

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday, April 16, 2024 at 7:30 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
Bryan Miller
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Tom Bartasavage
Nancy Jones
Mark Rother

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Stephen Toth, Assistant Superintendent; Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operating Officer

Others in Attendance – one member of the press and Erik Helbing, Solicitor

Miller made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the minutes from March 19, 2024. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Miller 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 Boyle to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Miller and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Miller and Schellhammer 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 one hour and 2 minute executive session was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

Auxiliary Committee – Schellhammer presented the following items as recommendations for the Auxiliary.

Schellhammer made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year: Coaches; Volunteer Coach; Substitute Custodians; Substitute Teacher Coordinator; Access Billing Coordinator; Band Directors; Choral Directors; Drama Club Advisor and Assistants; Auditorium, Stage and Audio Visual Manager; Advisors; Gaming Coach, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coaches; Volunteer Band Assistants; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Emily Martin, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, as an Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Jim McCabe, Brockton, PA 17925, as Head Wrestling Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Alexis Jones, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Jennifer Paisley, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Swimming Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Ryan Ensinger, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

Stephanie Brode, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

Angela Kalchick, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

Donovan Moeller, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

2024-2025 School Year

Terri Livingston, Substitute Teacher Coordinator

Heather Metric, Access Billing Coordinator

Mark Beltz, Band Director

Marsha Rodgers, Assistant Band Director

Benjamin Turrano, Band Assistant

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

Randa Ray, Drama Club Assistant #2

Colleen Kopenhagenver, Drama Club Assistant #3

Johanna Ulicny, Drama Club Marketing Director

Mark Beltz, Auditorium/Stage/Audio Visual Manager

Nate Halenar, High School Freshman Advisor

Millini Skuba, High School Sophomore Class Advisor

Kristen Klingaman, High School Junior Class Advisor

Amanda Hascin, High School Senior Class Advisor
Stephen Ulicny, High School Student Government Advisor
(TASGA)
Kristen Klingaman, High School Biology Club Advisor
Kristen Klingaman, High School Environmental Club Advisor
Lawrence Capozzelli, High School Physics and Engineering Club
Advisor
Kiersten Rivera, High School National Honor Society Advisor
Brett Hoch, High School Math National Honor Society Advisor
Dana Ayers, Yearbook Advisor
Amanda Woodring, Step Up Advisor
Amanda Woodring, Aavidum Advisor
Aaron Knepp, Gaming Coach
Megan Frantz, Middle School Student Council Advisor
Denise Drum, Volunteer 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
Autumn Pedron, Middle School 6th Sense Co-Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School ACE Co-Advisor
Autumn Pedron, Middle School ACE Co-Advisor
Michael Murphy, Middle School Yearbook Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School National Junior Honor Society
Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School 8th Grade Advisor
Denise Drum, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Kelly Klimowitch, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Emilie Baker, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
Abigail Graver, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
Angela Faust, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
Taylor Prehotsky, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
Jamie Mateyak, Volunteer Band Assistant
Kaitlyn Herling, Volunteer Band Assistant

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

Education Committee - Dillman, presented the following items as recommendations of the Education Committee.

Dillman made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year; Second Reading of Policies #217 and #810; Leave of

Absence Adjustment; Department Chairpersons; Liaison Teachers; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to forgo the reading of the listed policies.

Second reading of the following policies:

Policy #217 – Graduation

Policy #810 – Transportation

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

Adjustment to Kristen Tubbs approved one-year unpaid leave to an intermittent leave of absence

2024-2025 School Year

John Matulevich, High School Business Education Department
Chairperson

Sabrina Gross, High School Extended Services Department
Chairperson

Jennifer Curcio, High School Fine and Practical Arts Department
Chairperson

Jillian Tuckett, High School Language Arts Department Chairperson

Robin Fink, High School Mathematics Department Chairperson

James McCabe, High School Health and Physical Education Department
Chairperson

Kristen Klingaman, High School Science Department Chairperson

Connie Segedy, High School Social Studies Department Chairperson

Amanda Hascin, High School World Language Department Chairperson

Sherri Gerber, High School Special Education Department
Chairperson

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
Chairperson

Andrew Michalik, Tamaqua Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison
Teacher

Alexa Hauer, Tamaqua Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher

Dawn Walsh, Tamaqua Elementary Special Education Liaison Teacher

Audra Schlecht, West Penn Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison Teacher,
August through November

Dana Barachie, West Penn Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison Teacher,
December through May

Angela Faust, West Penn Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher

Jennifer Kinder, West Penn Elementary Special Education Liaison Teacher

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Miller and Schellhammer 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 2023-2024 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Sale of Solar Renewable Energy Credits; TimeClock Plus Contract; Contract with the Nutrition Group Inc.; Agreement with McClure Company; Rescind Motion; Co-Curricular and Athletic Salaries for the 23-24 fiscal year; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

Schuylkill Township 2023 - Assessed Occupation

Tamaqua Borough 2022, 2023 - Assessed Occupation

2023 - Per Capita

West Penn Township 2023 - Assessed Occupation

2023 - Per Capita

Payment of Bills

Authorize the sale of 3,263 SRECs at a price of \$31(net of commission):

Value \$101,153

Authorize the sale of all remaining SRECs accumulated through February 2024 at a cost not less than \$31 (net of commission).

TimeClock Plus Contract, one-year term at a cost of \$12,918.75

One-Year contact (approved by the DFN) with the Nutrition Group Inc. effective 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025

Approve entering an agreement with McClure Co. for renovations to the Student Career and Support Center at a cost of \$135,000(COSTARS)

Rescind motion of March 19, 2024 approving the resignation of Heather Metric, Occupational Therapist

Ratify the Co-Curricular and Athletic Salaries for the 23-24 fiscal year

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

Communications – None

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

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

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:41 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Miller and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary