

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday, March 19, 2024 at 7:30 PM with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A moment of silent meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President  
Nicholas Boyle, Vice President  
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer  
Tom Bartasavage

Nancy Jones  
Melanie Dillman  
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Bryan Miller  
Mark Rother

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Stephen Toth, Assistant Superintendent; Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operating Officer

Others in Attendance – one member of the press and Erik Helbing, Solicitor

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the minutes from February 20, 2024. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Dillman and Schellhammer 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 Boyle to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Dillman and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Dillman and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Superintendent Report – Kinder indicated that the report in its entirety was attached to the agenda. Amy Hehn also provided a presentation from the Nutrition Group.

Hearings – None

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

A thirty- three minute executive session was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

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

Bartasavage made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year: Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Gaming Coach; Resignation; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Ratify Morgan Boyle, Brockton, PA 17925, as an Assistant Junior High Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Ratify Devin Murphy, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as 4<sup>th</sup> Assistant Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Ryan Bamford, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Softball Coach  
Michael Bonner, Lehigh, PA 18235, as 1<sup>st</sup> Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Edward Titus, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Michael Coleman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as 2<sup>nd</sup> Assistant Junior Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Shane Kaufman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Duane Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Football Coach  
Melissa Hess, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Cheerleading Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
David Leinbach, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as JV Girls Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Courtney McCarroll, Blandon, PA 19510, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach  
Timothy Robb, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Soccer Coach  
James Gormley, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach  
James Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Erika Davis, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as Head Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Gina Morgan, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as JV Girls Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined  
Duane Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Girls Basketball Coach  
Ratify Aaron Knepp, Head Gaming Coach  
Resignation of Kylie Huegel, Full-Time Custodian, with a separation date of February 28, 2024

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Dillman and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year; First Reading of Policies #217 and #810; 2024-2025 Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Student Driver Education Program Agreement; Affiliation Agreement; Schuylkill IU #29 Induction Plan; Early Graduation Student; Substitute Guest Teachers; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Dillman and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

First reading of the following policies:

Policy #217 – Graduation

Policy #810 – Transportation

2024-2025 Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Student Driver Education Program Agreement

Affiliation Agreement with Lebanon Valley College  
Schuylkill IU #29 Induction Plan  
Early graduation for one-tenth grade student  
Anne Groff, New Ringgold, PA 17960, Substitute Guest Teacher  
Jessica Enge, Pine Grove, PA 17963, Substitute Guest Teacher

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Dillman and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2023-2024 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; CSIU Accounting, Human Resources and Payroll Software Agreement; Resignation; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager  
Tax Refunds:

Rush Township 2022, 2023 – Per Capita  
2022, 2023 – Assessed Occupation  
West Penn 2022, 2023 – Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

CSIU Accounting, Human Resources and Payroll Software Agreement  
Resignation of Heather Metric, Occupational Therapist, with a separation date of August 18, 2024  
2024-2025 Budget Presentation - no vote

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Dillman and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Communications - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to pay the monthly board invoices as presented. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Dillman and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Old Business – None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Jones, Dillman and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

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Connie Ligenza  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary