

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on Tuesday December 20, 2022 at 7:30 PM with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A moment of meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President
Nicholas Boyle, Vice President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Tom Bartasavage
Melanie Dillman

Nancy Jones
Bryan Miller
Mark Rother
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

None

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Stephen Toth, Assistant Superintendent; Connie Ligenza, Business Administrator; and Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operating Officer

Others in Attendance – member of the press, Jeff Bowe and Eric Helberg and a member of the community

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from November 15, 2022. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Ligenza indicated that all correspondences and appropriate reports relating to the agenda were available to the members of the board. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Superintendent Report – Kinder indicated that the report in its entirety was attached to the agenda.

Hearings – None

President Wittig called for an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

No meeting was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

Auxiliary Committee – Rother presented the following items as recommendation of the Auxiliary Committee.

Rother made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: Second Reading of Policies #810.1, #218.1, #218.2; First Reading of Policy #808; Retirement of Policy #808.1; Act 80 Day; Coaches; Full-Time Custodian; Substitute Custodians; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to forgo the readings of the listed polices. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Second reading of the following policies:

Policy #810.1 – School Bus Drivers and School Commercial Motor Vehicle Drivers

Policy #218.1 – Weapons

Policy #218.2 – Terroristic Threats

Adopt policies in letter A

First reading of the following policy:

Policy #808 – Food Services

Retirement of the following policy:

Policy #808.1 – Free/Reduced Cost Lunch

Authorize January 2, 2023 as an Act 80 Day

Joe Marcin, Lehighton, PA 18235, as a Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach

Richard Stianche, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Track and Field Coach

Aaron Gill, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the 4th Assistant Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Kyle Nothnagel, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Jennifer Kromer, Brockton, PA 17925, as the Volleyball Head Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Clement McCarroll, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Full-Time Custodian at a rate of \$11.00 per hour

Grace Slane, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per hour

James Lindenmuth, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per Hour

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Education Committee – Dillman presented the following items as recommendation of the Education Committee.

Dillman made a motion seconded by Jones to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year; Certified Teacher; Substitute Teachers; Guest Teacher; Mentor; Resignations; Part-Time Paraprofessional; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Courtney O’Donnell, Nesquehoning, PA 18240, Elementary Teacher, Bachelor’s Step 2, at a salary of \$44,260.00

Aimee Hegedus, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Teacher

Danika Beers, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Substitute Teacher

Tianna Pucklavage, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Teacher

Courtney O'Donnell, Nesquehoning, PA 18240, Substitute Teacher

Michael Roberts, Frackville, PA 17931, Guest Teacher

Michele Bittner, certified teacher, mentor to Megan Schoener, certified teacher

Resignation of Shane McCabe, High School Physical Education and Health Teacher, last day to be determined

Resignation of Emily Lane, Elementary Teacher, effective Jan 31, 2023

Resignation of Grace Seibel, Part-Time Paraprofessional, effective December 23, 2022

Ratify Jenna Reitenauer, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.00 per hour

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Finance Committee – Schoener presented the following items as recommendation of the Finance Committee

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Payment of Bills; Agreement with St. Luke's Hospital; 2023 Tax Exemption Form; FMLA; 2023 Appointing of Solicitor; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Payment of Bills

Approve the 3-year Agreement with Carbon-Schuylkill Community Hospital, Inc. St. Luke's Hospital, Miners Campus for the Health Resources and Services Administration Grant

2023 Tax Exemption Form

Cindy Williams, leave starting December 16, 2022 and returning on a date to be determined, in accordance with FMLA

Jeff Bowe, Esquire of Bowe and Odorizzi Law, LLC, Tamaqua, PA as the districts solicitor for 2023, at a retainer of \$5,200 and \$175.00 per hour

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Hearing Committee – Boyle presented the following items as recommendation of the Hearing Committee

Boyle made a motion seconded by Jones to approve the expulsion of a high school student for one calendar year for a violation of the discipline code under the identified criteria. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Communications - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to pay the monthly board invoices as presented. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Miller made a motion seconded by Schoener to adjourn the meeting. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary