

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

Bryan Miller

ABSENT

Melanie Dillman
Nancy Jones
Mark Rother
Trina Schellhammer

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from December 5, 2023 and December 19, 2023. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage and Miller 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, Bartasavage and Miller all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage and Miller 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 – Bartasavage presented the following items as recommendations of the Auxiliary Committee.

Bartasavage made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year: Second Reading of Policies #815 and #819; Adopt Policies #815 and #819; 2024 Raider Band Christmas Party; Coaches; Volunteer Coach; Resignation; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage and Miller all voted “FOR.”

Second reading of the following policies:

Policy #815 – Acceptable Use of Internet, Computers and Network Resources

Policy #819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response

Adopt policies in letter A

Raider Band Christmas Party, December 14, 2024 at Capriotti’s McAdoo, PA

Samuel Schaefer, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Golf Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Aaron Knepp, Wescosville, PA 18106, as Head Volleyball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Morgan Boyle, Brockton, PA 17925, as a Volunteer Track and Field Coach

Resignation of Thomas Kanger, Head Cross Country Coach, effective immediately

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

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

Miller made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year; Second Reading of Policy #233; Adopt Policy #233; CATCH My Breath Program Agreement; Agreement with Richard W. Riley College of Education and Human Science’s Licensure Programs at Walden University; Affiliation Agreement with Wilkes University; Homebound Instruction; Department Chairperson; Family Medical Leaves; Certified School Nurse; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage and Miller all voted “FOR.”

Second reading of the following policy:

Policy #233 – Suspension and Expulsion

Adopt policy in letter A

Approve the CATCH My Breath Program Agreement with St. Luke’s University Health Network, in conjunction with SAP as an anti-vaping program

Approve the agreement with Richard W. Riley College of Education and Human Science’s Licensure Programs at Walden University LLC, to provide clinical practice experience

Approve the affiliation agreement with Wilkes University to provide clinical school nursing experience

Approve Homebound Instruction for one High School student

Sabrina Gross, High School Extended Services Department Chairperson, for the remainder of the 2023-2024 School Year

Ratify Kim Woodward, Intermittent Medical Leave, Beginning December 21, 2023

Approve Millini Skuba, Intermittent Medical Leave

Approve Michele Bittner, Intermittent Medical Leave, Beginning January 16, 2024

Jill Vanak,BSN,CSN Orwigsburg, PA 17961, Certified School Nurse, Bachelor’s Step 2 1/2, at a salary of \$44,981.00

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Affirmative Vote Resolution; Tamaqua Education Association one-year contract extension 2024-2025; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

West Penn 2021, 2022, 2023 – Assessed Occupation

2022, 2023 – Per Capita

Schuylkill Twp. 2023 – Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Affirmative Vote Resolution

Approve a one-year contract extension with the Tamaqua Education Association

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

Communications – None

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

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage and Miller all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Bryan Miller
Board Member/Assistant Board Secretary