

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday, May 21, 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

ABSENT

Melanie Dillman
Trina Schellhammer

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

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

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

An eighteen minute executive session was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

Auxiliary Committee – Rother presented the following items as recommendations for the Auxiliary Committee.

Rother made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year: 2024 Student Flu Clinic; Coach; Volunteer Coaches; Full-Time Custodian; Substitute Custodians; Volunteer Advisor; Volunteer Band Assistants; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

2024 Student Flu Clinic, to be held November 5, 2024

Jaclin Backo, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Volleyball Coach

Edward Noftz, Monroe, NY 10950, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach

Sabrina Pratt, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Tennis Coach

Dylan Rynkiewicz, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Wrestling Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Alexis Breiner, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Full-Time Custodian at a rate of \$11.00 per hour

Lucy DeMarco, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

Brooke Riley, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

Makayla Bartenope, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

Logan Morgans, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

Alex Steigerwalt, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

Malachi Stewart, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

2024-2025 School Year

Katie Koneschusky, Science National Honor Society Volunteer Advisor

Hannah Murphy, Volunteer Band Assistant

John (Jack)L. Buglio, Volunteer Band Assistant

Lori Hudak, Volunteer Band Assistant

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller and Rother 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; 2024 Graduation List; Agreements with Child and Family Support Services Inc.; Family Medical Leave; Resignation; Summer School Teachers; Extended School Year Teachers; Extended School Year Paraprofessionals; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Approve the 2024 Graduation List

Agreement with Child and Family Support Services Inc., Reading, PA 19601, for the provision of the Student Assistance Program

Agreement with Child and Family Support Services Inc., Reading, PA 19601, for the provision of the Elementary Student Assistance Program

Agreement with Child and Family Support Services Inc., Reading, PA 19601, to connect with service providers when the psychiatric outpatient clinic serves children

Jessica Schaefer, Maternity Leave, Beginning on or about August 19, 2024 with a tentative return to work date of November 11, 2024

Dana Barachie, Maternity Leave, Beginning on or about August 19, 2024 with a tentative return to work date of November 25, 2024

Resignation of Ashley Eades, West Penn Elementary Special Education Learning Support teacher, separation date to be determined
Amanda Woodring, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Aaron Gill, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Millini Skuba, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Sherri Gerber, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Connie Segedy, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Lynn Deiter, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Maria Campomizzi, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Jen Curcio, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Katie Koneschusky, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Charise Fiorilla, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Gina Morgan, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Sarah Geronimo, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Marta Monk, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Jordan Abdo, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Kelly Reaman, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
MaryAnn Herring, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Joann Dobrosky, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Cristy Clemson, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Alisa Kemmerer, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Aaron Knepp, Summer School Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Sherri Gerber, Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Amanda Woodring, Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Stacy Setlock, Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Emile Baker, Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Abigail Graver, Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Vanessa Gimbor, Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Nicole Reinhart, Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
McKenzie Habel, Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Bailey Rottet, Extended School Year Teacher, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Jennifer Hermany, Extended School Year Nurse, at a stipend of \$2,500.00
Susan Zehner, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
Hedy Cohen, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
Julianna Meckes, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
Amy Walburn, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
Hannah Murphy, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
Doreen Siegfried, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
Melissa Gillette, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
Lynn Zancofsky, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate
Kim Modesto, Extended School Year Paraprofessional, current hourly rate

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

Finance Committee - Schoener presented the following items as recommendations for 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; IXL Agreement; Purchase of the 2024 Tax Envelopes; Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 Lease Agreement; Grant Acknowledge Agreement with the John E. Morgan Foundation; 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget; First Reading of Policies #827 and #626; High School Repairs; Purchase of Indoor Cameras for the Middle School; Purchase of Chromebooks; Purchase of two Intel Xeon Based Servers; Public School Facility Improvement Grant; Resignation; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

Tamaqua Borough	2023	- Assessed Occupation
Walker Township	2022, 2023	- Assessed Occupation
West Penn Township	2022, 2023	- Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Three-year agreement for Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies licenses for the Elementary Schools, effective 9/19/24-9/19/27 for \$53,550

Ratify the purchase of the 2024-2025 Tax Envelopes

Approve renewing the lease agreement between the District and the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 for a one-year term, beginning July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025 for classroom space, which will be used to conduct a pre-school program. The consideration for the agreement is \$10,200 per year.

Grant acknowledge agreements and resolutions between the district and the John E. Morgan Foundation for the following: 23-24 Scholarships: \$30,000.00

Approve the following 2024-2025 Preliminary Budget

Beginning Fund Balance 7/1/24:	\$2,116,099
Revenue:	\$39,880,052
Expenses:	\$39,908,429
Ending Fund Balance 6/30/25:	\$2,087,722

Unassigned:

Real Estate Tax Rate	44.93 mills
Per Capita, Section 679	\$5.00
Per Capita, Act 511	\$5.00
Earned Income Tax	1% (shared with municipalities)
Real Estate Transfer Tax	1% (shared with municipalities)
EMS Tax	\$5.00 (shared with municipalities)
Assessed Occupation	\$225.00

First reading of the following policies:

Policy #827 – Conflict of Interest

Policy #626 – Federal Fiscal Compliance

Schoener made a motion to forgo the readings of the listed policies. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted “FOR.”

Approve repair of piping and related valves for domestic water feed at the High School,
Costar approved vendor at a cost of \$15,783

Approve the purchase of eight Indoor Verkada Cameras with a ten-year warranty for the
Middle School from ByteSpeed, a Costar approved vendor at a cost of \$17,200

Purchase of Chromebooks, Costar approved vendor, at a cost not to exceed \$120,000

Purchase of two Intel Xeon Based Servers from Bytespeed, a Costar approved vendor at a cost of \$19,750

Approve the resolution which hereby requests a Public School Facility Improvement Grant of up to
\$5,000,000.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for a roof replacement at our High
School. The TASD commits to match the award amount by 25%

Resignation of Leah Huynh, Full-Time Middle School Secretary, with a date of separation date of May 31,
2024

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

Communications - None

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller and Rother all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary