

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on Tuesday January 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A moment of meditation 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; Connie Ligenza, Business Administrator; and Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operating Officer

Others in Attendance – member of the press, Eric Holberg, and members of the community

Boyle made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the minutes from December 6, 2022 and December 20, 2022. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer 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, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

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

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

Hearings – Peter Benulis – Tamaqua Borough

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

An eight minute executive session 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 Boyle to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: Second Reading of Policy #808; Formation of the Aavidum Club at the Middle School; Coaches; Advisors; Substitute Custodian; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation. Schoener made a motion to forgo the readings of the following policies. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Second reading of the following policy:

Policy #808 – Food Services

Adopt policy in letter A

Approve the formation of Aavidum at the Middle School

Ryan Frederickson, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach

Nate MacDonald, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach

Thorn Devlin, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the Ski Club Advisor, at a stipend of \$595.00

Sarah McCabe, Brockton, PA 17925, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.04 per hour

Kelly Klimowitch, Aavidum Co-Advisor

Denise Drum, Aavidum Co-Advisor

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

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year; Homebound Instruction; 2023-2024 Schuylkill IU #29 Calendar; 2023-2024 TASD Calendar; Revised 2022-2023 Health and Safety Plan; Schuylkill IU #29 Induction Plan; Food Production and Services 2, Course #645 added to the curriculum; Agreement with Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine; Substitute Teachers; Substitute Guest Teacher; Certified Teacher; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Homebound Instruction for one Middle School Student

2023-2024 Schuylkill IU #29 Calendar

2023-2024 TASD Calendar

Revised 2022-2023 Health and Safety Plan

Approve the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Induction Plan

Approve the addition to the curriculum, Food Production and Services 2, Course #645

Agreement with Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine

Ratify Michael Ouly, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Teacher

Rebecca Daukaus, Substitute Teacher

Kaelyn Boran-Smith, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Guest Teacher

Michael Ouly, Tamaqua PA 18252, Health and Physical Education Teacher, Master's Step 1, at a salary of \$50,663.00

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

Finance Committee – Schoener presented the following items as recommendation 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; Affirmative Vote Resolution; IDEA with Schuylkill IU #29; IDEA Section 619 with Schuylkill IU #29; Retirement;

contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

West Penn 2022 – Real Estate

Payment of Bills

Affirmative Vote Resolution

Approve IDEA with Schuylkill IU #29 for the 2022-2023 school year

Approve IDEA Section 619 with Schuylkill IU #29 for the 2022-2023 school year

Retirement of Terri Klingaman, Confidential Record-Keeper, effective September 15, 2023

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

Hearing Committee – Boyle presented the following items 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 with identified stipulations

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

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

Old Business – None

New Business - None

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

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary