

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on Tuesday, June 20, 2023 at 8:15 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
Tom Bartasavage
Melanie Dillman
Nancy Jones

Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Mark Rother
Bryan Miller

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

Others in Attendance – members of the press, Eric Helberg, Solicitor

Schellhammer made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from May 9, 2023. Wittig, Boyle, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, 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.

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

Boyle made a motion seconded by Jones to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, 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 executive session was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

Auxiliary Committee – Bartasavage presented the following items as recommendations of the Auxiliary Committee.

Bartasavage made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year: Second Reading of Policies #137.1 and #137.2; Adopt Policies #137.1 and #137.2; Pay to Participate fees; Class of 2024 Prom: Volunteer Coaches; Coaches; Adult Game Worker and Event Security List; Grounds and Activities Lead; Utility Lead; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Second reading of the following policies:

Policy #137.1 – Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students

Policy #137.2 – Participation in Co-Curricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students

Boyle made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Wittig, Boyle, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Adopt policies in letter A

Pay to Participate fees:

1st Sport \$40 (\$30, if annual donation received)

2nd Sport \$30 (\$20, if annual donation received)

3rd Sport \$20 (\$10, if annual donation received)

Class of 2024 Prom, May 4, 2024 at Capriotti’s McAdoo, PA 18237

Robert Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach

Justin Lewis, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach

Ashley Pliska, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

Tim Robb, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

Courtney McCarroll, Blandon, PA 19510, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

James Dean, Andreas, PA 18211, as a Volunteer Tennis Coach

Nami Choi, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Tennis Coach

Kathy Odorizzi, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Tennis Coach

Jarrett Reigel, Andreas, PA 18211, as Junior Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Peter Conforti, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Football Coach

Carson Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Football Coach

Devin Murphy, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Football Coach

Melissa Hess, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Cheerleading Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Emma Hinkle, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Assistant Cheerleading Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Michael Murphy, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Jennifer Paisley, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Swimming and Diving Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Lisa Trubilla, Coaldale, PA 18218, as 1st Assistant Swimming and Diving Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Maura Walker, Nesquehoning, PA 18240, as 2nd Assistant Swimming and Diving Coach, at a stipend to be determined

David Holmes, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Junior High Wrestling Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Brandon Eberts, Andreas, PA 18211, as Assistant Wrestling Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Jeffrey Reading, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972, as Head Baseball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Robert Workman, Minersville, PA 17954, as Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Craig Valentine, Mahanoy City, PA 17948, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach

Jason Gerber, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach

Tyrone Zancofsky, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Softball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Courtney Hoffman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Assistant Softball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Jim Gormley, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as JV Softball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Jim McCabe, Brockton, PA 17925, as Head Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

David Holmes, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as 2nd Assistant Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Autumn Pedron, Pottsville, PA 17901, as 3rd Assistant Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Megan Frantz, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Junior High Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Alexa Hauer, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Assistant Junior High Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Maria Campomizzi, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Assistant Junior High Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

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

Adult Game Worker and Event Security List

Raymond Kunkel, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Grounds and Activates Lead, at a stipend to be determined

Michael Kunkel, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Utility Lead, at a stipend to be determined

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

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year; 2023-2024 Health and Safety Plan; 2023 Summer School Program Teachers; Extended School Year Paraprofessional; Certified Teachers; Assistant Principal to the Director of Special Education; Maternity Leave; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

2023-2024 Health and Safety Plan

2023 Summer School Program

Amanda Woodring, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Aaron Gill, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Millini Skuba, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Sherrri Gerber, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Kristin Klingaman, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Joseph Berezwick, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Lynn Deiter, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Maria Campomizzi, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Jen Curcio, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Autumn Pedron, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Michael Murphy, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Charise Fiorilla, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Kelly Reaman, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

MaryAnn Herring, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Joann Dobrosky, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Gina Morgan, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Sarah Geronimo, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Cristy Clemson, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Kim Modesto, 2023 Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate

Brett Hoch Tamaqua, PA 18252, High School Mathematics Teacher, Bachelor's Step 4, at a salary of \$45,751

Jessica Reynolds, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, Middle School English Language Arts Teacher, Master's Step 1 ^{1/2} at a salary of \$52,184

James Hahn, Schnecksville, PA 18078, Assistant Principal to the Director of Special Education, at a salary of \$ 85,000

Kailee Kelly, Maternity Leave, beginning on or about August 22, 2023 with a tentative return to work date of November 14, 2023

Alexa Hauer, Maternity Leave, beginning on or about August 22, 2023 with a tentative return to work date of November 13, 2023

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

Finance Committee – Boyle presented the following items as recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Boyle made a motion seconded by Jones approve the following for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Second Reading of Policies #830 and #830.1; Adopt Policies #830 and #830.1; Purchase of MS Security Cameras; Purchase of Fitness Equipment; Purchase of Chromebooks; 2022-2023 Blanket Budget Transfer; 2023-2024 Final Budget; 2023-2024 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion; 2023-2024 District Insurance Package; Rebate, Face & Penalty Period for 2023-2024; Depositories; Health and Welfare Trust Rates; Food Service Management Company; Adoption of Schuylkill IU #29 Policies, Procedures and use of Funds; Salary Schedules; Confidential Secretary; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

Schuylkill Twp.	2022 – Per Capita
Rush Township	2022 - Assessed Occupation & Per Capita
Tamaqua Borough	2020, 2021, 2022 – Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Second reading of the following policies:

Policy #830 – Security of Computerized Personal Information/Breach Notification
Policy #830.1 – Data Governance – Storage/Security

Bartasavage made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Wittig, Boyle, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Adopt policies in letter D

Purchase of MS Security Cameras from Dauphin DataCom from the PEPPM contract at a total cost of \$17,997.60

Purchase of Fitness Equipment from Ely Associates, Carlisle, PA at a total cost of \$32,172.00, using funds from the Morgan Foundation Fitness Grant

Purchase of Chromebooks from CoStar Vendor, Bluum Inc. AZ, at a cost not to exceed \$120,000.00
 2022-2023 Blanket Budget Transfer

Approve the final 2023-2024 budget as presented

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/23:	\$2,797,184
Revenue:	\$36,788,942
Expenses:	\$37,920,027
Ending Fund Balance 6/30/24:	\$1,666,099
Real Estate Tax Rate	41.77 mills
Per Capita, Section 679	\$5.00
Per Capita, Act 511	\$5.00
Earned Income Tax	1% (shared with municipalities)
Real Estate Transfer Tax	1% (shared with municipalities)
EMS Tax	\$5.00 (shared with municipalities)
Assessed Occupation	\$225.00

Establish the Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion at \$197 a reduction in Assessed Value of \$4,722 for eligible properties per information provided to us by the county assessment office

Authorize the business manager to select the District’s Insurance Package (lowest cost option for the current program) for the 2023-2024 fiscal year in the event final numbers are not available for our last June meeting.

Approve the rebate, face and penalty periods for Per Capita, Assessed Occupation and Real Estate Tax for the 2023-2024 fiscal year (2023 tax bills) as follows:

Rebate	July to August 2%
Face	September to October
Penalty	November to December 10%

Appoint Mauch Chunk Trust as the district’s depository for the 2023-2024 fiscal year

Appoint M & T Bank as the depository for the district’s tax account for the 2023-2024 fiscal year

Approve the Health and Welfare composite, self-pay and COBRA rates effective July 1, 2023, including adjustments to the out of pocket maximum set by the Affordable Care Act

TASD HW Trust						
23-24 Rates						
Composite Rate Final	Health	Dental	Prescr.	Vision	Total	Annual
Single	2,110.44	65.17	279.36	7.09	2462.06	29,544.72
2-Person	1,029.00	33.00	136.15	7.09	1,205.24	14,462.88
Family	2,057.00	65.00	272.30	7.09	2,401.39	28,816.68
Cobra +2%	2,571.00	82.00	340.38	7.09	3,000.47	36,005.64

Authorize a contact with the Nutrition Group Inc. for the 23-24 fiscal year effective July 1, 2023 as per PDE-DFN’s approval

Approve the adoption of Schuylkill IU #29, Policies, Procedures and use of funds by the School District

2023-2024 Salary Schedules for Administration and Non-Contract Positions

Koren Conner, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Confidential Secretary, at a salary of \$37,500
Wittig, Boyle, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Communications - None

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Boyle made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary