

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on Tuesday, October 17, 2023 at 7:30 PM with Nicholas Boyle presiding. Vice President Boyle led with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A moment of meditation followed.

PRESENT

Nicholas Boyle, Vice President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Tom Bartasavage
Nancy Jones

Bryan Miller
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Melanie Dillman
Mark Rother
Larry Wittig

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

Others in Attendance – member of the press, and Erik Helberg, Solicitor

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the Treasurer’s report. Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

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

Hearings – None

Executive Session - None

Vice President Boyle 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 Schellhammer to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year: Coaches; Rescind Motion; Volunteer Coaches; Substitute Custodian; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Brandon Heffelfinger, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Michael Ouly, Center Valley, PA 18034, as an 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined
 Rescind Motion of August 15, 2023, Cole Eberts, Andreas, PA 18211 as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach
 Cole Eberts, Andreas, PA 18211, as an Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach, at a stipend to be determined
 Jim Hehn, Andreas, PA 18211, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach
 Kyle Nothnagel, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach
 Eric Temarantz, Andreas, PA 18211, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach
 Alicia Rae Fritz, McAdoo, PA 18237, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$11.92 per hour

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

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

Jones made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year; Professional Employee Contracts; Substitute Guest Teachers; Rescind Motion; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Ashley Eades, to be given professional status, as of October 17, 2023
 Erin Groody, to be given professional status, as of October 17, 2023
 Leah Gehringer, to be given professional status, as of October 17, 2023
 Tyler Skripko, to be given professional status, as of October 17, 2023
 Abby Shumgart, to be given professional status, as of October 17, 2023
 Denise Drum, to be given professional status, as of October 17, 2023
 Ratify Laura Faenza, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Guest Teacher
 Cierra Abrachinsky, Mahanoy City, PA 17948, Substitute Guest Teacher
 Boyd Shaqfeh, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972, Substitute Guest Teacher
 Jordan Abdo, Pottsville, PA 17901, Substitute Guest Teacher
 Rescind the motion of September 19, 2023, Resignation of Frank D’Agostino, Tamaqua Elementary Vice Principal

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Bid Participation; E-Rate Program; Copier Purchase; Senior High Front Door Purchase; Purchase of Golf Carts; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

West Penn	2022 - Assessed Occupation
Rush Township	2023 - Real Estate Exoneration
Tamaqua Borough	2022 - Assessed Occupation
Walker Township	2023 - Real Estate Exoneration

Payment of Bills

Authorize the Business Manager to participate in the Pennsylvania Education Joint Purchasing Council's bid process for the 2024-2025 fiscal year

Authorize the Business Manager to participate in the E-Rate Program for the 2024-2025 funding year and to execute agreements as necessary for timeline compliance subject to future ratification by the Board of Education

Purchase of two copiers from Stratix Systems Inc. using the Costars contract at a cost of \$37,739

Purchase of new doors for the Senior High School at a cost of \$80,771.93 from Gordian Inc. using the KPN contract

Purchase of two used Golf Carts in the amount of \$9,200 from Don's Golf Carts, Lehighton, PA
Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Communications - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to pay the monthly invoices as presented. Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 PM. Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Miller and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administration/Board Secretary