

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday June 21, 2022 at 7:30 with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A moment of silent 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

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Connie Ligenza, Business Administrator and Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operations Officer

Others in Attendance – member of the press, several members of the community and Jeff Bowe, Solicitor

Miller made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the minutes from May 17, 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.

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.

An 18-minute meeting was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

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

Rother made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: Policy #610; Class of 2023 Prom; Small Games of Chance License; Flu Clinic; Pay to Participate; Coaches; Rescind Motions; Adult Game Worker List; Event Security List; Advisor; Drama Club Volunteers; Substitute Custodians; Full-Time Custodian; Grounds and Activities Lead; Utility Lead; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Second reading of the following policy:

Policy #610 - Purchases Subject to Bid

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

Adopt Policy in letter A

Class of 2023 Prom, May 6, 2023 at Capriotti’s McAdoo, PA

Authorize the Tamaqua Area Booster Board to apply for a Small Games of Chance license Flu Clinic, to be held November 9, 2022

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)

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

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

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

David Holmes, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Track and Field Coach

Megan Frantz, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Cross Country Coach

Autumn Pedron, Pottsville, PA 17901, as a Volunteer Cross Country Coach

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

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

Lisa Trubilla, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Swimming and Diving Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Stephen Ulicny, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Rescind Motion of April 19, 2022, approving David Leinbach, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

David Leinbach, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Casey Wagner, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

Makenna Kane, Nesquehoning, PA 18240, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach
Andrea Feathers, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Volleyball Coach, at a stipend to be determined
David Holmes, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the Junior High Wrestling Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Sam Bonner, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, as the Head Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Michael Bonner, Lehighton, PA 18235, as the 1st Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Eddie Titus, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the 2nd Assistant Varsity Football coach, at a stipend to be determined
Jarrett Reigel, Andreas, PA 18211, as the Junior Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Michael Coleman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the 2nd Assistant Junior Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Tyler Skripko, Brockton PA, 17925, as the Junior High Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Shane Kaufman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Thomas McCabe, Mahanoy City, PA 17948, as a Volunteer Football Coach
Matthew DeAngelo, Conyngham, PA 18219, as a Volunteer Football Coach
Adult Game Worker List
Event Security List
Amanda Hascin, High School Senior Class Advisor
Randa Ray, High School World Language Club Advisor
Lauri Miller, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Drama Club Volunteer
Maddie McGlinchey, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Drama Club Volunteer
Kip Tonkin, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Drama Club Volunteer
Colleen Barrett, Barnesville, PA 18214, as a Drama Club Volunteer
Nathaniel Noftz, Monroe, NY 10950, as a Drama Club Volunteer
Sarah Elizabeth Yorke, Mahanoy City, PA 17948, as a Drama Club Volunteer
Brandon Scull, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Full-Time Custodian, at a rate of \$9.25 per hour
Ratify Jacob Wasserleben, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour
Olivia Jones, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour
Grace Stegemerten, Brockton, PA 17925, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour
Gabrielle Robb, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour
Sarah Hartranft, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour
Rescind Motion of March 15, 2022, approving Chad Snyder, as a Full-Time Custodian
Rescind Motion of May 17, 2022, approving Kaylee Kern, as a Full-Time Custodian
Raymond Kunkel, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the Grounds and Activates Lead, at a stipend to be determined
Andrew Smarr, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the Utility Lead, at a stipend to be determined
Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year; Homebound Instruction; LCCC Dual Enrollment Letter of Agreement; Revised 2022-2023 School Calendar; IU #29 2020-2021 Revised Title 1 Non-Public Letter of Agreement; Relocation of ESL Students; Resignations; Retirement; Maternity Leave; High School Biology Teacher; Extended School Year Teacher; Department Chairperson; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Homebound Instruction for one Middle School Student

LCCC Dual Enrollment Letter of Agreement

Revised 2022-2023 School Calendar

2020-2021 Revised Title 1 Non-Public Letter of Agreement between the Tamaqua Area School District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 Title I Math and Reading Program Nonpublic Programs and Services, dated August 23, 2021 to June 3, 2022, at the revised cost of \$9,017.12 per-pupil, plus an 11% administration fee, at any or all of the following Non-Public Schools:

Assumption BVM School, Pottsville

Saint Jerome Regional School, Tamaqua

Saint Nicholas School, Minersville

Relocating ESL Students from West Penn Elementary School to Tamaqua Elementary School

Resignation of Vanessa Rimbey, Middle School Health and Physical Education Teacher, effective the last day of the 2021-2022 school year

Resignation of Corey Smith, Middle School Technology Teacher, effective the last day of the 2021-2022 school year

Retirement of Roseann Weinrich, High School Biology Teacher, effective the last day of the 2021-2022 school year

Briona Spotts, Maternity Leave, beginning on or about November 14, 2022 and returning February 6, 2023

Katie L. Koneschusky, Tamaqua, PA 18252, High School Biology Teacher, Bachelors Step 12, at a salary of \$54,279.00

Krystal Fitzgerald, 2022 Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Kristen Klingaman, High School Science Department Chairperson

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

Finance Committee – Schoener presented the following items as recommendations of the Finance Committee.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother approve the following for the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; 2021-2022 Blanket Budget Transfer; 2022-2023 Final Budget; 2022-2023 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion; 2022-2023 District Insurance Package; 2022-2023 Rebate, Face and Penalty Periods; Depositories; Health and Welfare Rates; Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection Contract; One Year Agreement with the Nutrition Group Inc.; 2022-2023 Heating Oil Bid; 2022-2023 Tuition Rates; 2022-2023 Agreement with Children’s

Service Center; 2022-2023 Agreement for the provision of Student Assistance Program Service with Child and Family Services Inc.; 2022-2023 Agreement for participation in the Child Nutrition Program with Schuylkill IU #29/AVTS Operating Agency; Purchase of Chromebooks and Licenses; Emergency Plumbing Repairs; Salary Schedules; Part-Time OT Contract; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

West Penn 2021 - Assessed Occupation

2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 – Real Estate

Payment of Bills

2021-2022 Blanket Budget Transfer

2022-2023 Final Budget as presented:

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

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/22:	\$3,070,811
Revenue:	\$36,848,020
Expenses:	\$38,578,277
Ending Fund Balance 6/30/23:	\$1,340,554

Real Estate Tax Rate	41.77 mills
Per Capita, Section 679	\$5.00
Per Capita, Act 511	\$5.00
Earned Income Tax	1% (shared w/ municipalities)
Real Estate Transfer Tax	1% (shared w/ municipalities)
EMS Tax	\$5.00 (shared w/ municipalities)
Assessed Occupation	\$225.00

2022-2023 Homestead/Farmstead Exclusion at an estimated \$195.48 a reduction in Assessed Value of \$4,680 for eligible properties per information provided to us by the county assessment office.

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

Authorize the business manager to select the District’s Insurance Package (lowest cost option for the current program) for the 2022-2023 fiscal year in the event final numbers are not available for our last June meeting.

2022-2023 Rebate, Face and Penalty Periods for Per Capita, Assessed Occupation and Real Estate Tax for the 2022-2023 fiscal year (2022 tax bills) as follows:

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

Mauch Chunk Trust as the district’s depository for the 2022-2023 fiscal year

M & T Bank as the depository for the district’s tax account for the 2022-2023 fiscal year

Approve the Health and Welfare composite, self-pay and COBRA rates effective July 1, 2022

Delinquent Real Estate Tax Collection Contract

One Year Agreement with the Nutrition Group Inc.

Authorize the business manager to select the lowest responsible bidder for fuel oil for the 2022-2023 fiscal year

2022-2023 Tuition Rates:

Elementary	\$10,361.00
Secondary	\$11,134.00

2022-2023 Agreement with The Children’s Service Center of Wyoming Valley Inc.

2022-2023 Letter of Agreement for the provision of Student Assistance Program Service with Child and Family Services Inc.

2022-2023 Agreement for Participation in the Child Nutrition Program with Schuylkill IU #29 and the AVTS Operating Agency

Purchase of Chromebooks and Licenses from CoStars Vendor, Bluum Inc. AZ, at a cost not to exceed \$120,000.00 with redirected funds for ESSERII

Emergency Plumbing Repairs, Miller Brothers Construction Inc. Schuylkill Haven PA, at a cost of \$159,361.00 using Capital Reserve Funds

Salary Schedules for Administration and Non-Contract Positions

Approve the Part-Time OT Contract, 1 year effective with the start of the 2022-2023 school year

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

Communications - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle 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

Boyle made a motion seconded by Schoener to adjourn the meeting at 8:09 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary