

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session at the Tamaqua Area Middle School on Tuesday, November 19, 2019 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	Eileen Meiser
Thomas Rottet, Vice President	Bryan Miller
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer	Mark Rother
Nicholas Boyle	Wanda Zuber
Melanie Dillman	

ABSENT

None

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

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the minutes from November 19, 2019. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother 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 made a motion seconded by Rother to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Rottet, 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, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

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

Hearing – None

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

A six-minute 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 Zuber to approve the following for the 2019-2020 school years: Golf Team Transportation; Coaches; Student Game Worker; Adult Game Worker; Gaming Coaches; Assistant Gaming Coach; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Golf Team transportation, \$13.50 drive time, \$9.00 wait time
Owen Koch, Tamaqua, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, \$1,775.72
Michael Murphy, Freshman Boys Basketball Coach, \$2,950.28
Michael Bonetsky, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, \$1,650.00
Jim Hehn, Andreas, Assistant Junior High Wrestling Coach
Steve Milkovits, Brockton, Volunteer Wrestling Coach
Ryan Oldt, Tamaqua, Volunteer Wrestling Coach
Olivia Jones, Tamaqua, Student Game Worker
Heather Kerestus, Tamaqua, Adult Game Worker
Aaron Knepp, Emmaus, and Zachary Blihar, Tamaqua, Co-Head
Gaming Coaches
Matthew Shaffer, Schnecksville, PA, Assistant Gaming Coach.

Wittig, Rottet, 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 2019- 2020 school years: Policy; Literacy Program; Agreement; Homebound Instruction; Director of Special Education; Department Head; Mentor; Substitute Teachers; Professional Substitute Guest Teachers; Prospective Teacher Substitutes; FMLA Requests; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation, stipends to be established.

Approve second reading of Policy:
Policy #815.1 Student Chromebook Responsible Use

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rottet to forgo the reading of the above policy

Adopt policy listed in a.

Elementary K-12 Literacy Program-Superkids
Homebound Instruction for one high school student.
James Betz, New Ringgold, Director of Special Education, \$82,500
Charlene I. Shannon, Middle School Social Studies Department Head
Charlene Shannon, mentor to Denise Drum at a pro-rated stipend of \$700
Sarah Geronimo, Tamaqua, Substitute Teacher List
Ilisa K. Sacknoff-Hoppes, M.S.W., Tamaqua, Substitute Teacher List
Justin Fiorillo, Pottsville, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher
Jane Grier, Tamaqua, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher
Benjamin Turrano, Tamaqua, Prospective Teacher Substitute
Amy Gardiner, Summit Hill, Prospective Teacher Substitute
Abigail Graver, maternity leave, under FMLA, beginning on or about November 8, 2019 and returning to work on or about January 2, 2020
Lauren Barr, maternity leave, under FMLA, beginning on or about March 6, 2020 and returning to work teacher in-service day at the end of the 2019-2020 school year

Wittig, Rottet, 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 Rottet to approve the following for the 2019-2020 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemption; Tax Refund; Payment of Bills; Agreement; Purchase; Act 21 and Alternative Delegates for 2020; Professional School Photography; Act 1 Index; Delinquent Tax Collectors; Copier Lease; Leave of Absence; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

Schuylkill Township	2019 Assessed Occupation
Tamaqua Borough	2018 Per Capita and Assessed Occupation
	2019 Assessed Occupation

Payment of bills

ReDCo-Behavioral Health Associates one-year agreement

Purchase 15 Gaming Computers and Monitors from the Costars Contract

Act 32 Primary and Alternative Delegates for 2020

3-year agreement with Professional School Photography

Accept Act 1 Index

Appoint Delinquent Tax Collectors

Agreement to Lease High School copiers with Xerox Inc

Heather Griffin, para-professional, leave of absence

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

Communications - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to pay the monthly board invoices as presented. Rottet, 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 Rottet to adjourn the meeting at 7:51. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary