

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday May 17, 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
Melanie Dillman
Nancy Jones

Bryan Miller
Mark Rother
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Tom Bartasavage

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent 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 April 19, 2022. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Miller 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 Boyle to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, 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, 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.

A 20-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 2021-2022 school year: Policy #610; Coaches; Rescind Motion; Volunteer Band Assistants; Substitute Custodians; Full-time Custodian; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

First reading of the following policy:

Policy #610 - Purchases Subject to Bid

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

Kayla Holland, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

Edward Noftz, Monroe, NY 10950, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

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

Rescind Motion of April 19, 2022, approving Jim McCabe, Brockton, PA 17925 as Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

Jim McCabe, Brockton, PA 17925, as Boys Head Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Anthony Agosti, Nesquehoning, PA 18240, as Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Owen Koch, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Assistant Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Emily Sofranko, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, as Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Gina Morgan, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Assistant Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Duane Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

Michael Coleman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Football Coach

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

Francis Hill, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Junior High Football Coach

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

Francis Hill, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Junior High Wrestling Coach

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

Adam Shumgart, Brockton, PA 17925, as a Volunteer Band Assistant

John Buglio, Conyngham, PA 18219, as a Volunteer Band Assistant

Kaitlyn Herling, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Band Assistant

Lori Hudak, Brockton, PA 17925, as a Volunteer Band Assistant

Jamie Mateyak, Henrico, VA 18252, as a Volunteer Band Assistant

Brianna Dumond, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour

Zoe Seltzer, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour

Kirstin Jones, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour

Nathan Fulmer, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour

Liam Conforti, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour

Kaylee Kern, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Fulltime Custodian, at a rate of \$9.25 per hour

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, 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 school year; 2022-2023 Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Plan; 2022 Graduation List; Substitute Teacher; Speech Pathologist; Special Education Teachers; Elementary Teachers; Business Education

Teacher; Maternity Leave; Resignation; 2022 Summer School Program Teachers; Rescind Motion; Liaison Teacher; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

2022-2023 Additional Targeted Support and Improvement Plan

2022 Graduation List

Ty Kistler, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Teacher

Emily Bumbulsky, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Speech Pathologist, Master's Step 4, at a salary of \$53,454.00

DarciJo Grasso, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Special Education Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, at a salary of \$ 43,360.00

Nicole Reinhart, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, Special Education Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, at a salary of \$ 43,360.00

Taylor Prehotsky, Hazle Twp., PA 18202, Elementary Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, at a salary of \$ 43,360.00

Krista Martin, Norristown, PA 19403, Elementary Teacher, Master's +30 Step 13, at a salary of \$66,317.00

Caylen Makovec, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Elementary Teacher, Bachelor's Step 6, at a salary of \$48,133.00

GaoSen RuiNa Gentile, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, Elementary Teacher, Bachelor's Step 1, at a salary of \$43,360.00

Jason Gerber, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, Business Education Teacher, Bachelor's Step 14, at a salary of \$56,361.00

Lauren Barr, Maternity Leave, beginning May 13, 2022 and returning August 22, 2022

Resignation of Kathy Burkey, Paraprofessional, effective May 9, 2022

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Marjorie McCormick, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

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

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

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

Jody Bachert, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

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

Jim McCabe, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

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

Gina Morgan, 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

Rescind motion of April 19, 2022, approving Nicole Evans as the West Penn Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher

Angela Faust, West Penn Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, 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 Boyle to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year as presented; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Grant Acknowledgement Agreements and Resolutions; SHINE

Summer Program; Schuylkill IU #29 Lease Agreement; 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget; Vehicle Purchase; Purchase of a Key Fob System; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds:		
Rush Twp.	2021 –	Per Capita
	2020, 2021 –	Assessed Occupation
Tamaqua	2020, 2021 -	Assessed Occupation
West Penn	2019, 2020, 2021 -	Assessed Occupation
	2019, 2020, 2021 –	Per Capita
Schuylkill Twp.	2020, 2021 –	Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Grant acknowledge agreements and resolutions between the district and the John E. Morgan Foundation for the following:

21-22 Scholarships: \$30,000.00

SHINE Summer Program, sponsor to sponsor agreement, prices as follows:

\$2.25 Breakfast

\$4.00 Lunch

Approve renewing the lease agreement between the District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit 29 for a one-year term, beginning July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 for classroom space, which will be used to conduct a pre-school program. The consideration for the agreement is \$10,200 per year. This is contingent upon the return to school guidelines issued from PDE.

Approve the following 2022-2023 Preliminary Budget

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/22:	\$3,070,811.00
Revenue:	\$36,886,778.00
Expenses:	\$39,957,589.00
Ending Fund Balance 6/30/23:	\$1,344,995.00
Unassigned:	\$1,344,995.00

Real Estate Tax Rate	41.77 mills (+1.92)
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)

Vehicle purchase from Tristar Chevrolet, at a cost not to exceed \$81,374.74

Purchase of a Verkada Key Fob System from Dauphin DataCom, at a cost not to exceed \$74,448.40

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

Hearing Committee - Boyle presented the following items as recommendations of the Hearing Committee.

Boyle made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the expulsion of a sixth-grade student for violation of the discipline code with identified stipulations. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, 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, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Bryan Miller