

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday, February 20, 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  
Tom Bartasavage  
Nancy Jones

Bryan Miller  
Mark Rother  
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Melanie Dillman

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

Boyle made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the minutes from January 16, 2024. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Miller 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, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

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

No 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 Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year: Out of State Trip; Act 80 Day; Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Resignations; Volunteer Advisor; Substitute Custodian; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Approve the Drama Club out of state trip, Saturday, April 14, 2024 to New York City  
Ratify February 19, 2024 as an Act 80 day

Stacei Faust, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Junior High Softball Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Gregory Haney, Pottsville, PA 17901, as a Junior Varsity Baseball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Nate MacDonald, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach

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

Resignation of Autumn Pedron, 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Track and Field Coach, effective immediately

Resignation of Aaron Gill, 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Track and Field Coach, effective immediately

Megan Frantz, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as 3<sup>rd</sup> Assistant Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Alexa Hauer, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Junior High Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Aaron Gill, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Track and Field Coach

Olivia Matula, Coaldale, PA 18218, as an Assistant Volleyball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Sydney Clouser, Coaldale, PA 18218, as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach

MyKalan Mendoza, Port Carbon, PA 17965, as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Justin Lewis, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Megan Frantz, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Cross Country Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Denise Drum, Volunteer Middle School Student Council Advisor for the 2023-2024 school year

Mark McCarroll, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

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

Education Committee - Miller presented the following items as recommendations of the Education Committee.

Miller made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year; 2024-2025 Schuylkill IU #29 Calendar; 2024-2025 TASD School Calendar; Homebound Instruction; Out of State Trip; 2024-2027 Comprehensive Plan; Substitute Guest Teacher; Mentor; Family Medical Leaves; Resignation; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

2024-2025 Schuylkill IU #29 Calendar

2024-2025 TASD Calendar

Homebound Instruction for one Elementary student

Out of State Trip, physics students, Six Flags Great Adventure, New Jersey, May 3, 2024

2024-2027 Comprehensive Plan

Courtney Holley, Pottsville, PA 17901, Substitute Guest Teacher

Amanda Peters, certified teacher, mentor to Ashlyn Herring, certified teacher

Jolene Barron, Intermittent Medical Leave, Beginning January 29, 2024

Ratify Amanda Woodring, Intermittent Medical Leave, Beginning January 12, 2024

Katelyn Midas, Intermittent Medical Leave, date to be determined

Krista Martin, Maternity Leave, Beginning on or about April 18, 2024 with a tentative return to work date of May 24, 2024

Resignation of Dara Schaeffer, Full-Time Paraprofessional, effective February 16, 2024

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer 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 2023-2024 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Delinquent Tax List; 2024-2025 Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget; 2024-2025 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Operating Budget; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

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

Tamaqua Borough	2023 – Per Capita
Schuylkill Twp.	2023 – Assessed Occupation
	2023 – Per Capita
	2023 – Real Estate
Rush Township	2019 – Real Estate

Payment of Bills

Delinquent Tax List

2024-2025 Schuylkill Technology Center Secondary Budget

2024-2025 Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Operating Budget

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

Hearing Committee – Boyle presented the following item as recommendation of the Hearing Committee.

Boyle made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the discipline contract for an elementary student for violation of the discipline code. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Communications – None

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

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

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Bryan Miller/ Assistant Secretary, Board Member