

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the cafeteria of the Tamaqua Area Middle School on Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 7:30 PM with President Larry Wittig presiding. Presiding Wittig led with the "Pledge of Allegiance"; a moment of silent meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President
Thomas Rottet, Vice President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Nicholas Boyle
Melanie Dillman

Eileen Meiser
Bryan Miller
Mark Rother
Wanda Zuber

ABSENT

NONE

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

Others in Attendance – member of the press, Attorney Odorizzi, and members of the community

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the minutes from February 19, 2019 and March 19, 2019. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber 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 Meiser to ratify the transfer of funds and payments of bills. Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR." Wittig "ABSTAINED"

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rottet to approve the treasurer's report. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

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

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

No session was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendation of the committees.

Auxiliary Committee – Rottet presented the following items as a recommendation of the Auxiliary Committee.

Rottet made a motion seconded by Zuber to approve the following for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years: Out of State Trip; Agreement; Coaching Adjustment; Coaches; Volunteers; Student Game Worker; Custodians; Substitute Coordinator; Access Billing Coordinator; Band Directors; Advisors; Choral Directors; Drama Club Assistants; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Drama Club trip to New York City, April 6, 2019

Agreement with Frank Fabrizio, Brockton, and Tamaqua Area Drama Club for reproduction of "Big Fish"

Sam Schaefer, Tamaqua, from Track and Field Assistant #4 Coach to Volunteer Track and Field Coach

2019-2020

Jennifer Kromer, Brockton, PA, 17925, Head Volleyball Coach

Samuel Schaefer, Tamaqua, Assistant Golf Coach

Jessica Paisley, Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach

Jim Dean, Andreas, PA, 18211, Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach

Alicia Dougherty, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, Volunteer Assistant Tennis Coach

Megan Frantz, Volunteer Assistant Cross Country Coach

Sam Bonner, Jim Thorpe, PA, 18229, Head Varsity Football Coach

Michael Bonner, Lehighton, PA, 18235, Varsity First Assistant Football Coach

Clarence Opolsky, Varsity Second Assistant Football Coach

Greg Sheeler, Tamaqua, Head Boys Soccer Coach

Edward Noftz, Tamaqua, Assistant Boys Soccer Coach

James McCabe, Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

Courtney McCarroll, Blandon, PA, 19510, Volunteer Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

Carly Sassaman, Tamaqua, Volunteer Assistant Girls Soccer Coach

Melissa A. Hess, Tamaqua, Head Cheerleading Coach

Rebekah Hromyak, Tamaqua, Student Game Worker

Tammy Wapinsky, Pine Grove, PA, 17963, Volunteer Drama Club Vocal Instructor

George Hegedus, IV, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, Volunteer Drama Club Vocal Instructor

Francis Boyle, Substitute Custodian to a Full-time Custodian, effective May 1, 2019

Kim Jandrisevitz, Tamaqua, Full-time Custodian

Amanda Achey, Lansford, PA, 18232, Substitute Custodian

Jody Bachert, Substitute Coordinator

Heather Metric, Access Billing Coordinator

Mark Beltz, Band Director

Marsha Rodgers, Assistant Band Director, Middle School Band Director and Elementary Band Director

Samantha Bubel, Band Silk Advisor and Elementary Choral Director

John Potlunas, Pottsville, PA, 17901, Volunteer Band Assistant
Joshua Allen Bishop, Schuylkill Haven, PA, 17972, Volunteer Band Assistant
Allie Gerber, Tamaqua, Volunteer Band Assistant
Adam Shumgart, Brockton, PA, 17925, Volunteer Band Assistant
Kaitlyn Herling, Tamaqua, Volunteer Band Assistant
John Buglio, High School and Middle School Choral Director
Thorn Devlin, Tamaqua, Ski Club Advisor
Adriane Drum, Drama Club Advisor
Amy Gardiner, Summit Hill, PA, 18250, Drama Club Assistant #1
Erika Cassell, Tamaqua, Drama Club Assistant #2
Deb Sweeney, Drama Club Assistant #3
Colleen Barrett, Barnesville, PA, 18214, Drama Club Marketing Director
Jennifer DiSante, Middle School Academic Club Co-Advisor
Alisa Kemmerer, Middle School Academic Club Co-Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School Eighth Grade Advisor, Middle School National Honor Society Advisor, and Middle School Student Council Advisor
Corey Smith, Middle School Lego Club Advisor
Michael Murphy, Middle School Math Counts Advisor and the Middle School Yearbook Advisor
Karen Campomizzi, High School Freshman Class Advisor
Milini Skuba, High School Sophomore Class Advisor
Michael Sakash, High School Junior Class Advisor
Roseann Weinrich, High School Senior Class/Commencement Advisor, High School Biology Club Advisor and Volunteer High School Science National Honor Society Advisor
Kristen Klingaman, High School Environmental Club Advisor
Michael Grabowski, High School Math Honor Society Advisor
Lori Rimmel, High School Media Production (G.A.S.P.O.) Advisor
Lawrence Capozzelli, High School Physics and Engineering Club Advisor
Caitlin Miller, Step Up Advisor
Stephen Ulicny, High School Government (T.A.S.G.A.)/Leadership Advisor
Amanda Hascin, High School World Language Club Advisor

Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Education Committee – Meiser presented the following items as a recommendation of the Education Committee.

Meiser made a motion seconded by Rottet to approve the following for the 2018-2019 and 2019-2020 school years: Weighted Grades; Act 80 Day; Policy; Policy Adoption; Out of State Trip; Homebound; Job Description; Mentor; Professional Substitute Teacher; Behavioral Analyst; Extended School Year Behavioral Analyst; Department Head Chairperson/Liaison Teachers; Family and Medical Leaves; Leave of Absence; Unpaid Days; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation, stipends to be established.

Weighted Grades to begin with the 2019-2020 school year

Honors	1.02
Dual Enrollment	1.04
Advanced Placement	1.04
Advanced Placement	1.05 taking the A.P. test

Act 80 day, April 22, 2019

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to forgo the readings of the policies listed. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Second reading of Policy #806 – Child/Student Abuse

Adoption of policy #806 – Child/Student Abuse

Annual Physics Day trip to Six Flags Great Adventure, New Jersey, May 3, 2019

Homebound instruction for two students

Behavioral Analyst Job Description

Roseann Weinrich, mentor for Jacob Atherly - \$700.00

Roxanne A. Person, Weatherly, PA, 18255, Professional Substitute Teacher

Stacy Mika, Tamaqua, Behavioral Analyst

Stacy Mika, Extended School Year Behavioral Analyst - \$25.00 per hour

Jacqueline Murphy, Middle School Special Education Department Head for the remaining 2018-2019 school year

Julia Shoff, Family and Medical Leave to begin on or about April 15, 2019, using 9.5 sick days and 5 personal days, before beginning the FMLA, returning for the final 2018-2019 in-service day

Samantha Bubel, Family and Medical Leave to begin on or about April 15, 2019, returning the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year

Milini Skuba, Family and Medical Leave to begin March 19, 2019 and returning on or about April 1, 2019

Michele Bittner, Family and Medical Leave to begin February 4, 2019 and returning on or about April 3, 2019

Sherri Gerber, Intermittent Family and Medical Leave, effective April 8, 2019.

Beth Jones, Leave of Absence, March 13, 2019 to March 28, 2019

Jennifer Florea, March 14 and April 12, 2019, unpaid days

Samantha Bubel, March 14, 2019, unpaid day

Cindy Dover, June 4, 5, and 6, 2019, unpaid days

Tammy Harleman, March 28, April 3 and 4, 2019, unpaid days

Vanessa Boyle, April 18, 2019, unpaid day

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Diane Michalik, Tamaqua Primary Center K-2 Liaison Teacher

Cindy Viel, 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
Edward Mariano, Middle School Science Department Chairperson
Jennifer DiSante, Middle School Social Studies Department Chairperson
Jacqueline Murphy, Middle School Special Education Department Chairperson
Thomas Kanger, High School Business 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
Ellen Troxell, High School Physical Education Department Chairperson
Roseann Weinrich, High School Science Department Chairperson
Connie Segedy, High School Social Studies Department Chairperson
Amanda Hascin, High School World Language Department Chairperson
Jody Bachert, High School Special Education Liaison Teacher

Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Finance Committee - Schoener presented the following items as a recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year as presented; Tax Refunds; Plancon K; Food Service Management Contract; 2019-2020 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Operating Budget; Tamaqua Elementary Breakfast and Fruit and Vegetable Grants; 2019-2020 CSIU Services; Retirement; Confidential Secretary; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds:

West Penn Township 2018 Assessed Occupation
Approve submission of the Plancon K application for the 2017 Bond to the Pennsylvania Department of Education
Renew the Food Service Management contract for a one-year period beginning on July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 as presented
Approve the 2019-2020 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Operating Budget as presented
Authorize submissions to the Pennsylvania Department of Education Division of Nutritional Services for Tamaqua Elementary Breakfast and Fruit and Vegetable Grants for the 2019-2020 school year
Approve CSIU services for payroll, fund accounting and personnel at an approximate cost of \$19,410 effective July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020
Accept the retirement of Susan Truskey, confidential secretary, effective noon, April 12, 2019
Approve Jillian K. Barron, as a Confidential Secretary, \$28,800

Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR." Wittig "ABSTAINED"

Hearing Committee – Zuber presented the following items as a recommendation of the Hearing Committee.

Zuber made a motion seconded by Dillman to expel a middle school student for violation of the Tamaqua School District discipline code. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

Communications - None

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Hearings – Multiple members of the community spoke.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:08. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary