

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the Auditorium of the Tamaqua Middle School on September 21, 2021 with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance”; a moment of silent meditation followed.

President Wittig called for an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters. A one hour and 45-minute meeting was held.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President  
Nicholas Boyle, Vice President  
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer  
Thomas Bartasavage  
Melanie Dillman

Bryan Miller  
Mark Rother  
Thomas Rottet  
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

None

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

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

Rottet made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from August 17, 2021 and September 2, 2021. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, Rottet, and Schellhammer 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. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, Rottet, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, Rottet, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

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

Hearings – Several community members spoke.

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

Auxiliary Committee – Rottet presented the following items as recommendations of the Auxiliary Committee.

Rottet made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year: Policies #246, #805, #305.2, and #903; High School Entrance Design; Dental Van Services; Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Volunteer Game Worker; Substitute Nurse; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

First reading of the following policies:

Policy #246 – School Wellness

Policy #805 – Emergency Preparedness and Response

Policy #805.2 – School Security Personnel

Policy #903 – Public Participation in Board Meetings

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

Design from St. Luke’s for the front entrance doors of the high school  
Dental Van Services provided by Star Community Health, Inc., scheduled for  
October 12-13, 2021 at the Middle/High schools and October 14-15 at  
West Penn Elementary School

Zachery Campomizzi, Tamaqua, Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach

Hank J. Clarke, Pottsville, PA, 17901, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Vanessa Rimbey, Lehigh, PA, 18235, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach

Ashley Eades, Minersville, PA, 17954, Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach

Brandon L. Eberts, Andreas, PA, 18211, Assistant Wrestling Coach

Jim Hehn, Andreas, PA, 18211, Assistant Jr. High Wrestling Coach

Megan Frantz, Tamaqua, Middle School Track Coach

David Holmes, Tamaqua, Volunteer Track and Field Coach

Robert E. Workman, Minersville, PA 18954, Assistant Varsity Baseball  
Coach

Nancy Fisher, Tamaqua, Volunteer Game Worker

Cady O’Malley, RN, Tamaqua, Substitute Nurse, at a rate of \$21.58 per  
hour

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, Rottet, and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year; Policies #247 and #249; Comprehensive Plan; 2021-2022 Title I Revised Letter of Agreement; Out of State Trip; Homebound Instruction; Professional Employee Contracts; Mentors; FMLA; Retirement; Substitute Paraprofessionals; Professional Substitute Guest Teachers; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

The first reading of the following policies:

Policy #247 – Hazing

Policy #249 – Bullying /Cyberbullying

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

Future Ready Comprehensive Plan

2021-2022 Title I Revised Letter of Agreement between Tamaqua Area School District and the Schuylkill IU #29 for Math and Reading Program Nonpublic Programs and Services, at the revised cost of \$9.902.00 per Pupil, plus and 11% administration fee, at any or all of the following Non-Public Schools:

Assumption BM School, Pottsville  
Saint Jerome Regional School, Tamaqua  
Saint Nicholas School, Minersville

Annual Physics Day out of state trip to Six Flags Great Adventure, New Jersey, on a date to be determined in May 2022, leaving the high school at 7:30 a.m. and returning approximately 7:30 p.m.

Homebound education for one middle school student

Abigail Graver, to be given professional status, as of September 21, 2021

Kyrsten Leiby, to be given professional status, as of September 21, 2021

Scott Schalles, to be given professional status, as of September 21, 2021

Melissa Scheetz, to be given professional status, as of September 21, 2021

Emily Sofranko, to be given professional status, as of September 21, 2021

Stacy Setlock, mentor to Briona Deeter, at a stipend of \$700.00

Jackie Murphy, mentor to Catherine Catizone, at a stipend of \$700.00

Katelyn Collevchio, mentor to Bailey Rottet, at a stipend of \$700.00

Jody Bachert, mentor to Vincent Schultz, at a stipend of \$700.00

Ashley Eades, maternity leave, utilizing unused sick days and transitioning into Family Medical Leave Act, beginning on or about November 9, 2021, and returning to work on or about January 31, 2022

Resignation, Amilee Moyer, Elementary Learning Support Teacher, on a date to be agreed upon with the Superintendent

Retirement of Cindy Dover, Paraprofessional, effective the end of the day September 17, 2021

Jada Sevinsky, Barnesville, PA 18214, Part-Time Paraprofessional, highly qualified, at a rate of \$10.25 per hour

Sara E. Kulp, New Ringgold, PA, 17860, Substitute Paraprofessional, at a rate of \$9.13 per hour

Carmen McGlothlin, Tamaqua, Substitute Paraprofessional, at a rate of \$9.13 per hour

Pamela Miller, Schuylkill Haven, PA, 17972, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Elizabeth Brensinger, Orwigsburg, PA, 17961, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Rebecca Andruchek, Minersville, PA, 17954, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Kelly Giffin, Shenandoah, PA, 17976, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2021-2022 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemption; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; 2020 Audit; PSBS Delegate Assembly Voting Delegates; 2021-2022 Breakfast and Lunch Prices (Revised); PSBSA Vote; W. B. Mason Purchase; Business Administrator 5-year Contract; Resignation; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

Rush Twp.	2021 – Real Estate
Schuylkill Twp.	2019 – Per Capita & Assessed Occupation 2020 – Per Capita & Assessed Occupation
Tamaqua Borough	2018, 2019, 2020 – Assessed Occupation
West Penn Twp.	2020, 2021 – Assessed Occupation 2019, 2020 – Per Capita

Payment of bills

2020 Audit as presented

2021-2022 Special Education Service Agreement, with the exception of the Gifted Program, between Schuylkill IU #29 and T ASD, at a tentative amount of \$438,789.00 for projected participation

Appoint Larry Wittig and Thomas Bartasavage as voting delegates to the PSBA Delegate Assembly

2021-2022 Breakfast and Lunch Prices (Revised)

Elementary	\$2.45		
Secondary	\$2.70		
Breakfast	\$1.25		
Adult	\$3.85 to \$3.95	Breakfast	\$2.00
St. Jerome's	\$2.50		

Resolution to vote for the list of Candidates for the PSBA Board; PSBA Insurance Trust and PSBA Steering Committee.

President Elect-1yr. term: Sabrina Backer, Franklin Area SD, or David Schaap, Brentwood Area SD

Vice-President-1 yr. term: Allison Mathis, North Hills SD

East Zone Representative: Edward Brown, Upper Darby SD

Western at Large: Marsha Pleta, Washington SD

Section 7 Advisor: Justin Warren, Central Dauphin SD

Trustee-term ends 12/31/24: Richard Frerichs, William LaCoff, Nathan Mains

School Board Secretaries Steering Committee-term ends 12/31/23: Jennifer Davidson, Manheim Township SD: Bethanne Zeigler, Shikellamy SD, Jamie Zimerofsky, Schuylkill IU 29

Purchase of 180 student chairs for the Tamaqua Middle School from W. B. Mason, Brockton, MA, at a cost of \$13,498.20 with ESSERSII funds

5-year Business Administrator contract

Resignation, Patricia Novatnak, Confidential Secretary, effective the end of the day, September 24, 2021

Tracey Stegemerten, Brockton, PA, 17925, Confidential Administrative Assistant, at a salary of \$33,500

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

Miller made a motion seconded by Dillman to follow the mandate issued by the PA Department of Health effective October 4, 2021. Exception forms will be available Friday September 24, 2021. Wittig, Schoener, Dillman, Miller, and Rother all voted "FOR". Boyle, Bartasavage, and Schellhammer all voted "Against".

Communications – None

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to adjourn the meeting at 9:47 pm. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother, Rottet, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Attest:

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Connie Ligenza  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary