

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on Tuesday October 18, 2022 at 7:00 PM with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A moment of silent mediation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President
Nicholas Boyle, Vice President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Tom Bartasavage
Melanie Dillman

Bryan Miller
Mark Rother
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Nancy Jones

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

Others in Attendance – member of the press, Jeff Bowe and Eric Helberg

Schellhammer made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the minutes from September 20, 2022. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, Schellhammer, Bartasavage, and Dillman 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, Miller, Rother, Schellhammer, Bartasavage, and Dillman all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, Schellhammer, Bartasavage, and Dillman 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 seven minute 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 Miller to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: Second Reading of Policies #906, 249, 207; Adopt Policies #906, 249, 207; Coach; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

- Second reading of the following policy:
- Policy #906 – Public Complaint Procedures
- Policy #249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying
- Policy #207 – Attendance

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

Adopt policies in letter A

Gregory Haney, Pottsville, PA 17901, as the Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

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

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year; 2022 -2023 Education Service Agreement; Professional Employee Contracts; Certified Teacher; Part-Time Paraprofessional; Resignations; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Approve the 2022-2023 Education Service Agreement between the IU #29 and TASD for the provision of Special Education Services at a tentative amount of \$358,964.00 for its projected participation in the program

Kiersten Rivera, to be given professional status, as of October 18, 2022

Aaron Knepp, to be given professional status, as of October 18, 2022

Alycia Gerber, to be given professional status, as of October 18, 2022

Jacob Atherly, to be given professional status, as of October 18, 2022

Megan Schoener, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Elementary Teacher, Bachelor’s Step 1, at a salary of \$43,360.00

Grace Seibel, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.00 per hour

Resignation of Christine D’Amato, Full Time Paraprofessional, effective October 10, 2022

Resignation of Melissa Scheetz, Tamaqua Elementary Teacher, last day to be determined

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Act 57 Resolution; IDEA ARRA Funds Agreement; Bid Participation; E-Rate Program; School Physician; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager
Tax Refunds:

Schuylkill Township 2021 – Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Approve the Act 57 Resolution

Approve the IDEA ARRA Funds Agreement

Authorize the Business Manager to participate in the Pennsylvania Education Joint
Purchasing Council’s bid process for the 2023-2024 fiscal year

Authorize the Business Manager to participate in the E-Rate Program for the 2023-2024
funding year and to execute agreements as necessary for timeline compliance subject to future
ratification by the Board of Education

Dr. Melanie Koehler, as the designated TASD Physician

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

Hearing Committee – Boyle presented the following item as a recommendation of the Hearing Committee.

Boyle made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the identified discipline plan for an eight grade
middle school student. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, Schellhammer,
Bartasavage, and Dillman all voted “FOR.”

Communications - None

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener,
Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, Schellhammer, Bartasavage, and Dillman all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary