

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the cafeteria of the Tamaqua High School on Tuesday, November 20, 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  
Thomas Rottet, Vice President  
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer  
Nicholas Boyle  
Melanie Dillman

Eileen Meiser  
Bryan Miller  
Mark Rother

ABSENT

Wanda Zuber

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Steve Toth, Assistant Superintendent; and Connie Ligenza, Business Administrator

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the minutes from October 16, 2018. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, and Rother all voted "FOR."

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Meiser to approve the treasurer's report. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, and Rother 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 1 hour and 2-minute executive session was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendation of the committees.

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

Rottet made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year: Athletic Department Donation; Coaches; Custodians; Family and Medical Leave; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Athletic Department to either dispose of old team jerseys of the various sports programs or give jerseys to the booster clubs as a fundraising effort

Jennifer Paisley, Tamaqua, as the Head Swimming Coach - \$2,348.30

Mary Ann Shilko, Tamaqua, Assistant Swimming and Diving Coach -

\$1,067.65

Donald Smith, Mohrsville, PA, 19541, Junior High Assistant Wrestling Coach

Matthew Oswald, Tamaqua, Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Dan Coccio, Tamaqua, Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach

Ashley Ziegler, Tamaqua, Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach

Anjelica Vartuli, Andreas, PA, 18211, Volunteer Assistant Cheerleading Coach

Greg Haney, Junior Varsity Baseball Coach - \$2,067.53

Mary Ellen Francis, full-time first shift custodian, at a date to be determined

Jennifer Richmond, Tamaqua, full-time second shift custodian

Francis Boyle, Tamaqua, substitute custodian

Michael Oakes, custodian, begin a Family and Medical Leave November 2, 2018 and return January 2, 2019

Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, and Rother 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 102-140.1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading & Approval; Letter of Linkage; Homebound Instruction; Early Graduation; Resignation; Professional Substitute Teacher; Professional Substitute Guest Teacher; Teacher Employment; Unpaid Days; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation, stipends to be established.

Second Reading of the following policies:

Policy #102 Academic Standards

Policy #106 Guide for Planned Instruction

Policy #120 Dual Enrollment in Postsecondary Courses

Policy #126 Class Size

Policy #127 Assessment of Educational Program

Policy #130 Homework

Policy #137 Home Education Program

Policy #137.1 Extracurricular Participation By Home Education Students

Policy #140 Charter Schools

Policy #140.1 Extracurricular Participation By Charter/Cyber Charter Schools

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rottet to forgo the readings of the policies

Adoption of Policies listed in a.

Letter of Linkage with Merakey Behavior Health, Pottsville, PA, 17901, effective April 1, 2018

Homebound Instruction for two students

Early Graduation for one sophomore student

Kelly White, mathematics teacher, resignation at a date agreed upon with the Superintendent

Giann Salvadore, Shenandoah, PA, 17986, Professional Substitute Teacher

Justin Fiorillo, Pottsville, PA, 17901, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Diane Kraft, Orwigsburg, PA, 17961, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Raymond Osterman, Ringtown, PA, 17967, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Noelle Stidham, Tamaqua, Masters, Step 6, \$52,028, high school math teacher

Karoline Anthony, Emerald, PA, 18080, Masters, Step 6, \$52,028, Special Education Teacher

Cindy Dover, 8 unpaid days, January 2, 2019 through January 11, 2019

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rottet to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year as presented; Tax Report; Tax Refunds; Act 32 Primary and Alternate Delegates; PSEA Health and Welfare Fund Vision Benefits; Administrative Assistant Resignation; Clerical Substitute; Full-time Administrative Assistant; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds:

Rush Township 2017 Assessed Occupation

Tamaqua Borough 2018 Real Estate

Walker Township 2016, 2017, 2018 Assessed Occupation, Per Capita

Budget Transfers as presented

2019 Act 32 Primary and Alternate Delegates, John Hurst, Business

Administrator, Mahanoy Area School District, Connie Ligenza, primary delegate and Larry Wittig, first alternate

PSEA Health and Welfare Fund, two-year vision benefits effective January 1, 2019 to January 1, 2021, at a rate of \$7.09, per employee month

Denise Baddick, administrative assistant, resignation effective end of day November 2, 2018

Shaina Berezwick, Tamaqua, Clerical Substitute, effective October 23, 2018 - \$9.05 per hour

Shaina Berezwick, Tamaqua, full-time Special Education Administrative Assistant – \$9.50 per hour

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

Hearing Committee –Meiser presented the following item as a recommendation of the Hearing Committee.

Meiser made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the expulsion of a middle school student for the remainder of the 2018-2019 school year.

Communications – John C. Theisen, New Ringgold

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

Old Business - None

New Business – None

Hearings – Multiple members of the community spoke.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to adjourn the meeting at 9:40 PM. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, and Rother all voted "FOR."

Attest:

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Connie Ligenza  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary