

**SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**AGENDA**

Regular Monthly Meeting  
to be held

Tuesday, January 17, 2023 at 7:30 p.m.

**1. PRELIMINARIES**

- a. Prayer
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Roll Call

**2. RECOGNIZE STUDENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

**3. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**4. WORK SESSION AGENDA**

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

5.01 Approve Board meeting minutes.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that the following minutes of the Board of Directors be approved as presented:

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Special Meeting – September 27, 2022

Finance Committee Meeting – November 10, 2022

Education/Curriculum Combined Committee Meeting – November 14, 2022

Regular Monthly Meeting – November 22, 2022

Reorganization Meeting Minutes – December 7, 2022

Special Meeting – December 13, 2022

Special Meeting – December 21, 2022

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

**5. OLD BUSINESS (continued)****5.02 Accept Treasurer's Reports.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that the Treasurer's Report for the month of November and December 2022 be accepted  
 \_\_\_\_\_ as presented.

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR    OPPOSED)

**5.03 Authorize payment of bills.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that the bills for the month of November and December 2022 be authorized paid as  
 \_\_\_\_\_ presented. (Gen. Fund, Capital Reserve, Athletic Fund, and Cafeteria Fund)

(ROLL CALL)

**6. NEW BUSINESS****6.01 Acknowledge student and/or staff accomplishments.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to acknowledge the following student accomplishments:  
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**Middle/High School:****Students of the Month****November**

Kairi Mitchell – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Madison Roman – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Students of the Month****December**

Brian Knarr – 8<sup>th</sup> Grade

Abby Noll – 12<sup>th</sup> Grade

**Elementary/Intermediate School:****Students of the Month****November**

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-

Allison Scicchitano

4<sup>th</sup> Grade-

Estrella Soto Velez

5<sup>th</sup> Grade-

Shelbi Schrader

6<sup>th</sup> Grade-

Cooper Annis

**Students of the Month****December**

Karlee Twinning

Ma'Kire Tadlock

Kendra Yadlosky

Kylee Reigle

Congratulations to our FBLA winners: Holden Agosta (Intro to IT), Joey Hile (Regional VP), and Ally Waugh (Cyber Security and Regional Treasurer). All 3 will compete at States in April, along with Jason Alderson (Digital Video project with Joey Hile) and Joseph DeWitt (Website).

(VOICE VOTE:        In Favor        Opposed)

**6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)****6.02 Approve Establishment of New Student Activity Fund.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the establishment of the Shamokin Area Bocce Ball student activity fund,  
\_\_\_\_\_ which will track fundraising to help defray the cost of uniforms, awards, etc. for the school's  
team.

(ROLL CALL)

**6.03 Approve Act 1 Resolution.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the Act 1 Resolution for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.  
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WHEREAS, on June 27, 2006, the Pennsylvania legislature passed Act 1 of Special Session 2006, entitled the "Taxpayer Relief Act" (hereinafter "Act 1");

WHEREAS, Act 1 requires school districts to limit tax increases to the level set by an inflation index unless the tax increase is approved by voters in a referendum or the school district obtains from the Department of Education or a court of common pleas certain referendum exceptions;

WHEREAS, Act 1 does, however, allow a board of school directors to elect to adopt a resolution indicating that it will not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the public schools for the following fiscal year by more than its index, provided this resolution must be adopted no later than 110 days prior to the date of the election immediately preceding the upcoming fiscal year;

WHEREAS, the Shamokin Area School District index for the 2023-2024 fiscal year is 6.3%

WHEREAS, the Shamokin Area School District Board of Directors has made the decision that it shall not raise the rate of any tax for the support of the Shamokin Area School District for the 2023-2024 fiscal year by more than its index.

AND NOW, on this 17<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2023, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Shamokin Area School District (hereinafter "District") Board of Directors (hereinafter "Board") the following:

1. The Board certifies that it will not increase any school district tax for the 2023-2024 school year at a rate that exceeds the index as calculated by the Pennsylvania Department of Education.
2. The Board certifies that it will comply with the procedures set forth in Section 687, of the Pennsylvania Public School Code (hereinafter "School Code"), 24 P.S. §6-687, for the adoption of its proposed and final budget.
3. The Board certifies that increasing any tax at a rate less than or equal to the index will be sufficient to balance its final budget of the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

**6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

4. The Administration of the District will submit the District's information on a proposed increase in the rate of a tax levied for the support of the District to the Pennsylvania Department of Education on the uniform form prepared by the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
5. The Administration of the District will send a copy of this Resolution to the Pennsylvania Department of Education no later than five days after the Board's adoption of this Resolution.
6. The Board understands and agrees that by passing this Resolution it is not eligible to seek referendum exceptions under Section 333(f) of Act 1 and is not eligible to request approval from the voters through a referendum to increase a tax rate by more than the index as established for the 2023-2024 fiscal year.
7. Once this Resolution is passed, the Administration of the District is not required to comply with the preliminary budget requirements set forth in paragraphs (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1. Provided, however:
  - (a) The Board understands and agrees that, upon receipt of the information submitted by the District as set forth in paragraphs 4 and 5 above, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall compare the District's proposed percentage increase in the rate of the tax with the index.
  - (b) Within ten days of the receipt of this information, the Pennsylvania Department of Education shall inform the District whether its proposed tax rate increase is less than or equal to the index.
  - (c) If the Pennsylvania Department of Education determines that the District's proposed increase in the rate of the District's tax exceeds the index, the District is subject to the preliminary budget requirements as set forth in paragraph (a) and (c) of Section 311 of Act 1.

(ROLL CALL)

6.04 Approve revised 2022-23 School Calendar.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the revised 2022-2023 school calendar to makeup December 15<sup>th</sup>  
\_\_\_\_\_ when school was closed due to snow, retroactively. Makeup day was Monday, January 16th.

(ROLL CALL)

**6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

6.05 Move to approve the revised ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the revised ARP ESSER Health and Safety Plan for the 2022-23 school year,  
\_\_\_\_\_ as presented.

(ROLL CALL)

6.06 Approve Curriculum.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the English 10 Curriculum, as presented.  
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(ROLL CALL)

6.07 Approve all contracts/agreements.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the following contracts/agreements:  
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- Independent Contractor Agreement with Christine Gotshall to provide services reviewing re-evaluation reports, effective immediately and continuing through June 30, 2023.
- Special counsel services agreement with Saxton & Stump, LLC due to a merger with Kegal Kelin Litts & Lord LLP, effective immediately.
- The superintendent be authorized to sign the Agreements for Distribution of IDEA-B Section 611 Pass Through Funds in the amount of \$576,665.17 and IDEA 619 Pass Through Funds in the amount of \$9,232.00 through the CSIU for the 2022-23 school year.

(ROLL CALL)

6.08 Approve field trip abroad.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the 2024 field trip abroad to Costa Rica. Participants are scheduled to  
\_\_\_\_\_ leave in June 2024. Students are responsible for the cost of the trip, which is approximately  
\$3,000.

(ROLL CALL)

**6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

6.09 Revise mileage reimbursement rate.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to revise the district's 2023 mileage reimbursement rate to \$.655 per mile as per IRS  
\_\_\_\_\_ Revenue.

(ROLL CALL)

6.10 Reappoint delegates for Act 32 Tax Committee.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that the following be reappointed to serve as delegates representing the District on the  
\_\_\_\_\_ Northumberland County Tax Collection Committee:

Delegate – Karen Colangelo

Alternate – Brenda Scandle (Shamokin City)

(ROLL CALL)

6.11 Appoint Act 1 Coordinator.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that Sherry Glosek be appointed to serve as SASD Act 1 Coordinator and be  
\_\_\_\_\_ responsible for submitting the appropriate reports and documents.

(ROLL CALL)

6.12 Approve assignments of student teacher.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the following for the Spring 2023 semester:  
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- Assignment of Bloomsburg student teacher to the following cooperating district teacher:

	<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Building</u>
1/24/23-5/12/23	Jacob Cuddeback	Kevin Styer	MHS

- Assignment of Bloomsburg nursing student to the following cooperating district nurse:

	<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Building</u>
1/23/23-5/12/23 Clinical	Michelle Etzel	Nicole Worgen	Elem/MHS

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

**6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

6.13 Approve veteran's exemption requests.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the request from the following for exemption from Real Estate Tax for  
 \_\_\_\_\_ disabled veterans, retroactively:

Michael M. Duzick – 1303 Mulberry Rd., Paxinos - effective December 5, 2022

Donna L. Griffin – 1022 N. Rock St., Shamokin – effective January 21, 2022

(ROLL CALL)

6.14 Approve and Disapprove exoneration requests as listed.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve/disapprove the following as listed:  
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- Approve the following requests for exemption from Act 511 and Section 679 Taxes submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery:

	<b>YEAR(S)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Karen J. McNaughton	2014-2015	\$22.00	Paid
Randall E. Neaus	2019-2020	\$22.00	Deceased
John O'Brien	2017-2018, 2021	\$33.00	Deceased
Rosemary Johnson	2012	\$176.00	Deceased
Ana Cavanaugh	2014	\$11.00	Non-resident
Harry Bramhall	2020	\$11.00	Non-resident
Samantha Chiodo	2019-2020	\$352.00	Non-resident
Charles Brunson Jr.	2014-2016	\$528.00	Non-resident
David A. Soto Sr.	2014-2017	\$704.00	Non-resident
Erica M. Eltringham	2015-2016	\$242.00	Non-resident
Freeman Shaffer	2019	\$176.00	Non-resident
Krystal L. Hoffa	2019	\$121.00	Non-resident
Lindsey Ravbbits	2015-2018	\$484.00	Non-resident

- Disapprove the following request for exemption of Act 511 and Section 679 taxes submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery as follows:

	<b>YEAR(S)</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Kyle W. Lott	2015-2016	\$462.00	Non-resident
Lindsey Ravbbits	2014	\$121.00	Non-resident
Shandel Metzger	2017	\$176.00	Non-resident

(ROLL CALL)

**7. PERSONNEL AGENDA**

8. **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

9. **CLOSED MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

An executive session was held for personnel issues on Monday, January 9, 2023 from 6:00pm to 7:23pm and Tuesday, January 19, 2022 from 5:30pm to \_\_\_\_\_pm prior to the regular monthly board meeting.

10. **CITIZENS' COMMENTS** (Only If Agenda Items Have Been Added from the Floor)

11. **ADJOURNMENT**

\_\_\_\_\_I move that this meeting be adjourned.

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TIME: \_\_\_\_\_