

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday, March 15, 2022 at 7:00 PM 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
Melanie Dillman

Nancy Jones
Bryan Miller

ABSENT

Thomas Bartasavage
Mark Rother
Trina Schellhammer

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from February 15, 2022. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones and Miller 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 Miller to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones and Miller all voted “FOR.”

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

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

Hearings – AAVIDUM presentation from students requesting to start a club.

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

A seven-minute meeting was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

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

Boyle made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year: Policy #217; Eagle Scout Service Project; Coaches; Advisors; Resignation; Full-Time Custodians; FMLA; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

First reading of the following policy:

Policy #217- Graduation Requirements

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

Approve a T ASD student to build a table, supported by a slab of concrete at the Tamaqua Elementary School for an Eagle Scout Service Project
Richard Stianche, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Track and Field Coach

Devin Murphy, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Track and Field Coach

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

Alexandra Frederick, Nesquehoning, PA 18240, as a Volunteer Softball Coach

Amanda Woodring, as a Co-Step Up Advisor

Cathy Miorelli, as a Co-Step Up Advisor

Resignation of Joanne McLaughlin, Lunch Monitor, effective the end of day March 8, 2022

Randy G. Clemson, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Full-Time Custodian, at a rate of \$9.25 per hour

Chad Snyder, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Full-Time Custodian, at a rate of \$9.25 per hour

Patti Sue Coleman, intermittent leave in accordance with FMLA

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

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

Dillman made a motion seconded Schoener to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year; Agreement with the Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness; Agreement with Botvin LifeSkills Training; 2022-2023 Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Student Driver Education Program Agreement; 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan; Out of Sate Trip; Resignation; Retirement; Special Education Teachers; Part-Time Paraprofessional; FMLA; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Agreement with the Pennsylvania Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness

Agreement with Botvin LifeSkills Training to provided training at the Tamaqua Area High School

2022-2023 Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Student Driver Education Program Agreement

2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan

Out of State Trip, Biology Club to Washington DC on May 3, 2022

Resignation of Lennae Thompson-Pellam, Learning Support, last day to be determined
 Retirement of Pamela Zelinsky, Speech Pathologist, effective the last day of the 2021-2022 school year
 Sarah Hollenbach, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Special Education Teacher, at a salary of \$56,427.00
 Amy Gardiner, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Special Education Teacher, at a salary of \$50,663.00 for the 2022-2023 school year
 Kelly Nothstein, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Part-Time Paraprofessional, highly qualified, at a rate of \$10.25 per hour
 Millini Skuba, intermittent leave starting March 7, 2022 and returning March 18, 2022 in accordance with FMLA
 Megan Majetsky, intermittent leave in accordance with FMLA
 Kim Woodward, intermittent leave in accordance with FMLA
 Kim Modesto, intermittent leave in accordance with FMLA

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemption; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; 2022-2023 Schuylkill Technology Center Budget; 2022-2023 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Operating Budget; Non-Resident Parent Paid Tuition Student; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager
 Tax Refunds:
 Tamaqua Borough 2021 – Assessed Occupation
 Payment of bills
 2022-2023 Schuylkill Technology Center Budget
 2022-2023 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Operating Budget
 Authorize a non-resident parent paid tuition student to attend the Tamaqua Area School District for the 2022-2023 school year, at a tuition rate to be determined

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

Communications – None

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

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones and Miller all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary