

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the cafeteria of the Tamaqua High School on Tuesday, September 18, 2018 at 7:30PM 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

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 Miller to approve the minutes from August 14, 2018 and August 21, 2018. Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Ligenza reported 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 Rother 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.

There was none.

President Wittig called for the recommendation of the committees.

Security Committee – Boyle presented the following item as recommendation 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 reading:

Second reading of the following policy:

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

Adoption of Policy #705

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 Zuber to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year: Resignation; Advisor; Status Change; Coaches; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Michele Bittner, resignation as Band Front Advisor, effective August 17, 2018

Samantha Bubel, Band Front Advisor - \$1,208

Kaitlyn Herling, Tamaqua, Volunteer Band Front Advisor

Ed Titus, Tamaqua, status change from Volunteer Assistant Football Coach to Junior Varsity Assistant #2 Co-Coach - \$1,300

Frank McCarroll, Tamaqua, Junior Varsity Boys Basketball Coach - \$2,743.50

Owen Koch, Tamaqua, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach – \$1,732.41

Dylan Scott, Andreas, PA, 18211, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach - \$1,650

Craig Valentine, Tamaqua, Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach

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 Boyle to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year: Policies; Policy Adoption; Act 80 Day; Contract; Out of State Trips; Agreement; Resignation; Teacher; Substitute Teacher; Substitute Professional Guest Teacher; Unpaid Day; Resignation; Family and Medical Leave; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation, stipends to be established. Schoener made a motion to forgo the reading of the following polices:

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

Adoption of policies list in a.

Act 80 Day, August 27, 2018, elementary buildings only

Three-year contract with IXL Learning, San Mateo, CA, 94404, for math and ELA classroom site license, not to exceed \$35,125, payments over a three-year period as follows:

1<sup>st</sup> year - \$14,050

2<sup>nd</sup> year - \$10,538

3<sup>rd</sup> year – \$10,537

AP Biology students to Chincoteague Bay Field Station, late October, for Coastal Ecology Program

Honors Biology students to the Bronx Zoo, late April 2019, annual Keystone review project

Anatomy and Physiology students to the Mutter Museum, late November 2018, to study late 19<sup>th</sup> Century medical specimens

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for 2018-2019 Special Education services

Krista LaBraico, resign as an elementary teacher, effective at a date agreed upon with the Superintendent

Robert Moulton, resign as a high school teacher, effective at a date agreed upon with the Superintendent

Kyrsten Montiero, Lehigh, PA, 18235, elementary teacher, Bachelor's, Step 1, \$40,623

Megan Hine, Andreas, PA, 18211, Professional Substitute Teacher

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

Tatevik Sakash, Tamaqua, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Frank Berleth, Tamaqua, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Brianne Hayle, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Brett Hoch, Tamaqua, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Nancy Pacchioli, Barnesville, PA, 18214, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher

Alisa Kemmerer, ½ unpaid day, September 10, 2018

Jessica Grim, part-time paraprofessional, resign effective September 18, 2018

Alison Marmas, elementary nurse, Family and Medical Leave, on or about December 7, 2018 and return on or about January 28, 2019, not using any sick days

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 Rother to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year as presented; Tax Report; PSBA; Professional Service Salaries; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds:

Tamaqua Borough 2015, 2016 Assessed Occupation, Per Capita

Rush Township 2015, 2016, 2017 Assessed Occupation, Per Capita

West Penn Township 2015, 2016, 2017 Assessed Occupation, Per Capita

Vote for the PSBA Board, the PSBA Insurance Trust and the PSBA Steering Committee as presented

2018-2019 Professional Service Salaries

Communications - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother 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 Miller to adjourn the meeting at 7:41. Wittig, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Attest:

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Connie Ligenza  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary