

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday July 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
Mark Rother
Tom Bartasavage

ABSENT

Melanie Dillman
Nancy Jones
Bryan Miller
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 – member of the press, members of the community and Jeff Bowe, Solicitor

Rother made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from May 17, 2022 and June 21, 2022. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Rother, and Bartasavage 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, Rother, and Bartasavage all voted “FOR”.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Rother, and Bartasavage 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 thirteen 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.

Bartasavage made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: Policy #918; Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Rescind Motion; Resignation; Substitute Teacher Coordinator; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

First reading of the following policy:

Policy #918 – Title I Parent and Family Engagement

Schoener made a motion to forgo the readings. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Rother, and Bartasavage all voted “FOR”.

Jared Buchman, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as a Volunteer Cross Country Coach
Craig Valentine, Mahanoy City, PA 17948, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach
Kevin Smith, Mahanoy City, PA 17948, as an Assistant Volleyball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Rescind Motion of June 21, 2022, approving Andrea Feathers, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Volleyball Coach

Andrea Feathers, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Aaron Knepp, Emmaus, PA 18049 as the Gaming Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Resignation of Henry Woods, SPO, effective August 1, 2022

Terri Livingston, Substitute Teacher Coordinator

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

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

Bartasavage made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year; Authorization; Early Dismissal; 2022-2023 T ASD Health and Safety Plan/Instructional Time Template; Mentors; Certified Teacher; Career Counselor; Social Worker; Part-Time Health Room Assistant; Department Chairperson; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Authorize the Superintendent to employ staff as needed

Early Dismissal for the West Penn and Tamaqua Elementary Schools, November 9th-11th for Parent/Teacher Conferences.

2022-2023 T ASD Health and Safety Plan/Instructional Time Template

Angela Faust, certified teacher, mentor to Taylor Prehotsky, certified teacher

Linda Travis, certified teacher, mentor to Ruina Gentile, certified teacher

Alicia Murphy, certified teacher, mentor to Amy Gardiner, certified teacher

Jennifer Kinder, certified teacher, mentor to DarciJo Grasso, certified teacher

Colin Rex, New Tripoli, PA 18066, K-12 Physical Education Teacher, Bachelor’s Step 1, at a salary of \$43,360.00

Alyssa Wagner, Sugarloaf, PA 18249, Career Counselor, Master’s Step 1, at a salary of \$50,663.00

Kelly Klimowitch, Social Worker, Master’s Step 1, at a salary of \$50,663.00

Kayla Siegfried, RN, Lehigh, PA 18235, Part-Time Health Room Assistant at an hourly rate of \$22.60

Sherri Gerber, High School Special Education Department Chairperson

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Rother, and Bartasavage 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 2022-2023 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Affirmative Vote Resolution; Donations; Use of School Property; School Uniform Stipend; LCCC Shine Afterschool Program Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement; St. Jerome’s Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement; Contract with Behavioral Health Associates; IDEA part B with Schuylkill IU #29; Section 619 with Schuylkill IU #29; LST implementation; Restoration and Repairs to the District Building Roof; MOU & 2 Year Contract with Tamaqua Area Education Support Personnel; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

West Penn	2020 - Per Capita
	2020 - Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Affirmative Vote Resolution

Authorization of donations to;	
ESRC	\$2,500
Tamaqua Library	\$3,500

Matt Hope, Tamaqua, permission to use the triangular piece of property on Stadium Hill for the 2022-2023 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

LCCC Shine Afterschool Program Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement at \$4.00

St. Jerome’s Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement for school lunches at \$2.75 per student

Contract with Behavioral Health Associates, Lehigh, PA, 18235 for the 2022-2023 school year

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

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

Approve LST implementation under the Raider Promise Project

Approve the Restoration and Repair to the District Building Roof at a cost of \$379,422.00 using Tremco Inc.

Approve the 2022-23 MOU & 2-year contract with Tamaqua Area Education Support Personnel, effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2025

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

Hearing Committee - Boyle presented the following items as recommendations of the Hearing Committee.

Boyle made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the reinstatement of a Middle School Student.

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

Communications - None

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Rother, and Bartasavage all voted "FOR".

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary