

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the Cafeteria of the Tamaqua High School on Tuesday, August 21, 2018 at 7:30 PM with President Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the "Pledge of Allegiance"; a moment of silent meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Nicholas Boyle
Melanie Dillman

Eileen Meiser
Bryan Miller
Mark Rother
Wanda Zuber

ABSENT

Dr. Thomas Rottet, Vice President

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

Others in Attendance – one member of the press and Attorney Jeff Bowe, Solicitor

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from July 17, 2018. Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Ligenza indicated that all correspondences and appropriate reports relating to the agenda were made available to the members of the board.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR." Wittig "ABSTAINED".

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

Superintendent's 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 recommendation of the committees.

Security Committee – Boyle presented the following item as recommendations of the Security Committee.

Boyle made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following:

Schoener made a motion seconded by Meiser to forgo the second reading of the following Policy: Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

First reading of the following policy:

Policy #705 Standard Operating Procedures for Persons
Authorized to Use Weapons (revised)

Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

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

Miller made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year: Deputize; Adult Game Worker list; Event Security list; Coaches/Volunteers; Substitute Custodian list; Drama Club Volunteer; Substitute Custodian; Substitute Health Room Assistant list; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

The following persons to act in the capacity of attendance/truancy officers as listed:

Thomas McCabe
Tara M. Bunchalk-Orefice
Christopher Czapla
Laura Schook
James Betz

Adult Game Worker list

Event Security list

Lindsey Ahronian, Tamaqua, Assistant Cheerleading Coach

Joey Marcin, Tamaqua, Volunteer Assistant Football Coach

Emily Sofranko, Volunteer Assistant Girls Basketball Coach

Zach Chodur, Tamaqua, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

Substitute Custodian list

Rebecca Ansbach, Tamaqua, Drama Club Volunteer

Paige Hess, Tamaqua, Substitute Custodian

Substitute Health Room Assistant list

Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

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

Meiser made a motion seconded by Zuber to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year: Policies; Agreement; Authorization; Salary Corrections; Substitute Coordinator; Family and Medical Leave; Teaching Assignments; Professional Substitute Teacher list; Professional Substitute Teacher; Professional Substitute Guest Teachers; Substitute Paraprofessional list; Resignation; Assignment Revision; contingent upon the submission of The necessary documentation, stipends to be established.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to forgo the reading of the following polices: Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Second reading of the following policies:

- Policy #111 Lesson Plans
- Policy #112 Guidance Counseling
- Policy #116 Tutorial Instruction
- Policy #117 Homebound Instruction
- Policy #119 Current Events
- Policy #138 Language Instruction Educational Program for English Learner

Adoption of policies listing in a.

First Reading of the following policies:

- Policy #115 Vocational Technical Education
- Policy #118 Independent Study
- Policy #121 Field Trips
- Policy #122 Extracurricular Activities
- Policy #122.1 Drug and Alcohol Use in Extracurricular Activities/Interscholastic Athletics
- Policy #123 Interscholastic Athletics
- Policy #123.1 Concussion Management

Five-year agreement with Pennsylvania State University for practicum and/or student teaching experience to begin with the 2018-2019 school year

Authorize the Superintendent to employ staff as needed

Adjust the salary of Melissa Scheetz, elementary teacher, \$40,623

Adjust the salary of Abby Graver, elementary teacher, \$40,623

Jody Bachert, Substitute Coordinator

Kelly Sajone, using 15 sick day and 13 FMLA days, to begin a Family and Medical Leave on or about October 19, 2018 and return on or about December 3, 2018

Teaching Assignment list

Professional Substitute Teacher list

Susan Featro, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, Substitute Teacher

Amy Danisavach, Cumbola, PA, 17930, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Angelina Fritz, Barnesville, PA, 18214, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Alycia Gerber, Tamaqua, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Suzanne Lobichusky, Barnesville, PA, 18214, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Ashley Longo, Mahanoy City, PA, 17948, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Robert Pickett, Tamaqua, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Pamela Smith, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

William Savitsky, Shenandoah, PA, 17976, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Substitute Paraprofessional list

Jamie Little, resign as a full-time paraprofessional

Linda Valenti, part-time paraprofessional to full-time paraprofessional

Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Zuber to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year as presented; Tax Report; E-signature; AVTS Authority; Real Estate Tax Appeals; Agreement; Bus Drivers; Bus Runs; Substitute Clerical list; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds:

Schuylkill Township	2017 Assessed Occupation and Real Estate
West Penn Township	2015, 20156, 2017 Per Capita and Assessed Occupation

Authorize the Superintendent to sign electronic agreements with the PA Department of Education

Appoint member, Larry Wittig to the AVTS Authority

Authorize the solicitor to submit appeals for qualifying properties as per the list presented

Participation in the Child Nutrition Program with the Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 and TASD

Participation in the Child Nutrition Program with the Schuylkill County AVTS Operation Agency and TASD

Memorandum of Understanding with Lehigh Carbon Community College Shine Program for Food Service

Lehigh Carbon Community College Shine Program Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement (PDE 3086)

Justice Works Youth Care, Inc. for alternative education services for disruptive youth

Behavioral Health Associates for alternative education services

Bus driver list

Bus routes and stops

Substitute Clerical list

Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR." Wittig "ABSTAINED".

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the President and Secretary of the Board of Directors to execute a deed of correction to the Diocese of Allentown to correct the legal description that was contained in the deed at the time of settlement of the sale of Rush Elementary School, Hometown.

Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Communications - None

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

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Hearings - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:05. Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary