

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room of the Tamaqua Area Middle School on Tuesday July 20, 2021 with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance”; a moment of silent meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Nicholas Boyle
Melanie Dillman
Mark Rother

ABSENT

Thomas Bartasavage
Bryan Miller
Thomas Rottet, Vice President
Trina Schellhammer

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

Others in Attendance – Attorney Jeff Bowe, Solicitor, one member of the press and 2 members of the public

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

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

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

Hearings – None

Executive Session – None

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 2021-2022 school year: Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Drama Club Volunteers; Substitute Custodians; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Melissa Hess, Tamaqua, Head Cheerleading Coach
Amber Kistler, Tamaqua, Assistant Cheerleading Coach

Emma Hinkle, Tamaqua, Volunteer Cheerleading Coach
 Courtney Loar, Tamaqua, Volunteer Cheerleading Coach
 Anthony Agosti, Nesquehoning, PA, 18240, Assistant Varsity Boys
 Basketball Coach
 James McCabe, Brockton, PA, 17925, Head Track and Field Coach
 Jillian Barron, Tamaqua, Head Softball Coach
 Nathaniel Nofzt, Tamaqua, Drama Club Volunteer
 Lauri Miller, Tamaqua, Drama Club Volunteer
 Kirstin Jones, Tamaqua, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour
 Emily Hill, Tamaqua, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour

Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, and Rother 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; 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan; Math Curriculum; Resignation; Salary Adjustment; Certified Teacher; Rescind Motion; Mentor; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan
 Eureka Math pilot program, in grades 3 and 4, for the 2021-2022 school year
 Resignation of Dr. Michael Sakash, High School Social Studies teacher, effective August 1, 2021
 Salary adjustment of Briona Deeter, certified teacher from Bachelors, Step 1 to Masters, Step 1, \$49,528.00
 Rescind motion of June 15, 2021, approving Megan Frantz as mentor to Cera Gaston
 Megan Frantz, certified teacher, mentor to Vanessa Rimbey, certified teacher

Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, 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 2021-2022 school year as presented; Tax Report; Payment of Bills; Affirmative Vote Resolution; Donations; Use of School Property; School Uniform Stipend; PSBA Delegates for Delegate Assembly; School Lunch Program-Schuylkill IU #29 and the AVTS Operating Agency Agreement; LCCC Shine Afterschool Program Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement; St. Jerome’s Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement; IEP Writer and Childcount Agreement; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report, presented by the Business Manager
 Payment of bills
 Affirmative Vote Resolution
 Authorization of donation to:
 ESRC \$2,500
 Tamaqua Library \$3,500
 Matt Hope, Tamaqua, permission to use the triangular piece of property on Stadium Hill for the 2020-2021 school year.

School uniform stipend, at \$25.00, with a cutoff for financial assistance relative to the dress code for household income less than 130% of the poverty guideline

Appoint Larry Wittig and Thomas Bartasavage as voting delegates to the PSBA Delegate Assembly

School Lunch Program-Schuylkill IU #29 and the AVTS Operating Agency Agreement

LCCC Shine Afterschool Program Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement at \$3.85

St. Jerome's Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement for school lunches at \$2.30 per student lunch.

IEP Writer and Childcount Agreement at \$10,537.00

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

Communications - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to pay the monthly board invoices as presented.

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

Old Business – None

New Business – Dillman made a motion seconded by Boyle for the Steering Committee. Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, and Rother all voted "FOR."

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:42. Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, and Rother all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary