

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on Tuesday, April 18, 2023 at 7:30 PM with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the "Pledge of Allegiance." A moment of 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; and Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operating Officer

Others in Attendance – members of the press, Eric Helberg, Solicitor and members of the community

Schoener made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the minutes from March 21, 2023. 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 Rother 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.

A five minute executive session 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 Schellhammer approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Adult Game Worker; Band Directors; Choral Directors; Drama Club Advisor and Assistants; Auditorium, Stage and Audio Visual Manager; Advisors; Elementary Assistant Gaming Coaches; Volunteer Band Assistants; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Ratify Jared Buchman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Track and Field Coach

Jared Buchman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Cross Country Coach

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

Aaron Gill, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Golf Coach

Tyler Skripko, Brockton, PA 17925, as a Junior High Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Emily Sofranko, Jim Thorpe, PA 18229, as an Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Gina Morgan, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Duane Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

Aubrey Blasiak, Lehigh, PA 18235, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

Casey Wagner, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

Anthony Agosti, Nesquehoning, PA 18240, as an Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Tyler Skripko, Brockton, PA 17925, as a 7th/ 8th grade Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Francis Hill, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Junior High Wrestling Coach

Ratify Brandon Eberts, Andreas, PA 18211, as an Adult Game Worker

2023-2024

Marsha Rodgers, Assistant Band Director

Marsha Rodgers, Middle School Band Director

Marsha Rodgers, Elementary Band Director

Samantha Bubel, Band Silk Advisor

John Buglio, High School Choral Director

John Buglio, Middle School Choral Director

Samantha Bubel, Elementary Choral Director

Adriane Drum, Drama Club Advisor

Ruth Gardiner, Drama Club Assistant #1

Colleen Barrett, Drama Club Assistant #2

Randa Ray, Drama Club Assistant #3

Johanna Ulicny, Drama Club Marketing Director

Mark Beltz, Auditorium/Stage/Audio Visual Manager

Millini Skuba, High School Sophomore Class Advisor

Nathan Halenar, High School Junior Class Advisor

Amanda Hascin, High School Senior Class Advisor

Stephen Ulicny, High School Student Government (TASGA) Advisor

Amanda Woodring, Step Up Co-Advisor
Cathy Miorelli, Step Up Co-Advisor
Amanda Woodring, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Cathy Miorelli, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Kristen Klingaman, High School Biology Club Advisor
Kristen Klingaman, High School Environmental Club Advisor
Kiersten Rivera, High School National Honor Society Advisor
Kristen Klingaman, High School Science National Honor Society Volunteer Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School Student Council Advisor
Michael Murphy, Middle School Math Counts Advisor
Michael Murphy, Middle School Lego Club Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School 6th Sense Co-Advisor
Autumn Pedron, Middle School 6th Sense Co-Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School ACE Co-Advisor
Autumn Pedron, Middle School ACE Co-Advisor
Michael Murphy, Middle School Yearbook Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School National Junior Honor Society
Megan Frantz, Middle School 8th Grade Advisor
Denise Drum, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Kelly Klimowitch, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Emilie Baker, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
Abigail Graver, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
Angela Faust, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
Jamie Mateyak, Lewisberry, PA 17339, as a Volunteer Band Assistant
John Buglio, Conyngham, PA 18219, as a Volunteer Band Assistant
Kaitlyn Herling, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Band Assistant
Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

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

Jones made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year; 2023-2024 Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Student Driver Education Program Agreement; Special Education Plan; Substitute Teacher; Guest Teachers; Part-Time Paraprofessionals; Department Chairpersons; Liaison Teachers; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

2023-2024 Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Student Driver Education Program Agreement
Approve the Special Education Plan
Brynn Gigli, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Substitute Teacher
Grised Garcia, Middleport, PA 17953, Guest Teacher
Konstantine Georgiades, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Guest Teacher
Alexa Murray, Lost Creek, PA 17946, Guest Teacher
Ratify Ravin Walker, McAdoo, PA 18237, Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.00 per hour
Kara Gallagher, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.00 per hour
2023-2024

John Matulevich, High School Business Education Department Chairperson
 Cathy Miorelli, High School Extended Services Department Chairperson
 Jennifer Curcio, High School Fine and Practical Arts Department Chairperson
 Jillian Tuckett, High School Language Arts Department Chairperson
 Kristen Klingaman, High School Science Department Chairperson
 Amanda Hascin, High School World Language Department Chairperson
 Kristine Schellhammer, Middle School Language Arts Department Chairperson
 Megan Frantz, Middle School Mathematics Department Chairperson
 Lauren Ahner, Middle School Science Department Chairperson
 Charlene Shannon, Middle School Social Studies Department Chairperson
 Jacqueline Murphy, Middle School Special Education Department Chairperson
 Andrew Michalik, Tamaqua Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison Teacher
 Alexa Hauer, Tamaqua Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher
 Dawn Walsh, Tamaqua Elementary Special Education Liaison Teacher
 Dana Rottet, West Penn Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison Teacher
 Angela Faust, West Penn Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher
 Jennifer Kinder, West Penn Elementary Special Education Liaison Teacher

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 Boyle to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year as presented; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Purchase of the 2023 Tax Envelopes; CM Regent Solutions and Sun Life Contract; Purchase of Window Coverings for the Elementary and Middle Schools; Stadium Bleacher Repairs; Substitute Nurse; Confidential Secretary; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds:

Tamaqua Borough 2022 - Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Purchase of the 2023 Tax Envelopes

CM Regent Solutions and Sun Life Contract

Purchase of window coverings for the Tamaqua and West Penn Elementary Schools at a cost of \$11,162.00 and the Middle School at a cost of \$4,608.00 from Wanser Embroidery and Imprintables, Hazleton, PA 18201, Using Title IV funds (lowest of three quotes)

Stadium Bleacher Repairs at a cost of \$60,494.00 with Recreation Resource USA, Kennett Square, PA using Costars pricing (014-E22-249). This is funded by the Capital Reserve Fund

Amanda Boyer RN, Lansford, PA 18232 as a Substitute Nurse

Madeline Coccio, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Confidential Secretary, at a salary of \$34,500

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

Old Business – None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller, Rother, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Bryan Miller
Assistant Secretary