

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on Tuesday September 20, 2022 at 7:00 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  
Melanie Dillman  
Nancy Jones

Bryan Miller  
Mark Rother  
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 – member of the press, members of the community, Jeff Bowe and Eric Helberg

Rother made a motion seconded by Schoener to approve the minutes from August 16, 2022. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother 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, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the treasurer's report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

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

Hearings – several members of the community spoke

President Wittig called for an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

An eleven minute meeting 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 Miller to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year: Policy #906, 249, 207; Rite Aid Pharmacy Flu Clinic; Sale of 3 T ASD Wrestling Mats; Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Adult Game Workers; Volunteer Game Workers; Advisor; Reclassification; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

First reading of the following policy:

Policy #906 – Public Complaint Procedures

Policy #249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying

Policy #207 – Attendance

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

Rite Aid Pharmacy Flu Clinic to be held September 20, 2022

Authorize the sale of 3 T ASD Wrestling Mats at a price of \$1,500.00 to Premier Visions Hair Studios, Elizabeth City, NC 27909

Tyler Skripko, Brockton, PA 17925, as the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Head Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Sean Tunney, Bethlehem, PA 18015, as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach

Zach Chodur, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach

Jason Gerber, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach

Jim Hehn, Andreas, PA 18211, as an Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Jody Bachert, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Adult Game Worker

McKenzie Coombe, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Adult Game Worker

Dave Mace, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Adult Game Worker

Richard Steinmetz, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Adult Game Worker

Randy Loar, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Adult Game Worker

Kristen Klingaman, as the Environmental and Biology Club Advisor

Approve the MOU with TASP, regarding reclassification of the Custodial Truck Driver from Custodian to Maintenance

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

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2022-2023 school year; T ASD Multi-Hazard Plan; Substitute Guest Teachers; Substitute Teachers; Resignations; Certified Teachers; Rescind Motions; Liaison Teacher; Part-Time Paraprofessional; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Approve the T ASD Multi-Hazard Plan in accordance with the Schuylkill County EMA

Lilly Hirsch, St. Clair, PA 17970, Substitute Guest Teacher

Ratify Magdalena Snowman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Guest Teacher

Ratify Christina Wagner, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Guest Teacher

Ratify Koreen Nalesnik, Nesquehoning, PA 18240, Substitute Teacher

Ratify Daylon Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Teacher

Ratify Anne Frohnheiser, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Teacher

Ratify Detrick Borden, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Teacher

Resignation of Jena Kunkel, Tamaqua Middle School Teacher, last day to be determined  
Resignation of Tavia Shaker, Tamaqua Middle School Teacher, last day to be determined  
Resignation of Vanessa Boyle, Tamaqua Elementary School Teacher, last day to be determined

Resignation of Sarah Miller, Tamaqua High School Teacher, last day to be determined  
Resignation of Noelle Nicholas, Tamaqua Elementary School Teacher, last day to be determined

Ratify Brittany Hill, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Elementary Teacher, Master's Step 7, at a salary of \$56,427.00

Ratify Sheila McArdle, Summit Hill, PA 18250, Elementary Teacher, Master's Step 22, at a salary of \$71,592.00

Ratify Cristy Clemson, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Elementary Teacher, Master's +15 Step 17, at a salary of \$68,813.00

Ratify Megan Hine, Andreas, PA 18211, Special Education Teacher, Bachelor's Step 2.5, at a salary of \$44,710.00

Ratify Dana Henninger-Ayers, Lansford, PA 18232, High School Art Teacher, Bachelor's Step 3.5, at a salary of \$45,655.50

Rescind Motion of April 19, 2022, approving Vanessa Boyle as the West Penn Elementary Liaison Teacher for grades K-2

Rescind Motion of April 19, 2022, approving Noelle Nicholas as the Tamaqua Elementary Liaison Teacher for grades 3-5

Dana Rottet, West Penn Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison Teacher

McKayla McLaughlin, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.00 per hour

Sara Kulp, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.00 per hour

Julianna Meckes, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$12.00 per hour

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, 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 Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Real Estate Tax Appeals; Repository Sale Resolution; Blanket Resolution; Stifel Agreement; 2021 Audit Report; Purchase Act 55 of 2022 School Mental Health and Safety Grant; PSBA Officer Elections; PSBA Delegate Assembly Voting Delegates; Revised 2022-2023 Breakfast and Lunch Prices; Community Eligibility Provision; Vehicle Purchase; Property Tax and Rent Rebate Information; 2022 Act 57; Transportation Fuel Surcharge Increase; Substitute Health Room Assistant; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager  
Tax Refunds:

- Tamaqua Borough 2019, 2020, 2021 – Assessed Occupation  
2019, 2020, 2021 – Per Capita  
2022 – Real Estate
- Walker Township 2020, 2021 – Assessed Occupation  
2020, 2021 – Per Capita
- West Penn 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021 – Assessed Occupation  
2018, 2019, 2020 – Per Capita
- Rush Township 2019, 2020, 2021 – Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Approve Real Estate Tax Appeals

Authorize the Business Administrator to approve repository sales

Authorize the Business Administrator to process payments, and other routine items

Stifel Agreement

2021 Audit Report as presented

Purchase Act 55 of 2022 School Mental Health and Safety Grant, from Dauphin Data Com. Harrisburg, PA using PEPPM contract at a cost of \$164,114.65

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

President Elect-1yr. term: Michael Gossert, Cumberland Valley SD

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

PSBA Insurance Trustees-term ends 12/31/25: Kathy Swope and Roberta Marcus

School Board Secretaries Forum Steering Committee-2 yr. term: (Secretary vote only),

Tracy Long and Steve Shrocki

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

Revised 2022-2023 Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Approve our submission to PDE Department of Nutritional Services to operate our breakfast and lunch program under the Community Eligibility Provision

Purchase of a 2022 Chevrolet 3500, Utility Vehicle

Property Tax and Rent Rebate Information

Act 57 of 2022

Transportation Fuel Surcharge Increase for Kistler Transportation Inc.

Brittany Mertz, RN, BSN, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Health Room Assistant, at a rate of \$22.60 per hour

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

Communications - None

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

Old Business – None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

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Connie Ligenza  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary