

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday, February 15, 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, Treasurer
Thomas Bartasavage
Melanie Dillman

Nancy Jones
Mark Rother
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Bryan Miller

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Stephen Toth; Assistant Superintendent; Connie Ligenza, Business Administrator and Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operation Officer

Others in Attendance – member of the press, several members of the community members and Jeff Bowe, Solicitor

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from January 18, 2022. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Rother 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 Rother to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the treasurer's report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Superintendent Report – Toth indicated that the report in its entirety was attached to the agenda.

Hearings – several members of the community spoke

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

A ten-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.

Rother made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year: Act 80 Days; Coaches; Adult Game Worker; Substitute Custodian; Retirement; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Approve February 18 and February 21, 2022 as Act 80 Days
Andrew Smarr, Tamaqua, PA 18252, 1st Assistant Track Coach, at a stipend of \$2,075.00
Maria Campomizzi, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Middle School Track Coach, at a stipend of \$1,031.23
Tim Robb, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach
Zach Chodur, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach
Mary Ellen Francis, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Adult Game Worker
Layla J. Kunkel, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour
Robert Fredericks, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at a rate of \$10.54 per hour
Retirement of Kathy Brobst, Custodian, effective the end of the day August 22, 2022

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

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Jones to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year; Virtual Day for Kindergarten Students; Vice Principal to act as an Attendance/Truancy Officer; Revised T ASD 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan; Purchase of K-5 Mathematics Curriculum; Substitute Guest Teacher; Full-Time Paraprofessional; Substitute Paraprofessional; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Approve March 25, 2022 as a Virtual Day for Kindergarten Students
Vice Principal, Lisa Shirvinski to act as an Attendance/Truancy Officer
Revised T ASD 2021-2022 Health and Safety Plan
Purchase of a K-5 Mathematics Curriculum, Eureka Math Squared at a cost of \$293,286.90
Devin Murphy, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Guest Teacher
Barb Schuetrumpf, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Full-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$10.92 per hour
Dara Schaeffer, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Paraprofessional at a rate of \$9.13 per hour

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, 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 Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemption; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Delinquent Tax List; Purchase of Protective Mats for the track; Purchase of 2 Wrestling Mats; Agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit; Preliminary Budget presentation March 15, 2022; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

West Penn Twp.	2019 – Assessed Occupation
	2020 – Assessed Occupation

Payment of bills

Delinquent Tax List

Purchase of Protective Mats for the track from Pioneer Athletics at a cost of \$12,114.95

Purchase of 2 Wrestling Mats from Resilite at a cost of \$20,236.00

Agreement with Allegheny Intermediate Unit

Preliminary Budget presentation March 15, 2022

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

Old Business – None

New Business – hire T. Knoblauch as Assistant Softball Coach for the 21-22 school year at a stipend to be determined. Boyle, Schoener, Rother and Dillman all voted "FOR." Jones, Bartasavage, and Schellhammer voted "AGAINST" and Wittig "ABSTAINED."

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:13 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary