

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday, December 17, 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
Nancy Jones

Bryan Miller
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Tom Bartasavage
Melanie Dillman
Mark Rother

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

Others in Attendance – two members of the press, Erik Helbing, Solicitor

Miller made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the minutes from November 19, 2024. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Jones, 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, Jones, Miller, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Jones, 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 19 minute meeting was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

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

Schellhammer made a motion seconded by Jones to approve the following for the 2024-2025 school year; Livestream Subscription Cost; Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Approve the Livestream pricing structure: \$8 per game, \$15 per month, \$75 per year

Ryan Frederickson, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach

David Leinbach, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Junior Varsity Girls Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Cristie Ansbach, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

Ryan Bamford, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

James Gormley, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach

Aaron Gill, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Golf Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Rich Gibson, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as a Volunteer Girls Tennis Coach

Amanda Hascin, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Cross Country Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Sam Bonner, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, as Head Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Shane Kaufman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Joshua Holmberg, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Football Coach

Duane Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Football Coach

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Jones, Miller, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Education Committee – Jones presented the following items as recommendations for the Education Committee.

Jones made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the following for the 2024-2025 school year; Out-of-State Trip; 2024-2025 Title I Non-Public Letter of Agreement; 2024-2025 Title IIA Non-Public Programs and Services Letter of Agreement; Affiliation Agreement; Resignation; Elementary Teacher; Special Education Teacher; Substitute Teacher; Rescind Motion; Special Education Agreement; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Out-of-state trip, "Raider" Marching Band to New York City on Saturday, April 26, 2025

Approve 2024-2025 Title I Non-Public Letter of Agreement

Approve 2024-2025 Title IIA Non-Public Programs and Services Letter of Agreement

Affiliation Agreement with East Stroudsburg University, for student teachers, practicum or student teaching experience
 Resignation of Nicole Reinhart, Middle School Learning Support Teacher, with a separation date of Friday, January 3, 2025
 Christina Wagner, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Elementary Teacher, Bachelor’s Step 1, at a salary of \$45,048.00 for the 2024-2025 school year
 Kaelyn Boran-Smith, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Special Education Teacher, Bachelor’s Step 1, at a salary of \$45,048.00 for the 2024-2025 school year h.
 Rylee Wenzel, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Substitute Teacher
 Rescind the motion of December 3, 2024, approving Michael Walser, as a Certified School Nurse
 Special Education Agreement

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

Finance Committee – Schoener presented the following items as recommendations for the Finance Committee.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the following for the 2024-2025 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Delinquent Tax Collector; Tax Collector Compensation; Full-Time Health Room Assistant; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager b. Tax Refunds:

Rush Township	2024	- Real Estate
Tamaqua Borough	2024	- Real Estate
Walker Township	2022, 2023	- Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Appoint Berkheimer Incorporated as the delinquent Per Capita and Assessed Occupation tax collector for the 2025 collection cycle

Approve the tax collector compensation of \$1.60 per paid bill (in full) effective with the next term

Nancy Phillips, RN, Full-Time Health Room Assistant at a rate of \$32.00 per hour

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

Communications - None

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

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

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Schoener made motion seconded by Schellhammer to adjourn the meeting at 8:01 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Jones, Miller, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary