

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday, April 19, 2022 at 7:00 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
Melanie Dillman
Nancy Jones

Bryan Miller
Mark Rother

ABSENT

Thomas Bartasavage
Trina Schellhammer

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

Others in Attendance – member of the press, several members of the community and Jeff Bowe, Solicitor

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, and Rother 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 36-minute meeting 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 Schoener to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year: Policy #217; Act 80 Day; Adult Exercise Equipment Grant; Formation of Aevidum Club; Coaches; Volunteer Game Worker; Resignations; Full-Time Maintenance; Middle School Lunch Monitor; Access Billing Coordinator; Band Directors; Choral Directors; Drama Club Advisor and Assistants; Auditorium, Stage and Audio Visual Manager; Advisors; Elementary Assistant Gaming Coaches; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Second reading of the following policy:
Policy #217- Graduation Requirements
Adopt Policy in letter A

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to forgo the reading of the Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, and Rother all voted “FOR” above listed polices.

Ratify April 18, 2022 as an Act 80 Day
Approval to apply for an Adult Exercise Equipment Grant
Approve the formation of Aevidum, a mental health awareness club
Ratify Frank Wenzel, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as 2nd Assistant Track and Field Coach at a prorated stipend of \$1,207.00
Philip Houm, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Track and Field Coach
Jim 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
Rebekah Hromyak, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach
Emma Kuczynski, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach
Jim McCabe, Brockton, PA 17925, as an Assistant Girls Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined
David Leinbach, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach
Jim McCabe, Brockton, PA 17925 as Head Wrestling Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Brandon Eberts, Andreas, PA 18211, as an Assistant Wrestling Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Cole Eberts, Andreas, PA 18211, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach
Melissa Hess, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Cheerleading Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Jennifer Paisley, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Swimming Coach, at a stipend to be determined
Allyan Starry, Allstate Insurance Company, Allentown, PA 18106, as a Volunteer Adult Game Worker
Ratify the resignation of Samuel Schaefer as an Assistant Track Coach, effective immediately
Resignation of Ann Rolko, Maintenance, effective April 23, 2002
David Funk, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Full-Time Maintenance, at a rate of \$9.75 per hour
Marie Skripnek, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as a Middle School Lunch Monitor, at a rate of \$9.67 per hour

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Heather Metric, Access Billing Coordinator
 Mark Beltz, Band Director
 Marsha Rodgers, Assistant Band Director
 Marsha Rodgers, Middle School Band Director
 Marsha Rodgers, Elementary Band Director
 Samantha Bubel, Band Silk Advisor
 John Buglio, High School Choral Director
 John Buglio, Middle School Choral Director
 Samantha Bubel, Elementary Choral Director
 Adriane Drum, Drama Club Advisor
 Ruth Gardiner, Drama Club Assistant #1
 Erika Cassel, Drama Club Assistant #2
 Randa Ray, Drama Club Assistant #3
 Tammy Wapinsky, Volunteer Drama Club Assistant
 Johanna Ulicny, Drama Club Marketing Director
 Mark Beltz, Auditorium/Stage/Audio Visual Manager
 Megan Frantz, Middle School Student Council Advisor
 Michael Murphy, Middle School Math Counts Advisor
 Michael Murphy, Middle School Lego Club Advisor
 Megan Frantz, Middle School 6th Sense Co-Advisor and ACE Co-Advisor
 Autumn Pedron, Middle School 6th Sense Co-Advisor and ACE Co-Advisor
 Michael Murphy, Middle School Yearbook Advisor
 Megan Frantz, Middle School National Junior Honor Society
 Megan Frantz, Middle School Eighth Grade Advisor
 Randa Ray, High School Freshman Class Advisor
 Millini Skuba, High School Sophomore Class Advisor
 Nathan Halenar, High School Junior Class Advisor
 Stephen Ulicny, High School Student Government (TASGA) Advisor
 Amanda Woodring, Step Up Co-Advisor
 Cathy Miorelli, Step Up Co-Advisor
 Lawrence Capozzelli, High School Physics and Engineering Club Advisor
 Kiersten Rivera, High School National Honor Society Advisor
 Emilie Baker, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
 Abigail Graver, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
 Angela Faust, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
 Nicole Evans, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
 Cathy Miorelli, Co-Aevidum Advisor
 Amanda Woodring, Co-Aevidum Advisor

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, 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; Donation of District Library Books to the Tamaqua Public Library; Out of State Trip; Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 and Technology Center Election of School Board Members; Behavior Analyst; Professional Substitute Teacher; Guest Teacher; Retirements; Family Medical Leave;

Liaison Teachers; Department Chairpersons; Extended School Year Teachers; Extended School Year Paraprofessionals; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Donation of District Library Books to the Tamaqua Public Library

Out of State Trip, Honors Biology Students to the Bronx Zoo on April 26, 2002

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 and Technology Center Election of School Board Members

Ratify Stacey Mika, Nesquehoning, Pa 18240, Behavior Analyst, Master's Step 2, at a salary of \$50,428.00

DarciJo Grasso, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Professional Substitute Teacher

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

Retirement of Cynthia Viel, Tamaqua Elementary Teacher, effective the day following the last in-service day of the 2021-2022 school year

Retirement of Diane Michalik, Tamaqua Elementary Teacher, effective the day following the last in-service day of the 2021-2022 school year

Retirement of Jody Bachert, High School Learning Support Teacher, effective the day following the last day of the 2021-2022 extended school year

Retirement of Koreen Nalesnik, Middle School Reading and Language Arts Teacher, effective the day following the last in-service day of the 2021-2022 school year

Retirement of Lori Connors, Tamaqua Elementary Title 1 Reading Teacher, effective the day following the last in-service day of the 2021-2022 school year

Retirement of Anita Ansbach, Tamaqua Elementary Title 1 Reading Teacher, effective the day following the last in-service day of the 2021-2022 school year

Jessica Paisley, Maternity Leave, beginning on or about August 29, 2022 and returning to work on or about November 18, 2022

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Andrew Michalik, Tamaqua Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison Teacher

Noelle Nicholas, Tamaqua Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher

Dawn Walsh, Tamaqua Elementary Special Education Liaison Teacher

Vanessa Boyle, West Penn Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison Teacher

Nicole Evans, West Penn Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher

Jennifer Kinder, West Penn Elementary Special Education Liaison Teacher

Kristine Schellhammer, Middle School Language Arts Department Chairperson

Megan Frantz, Middle School Mathematics Department Chairperson

Lauren Ahner, Middle School Science Department Chairperson

Charlene Shannon, Middle School Social Studies Department Chairperson

Jacqueline Murphy, Middle School Special Education Department Liaison

John Matulevich, High School Business Education Department Chairperson

Cathy Miorelli, High School Extended Services Department Chairperson

Jennifer Curcio, High School Fine and Practical Arts Department Chairperson

Jillian Tuckett, High School Language Arts Department Chairperson

Michael Grabowski, High School Mathematics Department Chairperson

James McCabe, High School Health and Physical Education Department Chairperson

Connie Segedy, High School Social Studies Department Chairperson

Amanda Hascin, High School World Language Department Chairperson

Emilie Baker, 2022 Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Stacey Setlock, 2022 Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

Sherri Gerber, 2022 Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00

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 Abigail Graver, 2022 Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
 Vanessa Gimbor, 2022 Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
 Jody Bachert, 2022 Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
 Katelyn Collevchio, 2022 Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
 Amanda Woodring, 2022 Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
 Susan Zehner, 2022 Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
 Melissa Rodriguez, 2022 Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
 Hedy Cohen, 2022 Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
 Barbara Schwartz, 2022 Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
 Kimberly Modesto, 2022 Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
 McKenzie Coombe, 2022 Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, 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 Boyle to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemption; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Agreement with CM Regent Solutions; Purchase of Perforated Window Coverings; Purchase of Music Furniture; Transportation Contract Fuel Surcharge; Purchase of the 2023 Tax Envelopes; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

Rush Twp. 2021 – Assessed Occupation
 Walker Twp. 2019, 2020 - Assessed Occupation
 West Penn 2021 – Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Agreement with CM Regent Solutions

Purchase of Perforated Window Coverings for Tamaqua and West Penn Elementary Schools from Dawn’s Vinyl at a cost of \$12,278

Purchase of 60 Music Furniture from Wenger Corp. at a cost of \$18,368.40

Transpiration Contract Fuel Surcharge

Purchase of the 2023 Tax Envelopes

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

Communications - None

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:16 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, and Rother all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary