

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the cafeteria of the Tamaqua Area Middle School on Tuesday, January 15, 2019 at 7:30 PM with President Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance” a moment of silent meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President  
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer  
Nicholas Boyle  
Melanie Dillman

Eileen Meiser  
Bryan Miller  
Mark Rother  
Wanda Zuber

ABSENT

Thomas Rottet, Vice President

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Steve Toth, Assistant Superintendent; Connie Ligenza, Business Administrator; and Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operations Officer

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the minutes from December 18, 2019. Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber 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 Miller to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted “FOR.” Wittig “ABSTAINED”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber 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 13-minute session was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendation of the committees.

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

Boyle made a motion seconded by Rother to approve suspending implementation of school district Policy #705, pending a resolution as its validity by the Court of Common Pleas of Schuylkill County. Wittig, Schoener, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted “FOR.” Boyle “AGAINST”

Auxiliary Committee – Miller presented the following items as recommendation of the Auxiliary Committee.

Miller made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year: Policies; 2019 Band Christmas Party; Coaches; Custodians; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Policy first reading:

- Policy #336            Personal Necessity Leave
- Policy #436            Personal Necessity Leave
- Policy #536            Personal Necessity Leave

Schoener made a motion to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Wittig, Schoener, Boyle Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

2019 Band Christmas Party to be held at Capriotti’s, McAdoo, PA, December 21, 2019

Jillian Barron, Head Softball Coach - \$3,131.42

Thomas I. Kanger, Jr., 2019-2020 Head Cross Country Coach

Matt Stine, 2019-2020 Head Golf Coach

Clem McCarroll, Tamaqua, 2019-2020 Head Girls Soccer Coach

Rich Gibson, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, 2019-2020 Head Girls Tennis Coach

Kaitlyn Bender, Tamaqua, Substitute Custodian

Remove Dane Lowell, Tamaqua, as a Substitute Custodian

Remove Thomas Sommer, Mechanicsburg, PA, 17050, as a Substitute Custodian

Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

Miller made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the first reading of Policy #820. Wittig, Schoener, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted “AGAINST.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to forgo the reading of Policy #820. Wittig, Schoener, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

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

Meiser made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year: Policy; Internship Agreement; Letter of Linkage; Professional Substitute Teachers; Teacher Resignation Adjusted Date; Teacher Resignation; Days Without Pay; High School Chemistry Teacher; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation, stipends to be established.

First reading of Policy #806 – Child/Student Abuse.

Two-year Internship Agreement with California University of Pennsylvania.

Two-year, Letter of Linkage with New Beginnings, Pottsville, PA, 16901 and Mahanoy City, PA, 17948.

Tiffany Marie Arianna Bobeck, Hazle Township, PA, 18202, Professional Substitute Teacher.

Lauren Mateyak, Tamaqua, Professional Substitute Teacher.

Stacey Roman, Palmyra, PA, 17078, Professional Substitute Teacher.

Suzanne Lynn, middle school teacher, resignation effective end of day January 20, 2019.

Resignation of Kristin Boyle, high school teacher, effective at a date agreed upon with the Superintendent.

Doreen Siegfried, paraprofessional, the following are days without pay: ½ day December 7, 2018, December 17, 18, and 21, 2018 and January 3, 2019.

Terry Koch, paraprofessional, December 10, 2018, day without pay.

Jacob Atherly, Leighton, PA, 18235, Bachelors, Step 1, \$40, 623, high school chemistry teacher.

Wittig, Schoener, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Zuber to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year as presented; Tax Report; Tax Refunds; Affirmative Vote Resolution; Clerical Substitute; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds:

West Penn Township 2016, 2017 Assessed Occupation and Per Capita

Affirmative Vote Resolution

Ashleigh Nichol, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, Clerical Substitute

Wittig, Schoener, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

Communications – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Meiser to pay the monthly board invoices as presented. Schoener, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted “FOR.” Wittig “ABSTAINED”

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Hearings –Multiple members of the community spoke.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 PM. Wittig, Schoener, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

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Connie Ligenza  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary