

**REGULAR MEETING**

**September 19, 2023**

Meeting was called to order at 7:38 p.m. with moment of silent meditation and salute to the flag.

**Agenda Review:** 11 E 4 – Use of Facilities

Mrs. Norris moved that item 11 E 5 Appointment of Part-Time Paraprofessional be added to the September 19, 2023 agenda. Mr. Postles seconded. Motion carried all members voting in the affirmative.

**Roll Call:**

Members present: Barry England, Ben Postles, Lois Brenneman, Jill Norris (phone), Jimmy Grager, Austin McMonagle, and Patty Kensinger

Members absent: Adam Hileman and Carlee Ranalli

Others present: Lisa Murgas, Jennifer Frederick, Jennifer Metzler, Natalie Gorsuch, Joe Detwiler, Amanda Owens and Raegan LeCrone

**Executive Session Announcement** – An Executive Session was held during the Committee of the Whole Meeting on September 19, 2023 from 7:05 – 7:20pm for personnel and school safety purposes.

**Minutes**

Mrs. Kensinger moved that the minutes of the Committee of the Whole Meeting August 15, 2023, and Regular Board Meeting of August 15, 2023 be approved and filed for audit. Seconded by Mr. McMonagle. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

**Citizens’ Forum - None**

**Treasurer’s Report**

Mr. Postles moved that the Treasurer’s Report for August 2023 be accepted and filed for audit. Seconded by Mr. Grager. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

**Treasurer's Report**

**August 2023**

Balance August 1, 2023	\$	1,789,377.13
Receipts -August 2023	+	<u>1,361,379.02</u>
	\$	3,150,756.15
Disbursements -August 2023	-	<u>537,714.36</u>
Balance August 31, 2023	\$	<b>2,613,041.79</b>
9 Month CD	\$	<b>1,500,000.00</b>
CAPITAL RESERVE		<b>\$256,582.44</b>
* Interest	\$	7,704.57
Delinquent P.C. Tax	\$	31.50
Delinquent Real Estate Tax	\$	12,881.25
Local Reality Transfer Tax	\$	1,756.43
Local Services Tax	\$	1,011.06
P.C. Tax	\$	5,154.80
Real Estate Tax	\$	440,285.62

**Commonwealth of PA**

Basic Education Subsidy	\$	606,731.00
Property Tax Relief	\$	128,667.00
SD Special Ed (2022-2023)	\$	64,328.00
SD Transportation	\$	31,341.63
Social Security	\$	41,020.17
Vocational Ed	\$	5,275.00

**Credits**

Hospital Ins - Retirees	\$	552.06
Chromebook Insurance/Repairs	\$	2,700.00
Vendor overpayment refund	\$	12.56
Raystown Fuel Reimb	\$	1,213.25
Jump Rope for Heart (AHA)	\$	200.00
municipal purchases	\$	331.00
ACCESS	\$	578.50
ACCESS		1,251.08
PURTA		16,057.11

**Athletic and General Fund Bills**

Mr. Postles moved that the Athletic Fund bills in the amount of \$175.00 and General Fund bills as listed be approved. Seconded by Mrs. Kensinger. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

**Athletic Fund**

Bellwood Volleyball Boosters	Varsity Volleyball Tournament	\$175.00
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**General Fund**

Check Number 13531 to Check Number 13591 in the amount of \$108,216.48.  
(See attached Listing)

**Financial Reports**

Mrs. Kensinger moved that the following Financial Reports for August 2023 be accepted and filed for audit. Seconded by Mrs. Norris. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

Athletic Fund	Student Activities Fund
Budget Report	Cafeteria

**Information Report**

- A. Superintendent: Mrs. Murgas discussed (1) Beginning of the Year (2) New Students (3) Pre-K and Head Start (4) FBI Threat Assessment (5) Nutrition Presentation
- B. Elementary: Mrs. Metzler reported on (1) Beginning of Year (2) Assessments and Benchmark Testing (3) PTO Fundraiser (4) Link-It Assessment Training (5) Safe to Say Assembly (6) Bullying Assembly
- C. Secondary: Mrs. Frederick reported on (1) Clubs & Events (2) Leadership Blair County (3) Senior Volleyball (4) Benchmark Testing (5) Apparel Sale (6) Custodial and Maintenance (7) Homecoming (8) JH Football Home Game
- D. Guidance – Mrs. Loose
- E. Nurse – Mrs. Ebersole
- F. Technology – In-Shore Technology
- G. Facilities – Mr. Mingle

## **Board Reports**

A. GACTC –Dr. Ranalli was not in attendance.

## **PSBA Officer Election**

Mr. Postles moved that the that the following candidates be elected as PSBA Officers in the 2024 election. Seconded by Mrs. Kensinger. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

President – Allison Mathis

Vice President – Sabrina Backer

Treasurer – Karen Beck Pooley

Forum Steering Committee – Betsey Gates, JaimeLynn Zimerofsky & Bethanne Zeigler

## **Approval of Title I School Wide Plan**

Mr. Grager moved that the Board approve the Title I School Wide Plan, as presented. Seconded by Mrs. Kensinger. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

## **Use of Space Agreement with Child Advocates of Blair County**

Mrs. Kensinger moved that the Board approve Use of Space Agreement with Child Advocates of Blair County through June, 30, 2024. Seconded by Mr. McMonagle. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

## **Evolution Counseling Service Agreement**

Mr. Postles moved that the Board approve the Evolution Counseling Service Agreement to provide a district Social Worker for the 2023-24 school year, at a cost of \$66,319.68. Seconded by Mr. Grager. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

## **Unpaid Leave Request - J. Stover**

Mr. McMonagle moved that the Board approve Julia Stover's leave without pay request for September 21-22, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Postles. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

## **Field Trip Requests**

Mr. Postles moved that Board approve following field trip requests be approved as presented. Seconded by Mr. McMonagle. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

R. Bechtel	10/5/2023	35 FFA students to the Blair County Land Judging Competition, at a cost of \$285.92 (trans & sub).
R. Bechtel	10/3/2023	9 FFA students to the Pennsylvania FFA Fall Leadership Conference at the Blair County Convention Center, at a cost of \$218.20 (sub & trans)
R. Bechtel	10/12/2023	5 FFA Chapter Officers to Greenwood High School in Millerstown, PA for the South Central FFA Chapter Officers Leadership Night, at a cost of \$212.80. (trans)
A. Detwiler	Fall 2023 TBD	Take 26 Resource Management students to Biddle's Brewing as part to the Entrepreneur Unit, at no cost to the district.
A. Detwiler	October 2023	6 Family and Consumer Science students to the Williamsburg Dollar Store, at no cost to the district.
C. Loose	November/ December 2023	40 9th grade students to the GACTC for a tour, at a cost of \$ 143.43(trans).

C. Loose	11/15/2023	31 Junior students to the Altoona Fieldhouse to attend the post high school opportunity fair, at a cost of \$128.02. (trans)
C. Ebersole & C. Loose	10/19/2023	9 students to attend Health Quest Program at Mount Aloysius, at cost \$254.80 (trans & sub)
K. Over	October 3, 9, 18, 2023	6 students to participate in Quiz Bowl competitions this fall at the Altoona IU8, at a cost of \$779.60 (trans & sub).
K.Moushlian T. Totillo	10/6/2023	36 Kindergarten students to JB Tree Farm, at no cost to the district.

### **Substitute Nurse**

Mr. Grager moved that the Board approve the Elizabeth Hileman as a substitute nurse for the 2023-24 school year, pending clearances. Seconded by Mr. McMonagle. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

### **Resignation - Varsity Cheerleading Coach - Melissa McGee**

Mr. Postles moved that Board approve Melissa McGee's resignation as Varsity Cheerleading Coach, effective immediately. Seconded by Mrs. Kensinger. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

### **Resignation - Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach - Timothy Campbell**

Mr. Grager moved that Board approve Timothy Campbell's resignation as Assistant Varsity Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach, effective immediately. Seconded by Mrs. Kensinger. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

### **Appointment - Assistant Varsity Girls' Basketball Coach**

Mrs. Kensinger moved that Board appoint Carrie Royer as Assistant Varsity Girls' Assistant Basketball Coach, effective immediately, at a stipend of \$3,201, step 1. Seconded by Mr. McMonagle. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

### **Appointment - Varsity Girls' Basketball Volunteer - Timothy Campbell**

Mr. Postles moved that Board approve appoint Timothy Campbell as Varsity Girls' Basketball Volunteer for the 2023-24 season. Seconded by Mrs. Kensinger. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

### **Transportation of Students – Raystown Transit Service**

Mr. Grager moved that the list of bus drivers and routes for students transported by Raystown Transit Services for the 2023-24 school year be approved. Seconded by Mr. Postles. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative. (See attached list)

### **Substitute Drivers 2023-24**

Mr. Postles moved that Board approve the following individuals as a substitute driver for the 2023-24 school year. Seconded by Mr. Grager. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

*Calista Marlett - Altoona*  
*George Lowe - Bellwood*

### **Unpaid Leave Request**

Mrs. Kensinger moved that Board approve Pamala Dopp's Leave without Pay Request for October 18-19, 2023. Seconded by Mr. Postles. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

### **Use of Facilities Requests**

Mrs. Kensinger moved that the Board approve the following Use of Facilities Request. Seconded by Mr. Postles. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

1. Dustin Martin has requested use of the use of the old gym, when available, for elementary basketball practices.
2. Patricia Kensinger has requested the use of the Home Economics room or auditorium throughout the school year for Creative Compassions.

### **Appointment - Part-Time Aide – Heather Allison**

Mrs. Kensinger moved that Board appoint Heather Allison as Part-Time Aide, effective immediately, at a rate of \$9.00 per hour as determined per the negotiated contract, effective immediately. Seconded by Mrs. Kensinger. Motion carried – all members voting in the affirmative.

### **Adjournment**

Mr. Postles moved to adjourn. Seconded by Mr. McMonagle. Motion carried – meeting was adjourned at 8:25p.m.

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Board Secretary