
10. Moved by Learn, seconded by Tronetti and carried unanimously to approve Shane Locke and Doug Rose for Summer Technology help for an additional 30 days total at a rate of \$125/day. *The following stipulations shall apply to all supplemental positions and hires for the summer of 2020 and the 2020-2021 School Year. If the temporary work position, extra hours, season or activity is not completed, these positions will be paid on a pro-rated basis from the first date of student-involved activities/work until the end of the activity/work. SASD will consider any future guidance on supplemental pay that clarifies an appropriate direction related to paying supplemental positions for activities not completed.*
11. Moved by Learn, seconded by Tronetti and carried unanimously to approve a resolution (as presented) designating that the Health and Safety Plan shall be automatically amended or superseded by any applicable statute or order of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania affecting its requirements and accounting for the two orders currently in effect regarding wearing of face coverings in school and at activities, and quarantine guidelines for individuals traveling out of state.
12. Moved by Davis, seconded by McKean and carried unanimously to approve a resolution (as presented) designating that the Athletic Health and Safety Plan shall be automatically amended or superseded by any applicable statute or order of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania affecting its requirements and accounting for the two orders currently in effect regarding wearing of face coverings in school and at activities, and quarantine guidelines for individuals traveling out of state.
13. Moved by Stratton, seconded by Davis and carried unanimously to approve a proposal to paint the high school gymnasium by Rob Cosper, painting contractor, at a cost of \$3,000 for labor only. (Expenses will be paid from the General Fund and the paint and materials will be purchased directly by the school district for the project.)

14. Moved by Okerlund, seconded by Tronetti and carried unanimously to approve a proposal to purchase new cafeteria tables for the high school from P.E.M. Co. at a cost of \$35,265.16, Costars pricing. (Expenses will be paid from the Capital Projects Fund)

**INFORMATION ITEM:**

Mr. London announced meeting dates for virtual and live informational meetings to discuss and ask questions about the District's Health and Safety Plan for the school year. They will be held on July 13, 2020 – Live presentation at 6 p.m. in the HS Auditorium. Social Distancing and Masks are required. Also on July 13, 2020 will be a virtual discussion at 3 p.m.

A live meeting will be held again on July 28<sup>th</sup> in the HS Auditorium at 6 p.m., and a virtual meeting will be held on July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m. Attendance will be limited, so reservations are required. If more meetings are needed to accommodate the interested community members, other meetings will be scheduled.

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

**Mr. Wertz** announced that the Board met in Executive Session prior to the meeting to discuss personnel matters.

VIII. **PUBLIC TO BE HEARD – GENERAL ITEMS**

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.

Mr. Travis Smith, a parent of Elementary students, did not feel that students should be forced to wear masks upon their return to school. But he felt masks should be provided to students, even though he did not believe that they filter the COVID-19 coronavirus. He asked many questions and told the Board he doesn't want his children to have to wear masks in school.

Another parent, Heather Doutt also had a couple questions about the number of students that would eat in the cafeteria at the same time. She also felt parents need to be allowed to attend their child's sporting events as spectators, if athletic competitions are going to occur. She also had some other questions about our plan.

Marla McKeirnan, a Smethport resident, also had a question or two about the plan.

IX. **ADJOURNMENT**

Moved by Davis, seconded by Okerlund and carried unanimously to adjourn the meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Susan M. Jordan  
Secretary of the Board