

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room On Tuesday, March 21, 2023 at 7:30 PM with Nicholas Boyle presiding. Vice President Boyle led with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A moment of meditation followed.

PRESENT

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

Nancy Jones  
Bryan Miller  
Mark Rother

ABSENT

Larry Wittig  
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 press, Eric Helberg, Solicitor and members of the community

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the minutes from February 21, 2023. Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted “YES.”

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 payments of bills. Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted “YES.”

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

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 five minute executive session was held.

Vice President Boyle 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 Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: Second Reading of Policies #011 and #202; Adopt Policies #011 and #202; Purchase of Electronic Marquee for the High School; Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Retirement; Substitute Custodians; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation. Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted “YES.”

Second reading of the following policies:

Policy #011 – Principles for Governance and Leadership

Policy #202 – Eligibility of Nonresident Students

Adopt policies in letter A

Purchase and installation of an Electronic Marquee for the High School, from Bartush Signs, a co-star vendor at a cost of \$31,500.00, utilizing SHEPP Fund

Dave Holmes, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

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

Samuel Schaefer, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Golf Coach, at a stipend to be determined

David Leinbach, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

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

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

James Gormley, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach

Michael Bonner, Lehighton, PA 18235, as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Edward Titus, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Michael Coleman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Junior Varsity 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

Joshua Holmberg, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Football Coach

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

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

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

James Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Erika Davis, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as Head Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Retirement of Andrew Smarr, Maintenance Personnel, effective September 15, 2023

Morgan Kistler, MaryD, PA 17952, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per hour

Annabel Kemmerer, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per hour

Avery Deitrich, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per hour

Kimberly Rudy, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per hour

Breanna Kunkel, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per hour

Emily Titus, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per hour  
Spencer Gerber, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per hour  
Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted "YES."

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Jones to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year; Agreement with The Meadows; Mentors; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Two-year Agreement with The Meadows, for educational services, beginning the 2023-2024 school year

James McCabe, certified teacher, mentor to Michael Ouly, certified teacher

Katelyn Collevchio, certified teacher, mentor to McKenzie Hable, certified teacher

Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted "YES."

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; 2022-2023 Budget Summary; 2023-2024 Schuylkill Technology Center Budget; 2023-2024 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Operating Budget; Capital Reserve Transfer; CSIU Accounting, Human Resources and Payroll Software Agreement; Non-Resident Parent Paid Tuition Students; Second Reading of Policies #828 and #830; Adopt Policies #828 and #830; Purchase of Time Clock System; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation. Miller made a motion to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted "YES."

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

West Penn 2022 - Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

2022-2023 Budget Summary

2023-2024 Schuylkill Technology Center Budget

2023-2024 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Operating Budget

Capital Reserve Transfer, \$500,000 balance of ESSER II projects 2021-2022, \$500,000 district contribution 2021-2022

2022-2023 CSIU Accounting, Human Resources and Payroll Software Agreement at an approximate cost of \$22,000

Approve the request for one Secondary and one Elementary (K) student to attend as non-resident, parent paid tuition for the remainder of 2022-2023 school year

Second reading of the following policies:

Policy #828 – Fraud

Policy #830 – Breach of Computerized Personal Information

Adopt policies in letter J

Purchase of a Time Clock System from TimeClock Plus, LLC San Angelo, TX 76904, a co-star vendor at a cost of \$47,820.52

Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted "YES."

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

Boyle made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the expulsion of a high school student for one calendar year for a violation of the discipline code under the identified criteria. Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted “YES.”

Communications – None

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

Old Business - None

New Business -  
2023-2024 Budget Discussion

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to adjourn the meeting. Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted “YES.”

Attest:

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Connie Ligenza  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary