

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in room 305 of the Tamaqua Middle School on Tuesday, July 17, 2018 at 7:30 PM with President Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the "Pledge of Allegiance"; a moment of silent mediation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President
Dr. Thomas Rottet, Vice President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Nicholas Boyle

Eileen Meiser
Bryan Miller
Wanda Zuber

ABSENT

Melanie Dillman
Mark Rother

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 June 19, 2018. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Meiser Miller and Zuber all voted "FOR."

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Meiser to approve the treasurer's report. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Meiser Miller 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 15-minute executive session was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendation of the committees.

Security Committee – Boyle presented the following item as a recommendation of the Security Committee.

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

First reading of the following policy:

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

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

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 2018-2019 school year: Tamaqua Area Booster Board; Coaches; Volunteers; Substitute Custodians; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Annual renewal of the Tamaqua Area Booster Board small games of chance license for district group use.

Jessica Mazaika, Volunteer Assistant Girls Tennis Coach.

Jim Dean, Andreas, PA, 18211, Volunteer Assistant Girls Tennis Coach.

Samuel S. Williams, Tamaqua, Volunteer Assistant Girls Tennis Coach.

Courtney Mundy, Lansford, PA, 18232, Volunteer Assistant Volleyball Coach.

James Barron, Tamaqua, Head Boys Basketball Coach.

James Mansell, Port Carbon, PA, 17965, Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.

Michael Murphy, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach.

Jeff Reading, Head Baseball Coach.

Robert Workman, Minersville, PA, 17954, Assistant Varsity Baseball Coach.

William Stalgaitis, Nesquehoning, PA, 18240, Volunteer Assistant Football Coach.

Tyler Skripko, Tamaqua, Volunteer Assistant Football Coach.

Laura Smith, Tamaqua, Substitute Custodian.

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

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

Meiser made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year: Policies; Grant; Intermittent Family and Medical Leave; Retirement; Resignations; Teachers; Professional Employee Contract; Mentor; Rescind Motion; 2018 Extended School Year; Status Change; Part-time Paraprofessional, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation, stipends to be established.

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

Second reading of the following policies:

- Policy #113 Special Education
- Policy #113.1 Discipline of Students with Disabilities
- Policy #113.2 Behavior Support
- Policy #113.3 Screening and Evaluations for Students with Disabilities
- Policy #113.4 Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information
- Policy #114 Gifted Education
- Policy #246 Student Wellness

Adoption of policies listed in a.

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

First 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

Grant in conjunction with Lehigh Carbon Community College, \$19,992 for Second Step Curriculum

Laura Shook, elementary principal, to begin an Intermittent Family and Medical Leave to begin on or around July 13, 2018

Retirement of Timothy Murphy, teacher, effective August 15, 2018

Resignation of Susan M. Featro, teacher, effective August 20, 2018

Resignation of Dylan Peters, teacher, effective July 10, 2018

Melissa Scheetz, Pottsville, PA, 19701, Bachelors, Step 1, \$46,023, elementary teacher

Abby Graver, Tamaqua, PA, Bachelors, Step 1, \$46,023, elementary teacher

Aaron Gill, Bachelors, Step 7, \$47,870, Special Education teacher

Michelle Argust, ESL teacher, Master's, Step 5.43, \$51,420.38

Emilie Baker, professional employee status as of August 20, 2018

Jennifer Curcio, professional employee status as of August 20, 2018

Christa Mantz, professional employee status as of August 20, 2018

Robert Moulton, professional employee status as of August 20, 2018

Jennifer Oakley, professional employee status as of August 20, 2018

Julia Shoff, professional employee status as of August 20, 2018

Matthew Stine, professional employee status as of August 20, 2018

Dawn Walsh, mentor for Emily Sofranko, stipend - \$700

Rescind motion of March 20, 2018, hiring Jim Betz as a 2018 ESY teacher

Christa Mantz, teacher for the 2018 Extended School Year at \$25.00 per hour

Jacqueline Murphy, teacher for the 2018 Extended School Year at \$25.00 per hour

Faye Montgomery from Part-time Paraprofessional to Substitute Paraprofessional
Heather Griffin, Tamaqua, Part-time Paraprofessional

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Meiser to approve the following for the 2017-2018 school year as presented; Tax Report; Donations; Affirmative Vote Resolution; Use of School Property; School Uniform Stipend; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Donations:

ESRC \$2,500

Tamaqua Library \$3,500

Affirmative Vote Resolution

Matt Hope, Tamaqua, permission to use the triangular piece of property on Stadium Hill

Establish financial assistance relative to the dress code for a school uniform stipend at \$25.00 per student

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

Communications - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to pay the monthly board invoices as presented. Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Meiser Miller 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 8:04 PM. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Meiser Miller and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary