

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 8:09 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
Nancy Jones
Bryan Miller
Mark Rother

ABSENT

Melanie Dillman
Tom Bartasavage
Trina Schellhammer

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 community, member of the press, and Jeff Bowe

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the treasurer's report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted "FOR."

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

Hearings – Faye Montgomery

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 Boyle to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: First Reading of Policies #810.1, #218.1, #218.2; Girls Wrestling Program; Coaches; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

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

First reading of the following policy:

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

Policy #218.1 – Weapons

Policy #218.2 – Terroristic Threats

Approve the Formation of a Girls Wrestling Program

Mike Coleman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Devin Murphy, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

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

Aubrey Blasiak, Lehighon, PA 18235, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

Matthew Stine, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, as the Head Golf Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Clem McCarroll, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the Head Girls Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

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

Rich Gibson, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as the Head Girls Tennis Coach, at a stipend to be determined

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

Sam Bonner, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, as the Head Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Tom Kanger, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, as the Head Cross Country Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Ryan Oldt, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Eric Temarantz, Andreas, PA 18211, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach

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

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

Jones made motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: Homebound Instruction; Out of State Trip; Substitute Teachers; Classroom Monitor; Resignation; Family Medical Leave; Part-Time Paraprofessional; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Approve Homebound instruction for one Tamaqua Elementary School Student

Out of State Trip, Raider Marching Band, Baltimore, Inner Harbor, April 29, 2023

Ratify Lori Connors, Pottsville, PA 17901, Substitute Teacher

Ratify Pam Zelinsky, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Teacher
 Molly Clemson, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Teacher
 Bruce Nalesnik, Nesquehoning, PA 18240, Classroom Monitor
 Resignation of Emily Bumbulsky, Speech-Language Pathologist, last day to be determined
 Nicole Beltz, Family Medical Leave, November 8, 2022 to November 14, 2022
 Hannah Murphy, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.00 per hour

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

Finance Committee – Schoener presented the following items as recommendations 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; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Act 32 Primary and Alternate Delegates for 2023; Delinquent Tax Collectors; PSEA Vision Contract; Roof Project; ACT 1 Index; Substitute Health Room Assistant; Salary Schedules; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

- West Penn 2019 – Assessed Occupation
- 2020 – Assessed Occupation
- 2021 – Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Appoint John Hurst, Business Administrator-Mahanoy Area School District, as the district's second alternative on the Act 32 Tax Collection Commission, with the primary delegate continuing to be Connie Ligenza and the first alternate continuing to be Larry Wittig

Appoint Portnoff Law Associates as our delinquent real estate tax collector for the unpaid taxes for the 2023 collection cycle

Appoint Berkheimer Incorporated as the delinquent Per Capita and Assessed Occupation tax collector for the 2023 collection cycle

Approve the one-year PSEA Vision agreement effective 1/1/2023 with no changes in rates. Current Rate of \$7.09 PEPM remains intact.

Approve the roof project alternate proposals 1 and 2 as presented.

Approve to not exceed the Act 1 Index of 5.8% for the 2023-2024 General Fund Budget as per attached resolution

Lisa Fort RN, Tamaqua, PA 18252 as a Substitute Health Room Assistant
Co-Curricular and Extra-Curricular salaries for the 2022-2023 school year

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

Communications - None

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 8:19 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary