

**SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**  
**AGENDA**  
Regular Monthly Meeting  
to be held  
Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 7:30 p.m.

**1. PRELIMINARIES**

- a. Prayer
- b. Pledge of Allegiance
- c. Moment of Silence for Richard Dapra who was a custodian for many years and recently passed away on April 25<sup>th</sup> and Doris Ziemba who served on the Board from 1989-1997 and passed away May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- d. 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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Athletics Committee Meeting: April 13, 2022  
Finance Committee Meeting: April 13, 2022  
Regular Monthly Meeting: April 19, 2022

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR   OPPOSED)

- 5.02 Accept Treasurer's Reports.

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

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(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR   OPPOSED)

**5. OLD BUSINESS (continued)**

5.03 Authorize payment of bills.

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

(ROLL CALL)

**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Donation from Larry Deklinski

**7. NEW BUSINESS**

7.01 Acknowledge student and/or staff accomplishments.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to acknowledge the following student and staff accomplishments:

\_\_\_\_\_ **Middle/High School: Students of the Months for April**

Autumn Peifer – Grade 7

Damian Jovel-Martinez – Grade 9

**Prom Royalty 2022**

QUEEN: Kate Amato

PRINCESS: MacKenzie Bogetti

KING: Booker Lewis

PRINCE: Brett Nye

Congratulations to Hannah Bashore and Samantha Stancavage for qualifying for All-State Chorus.

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

7.02 Adopt the 2022-2023 Tentative General Fund Budget.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that the Shamokin Area School District tentative general fund budget for the  
\_\_\_\_\_ fiscal year 2022-2023 in the amount of \$36,243,898, which includes a tax increase of  
1.87 mills (maximum allowed under Act 1 index of 5.2%) to a new millage rate of 37.99,  
be approved as presented, advertised and made available for public inspection as required  
by the Public School Code of 1949, as amended.

(ROLL CALL)

**7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)****7.03 Adopt Homestead Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to adopt the Resolution as presented implementing the Homestead and Farmstead  
\_\_\_\_\_ Exclusions for the purpose of reducing school district property taxes pursuant to Act 1 of  
2006, "The Taxpayer Relief Act."

**RESOLVED**, by the Board of School Directors of the Shamokin Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2022, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

**1. Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.**

The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2022:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6956.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$443,501.49.

b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6956.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$1,726.52.

2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(I), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), Northumberland County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District is 4403.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 23.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** To date, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4426.

3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal as established by law. Dividing the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$443,501.49 by the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 4426 (before considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the calculations of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead and farmstead exclusion amount), the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable currently to each homestead and to each approved farmstead would be **\$100.22.**

**7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

Based on calculations provided by the School District Business Office from the best available information and carefully evaluated by the School Board, considering the assessed value of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads having an assessed value below the preliminary calculation of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount to be established as the homestead exclusion and the farmstead exclusion amount, an additional amount of \$47,693 will be available during the school year for real estate assessed value reduction applicable to approximately 4426 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional per property real estate assessed value reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of **\$0.38**. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculations of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount of \$2,638 the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead will be approximately \$2,648.

**Exclusion calculations.** Dividing the preliminary tax relief amount per homestead and farmstead of \$100.22 by the School District real estate tax rate of 37.99 mills, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as homestead exclusion for each approved homestead and farmstead is **\$2,638** before making adjustments for the approximately 68 homesteads and farmsteads which will then increase the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to approximately **\$2,648** yielding a new approximate tax relief amount of **\$100.60**.

4. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 1 tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$2,648. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or

5. (b) The maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$2,648. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for this school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 1, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.

**RESOLVED** this 17<sup>th</sup> day of May 2022.

(ROLL CALL)

**7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)****7.04 Acknowledge 1<sup>st</sup> Reading of New/Revised Policies and Administrative Regulation.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to acknowledge 1st reading of the following new and revised policies and  
\_\_\_\_\_ Administrative Regulation:

218 – Student Discipline (revised)  
218-AR-0 – Discipline in Schools (new)  
220 – Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials (revised)  
220-AR – Student Expression/Dissemination of Materials (revised)  
227 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia (revised)  
237 – Electronic Devices (revised)  
808-AR-2 – Notice of School Meal Charges (new)  
808-AR-3 – Notice of Returned Check (new)

(ROLL CALL)

**7.05 Elect Board Treasurer.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to serve as Treasurer of the Shamokin  
\_\_\_\_\_ Area School District Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to  
June 30, 2023) at a salary of \$2,700 per year and that bond be set at \$20,000.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that \_\_\_\_\_ be elected to serve as Treasurer of the Shamokin  
\_\_\_\_\_ Area School District Board of Directors for the 2022-2023 fiscal year (July 1, 2022 to  
June 30, 2023) at a salary of \$2,700 per year and that bond be set at \$20,000.

(ROLL CALL)

**7.06 Approve Middle/High School Handbook.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that the 2022-2023 Middle/High School Handbook be approved as presented.  
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(ROLL CALL)

**7.07 Approve 2022 summer compressed work schedule.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve a four-day work week beginning June 6, 2022, as per the format for a  
\_\_\_\_\_ compressed work schedule presented by Administration, as an energy/money saving  
measure.

(ROLL CALL)

**7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

## 7.08 Extend work year for counselors.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve extending the following work year for counselors listed:  
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- an aggregate maximum of 30 days for secondary counselors during the 2022 summer months at the discretion of the superintendent and principal.
- an aggregate maximum of 5 days for elementary counselor during the 2022 summer months at the discretion of the superintendent and principal

(ROLL CALL)

## 7.09 Approve School Plans.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the following school plans for the 2022-23 school year:  
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- The A-TSI non-Title I plan for the Shamokin Area Intermediate School as presented, and give permission to submit to PDE.
- The TSI Title I plan for the Shamokin Area Elementary School as presented, and give permission to submit to PDE.

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

## 7.10 Approve Field Maintenance Service Agreement.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the three-year service agreement with Turf, Track & Court to provide  
\_\_\_\_\_ field maintenance, including G-max testing every year, at the following cost annually,  
effective July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2024 and paid through the capital reserve fund:

2022 - \$2,790  
2023 - \$2,820  
2024 - \$2,850

(ROLL CALL)

**7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)****7.11 Renew insurance through Myers & Lynch Insurance, Inc.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to renew the following insurance premiums with Myers & Lynch Insurance Co.  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for the 2022-2023 fiscal year at the annual premium as listed:

Commercial Package	PSBA	\$117,916
School Leaders Legal	PSBA	\$21,218
Cyber-Privacy Protection	ACE	\$19,111
Student Accident	AXIS	\$16,600
Workman's Compensation	H.A.R.I.E.	\$195,960

(ROLL CALL)

**7.12 Approve transportation services.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to (Approve)(Disapprove) transportation services for the following students to be  
 \_\_\_\_\_ transported to/from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional during the requested time for the K-4  
 program, for which transportation is currently not provided:

- Kyla Clark, daughter of Kelley Green, 914 E. Sunbury St., Shamokin, effective May 5<sup>th</sup>, retroactively and for the remainder of the 2021-22 SY
- Lilly Mark, daughter of Robert and Alexandria Mark, 5065 Upper Road, Shamokin, effective for the 2022-23 SY

A rate based on a per diem basis, equal to the daily cost per student of the Shamokin Area School District will be billed to the family UNLESS WAIVED by the Board. This is contingent upon the availability of seating and is non-precedent setting.

(ROLL CALL)

**7.13 Approve assignment of student teacher.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the following student teacher assignments for the Fall 2022 semester  
 \_\_\_\_\_ at the indicated University and authorize the Superintendent to sign the Memorandum of  
 Agreements:

<u>Susquehanna Univ.</u>	<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Building</u>
8/22/2022-10/14/2022	Alyssa Fiebiger	Krista Carney	Elem

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

**7. NEW BUSINESS (continued)****7.14 Approve 5 -Year Affiliation Agreement.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the Affiliation Agreement between Mansfield University and  
\_\_\_\_\_ Shamokin Area School District to allow their students to complete a practicum or student  
teaching within the District, effective May 18, 2022 and continuing for five years.

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

**7.15 Approve College Student Internship.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move that approval be granted for Brydee Derk, a Wilkes University student, to  
\_\_\_\_\_ complete her Internship of 150 hours at Shamokin Area School District, under the direct  
supervision of Christine Gotshall, School Psychologist, beginning May 31, 2022.

(ROLL CALL)

**7.16 Approve script for the 2023 high school musical.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the script for the 2023 high school musical “Sweeney Todd – school  
\_\_\_\_\_ version”, as presented and available for review.

(ROLL CALL)

**7.17 Motion to Postpone.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to postpone ratifying a three (3) year Agreement between Shamokin Area School  
\_\_\_\_\_ District and AFSCME Local 2434 until the next public meeting.

(ROLL CALL)

**7.18 Approve contracts/agreements for student services.**

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the following contracts/agreements for student services:  
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- Letter of Agreement with Region 7 for the Pennsylvania’s Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program and that the superintendent be authorized to sign the Letter of Agreement.
- Transportation Plan with Northumberland County Children & Youth for Shamokin Area students placed in foster care at another LEA.

(ROLL CALL)



## 7. **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

7.19 Approve exoneration requests.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the following requests for exemption of Act 511 and Section 679 taxes  
 \_\_\_\_\_ submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery as follows:

	<b>YEAR</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>	<b>REASON</b>
Fredericka Williams	2017-2019	\$528.00	Duplicate
Dolores M. Mall	2021	\$11.00	Nursing Home
Patricia Jones	2021	\$11.00	Paid Prior
Wayne Wagner	2007-2008	\$132.00	Deceased
Sara Dilliplane	2021	\$11.00	Deceased
Thomas Bamford	2014-2019	\$176.00	Deceased
Betty Ann Haas	2021	\$11.00	Deceased
Elizabeth Feese	2018-2020	\$363.00	Deceased

(ROLL CALL)

7.20 Approve Purchase of Vehicle.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to approve the purchase of a 2022 Ranger 4x4 SuperCrew 5' Box XLT truck  
 \_\_\_\_\_ from Sunbury Motors, at a cost of \$34,472.00, to be paid through general fund.

(ROLL CALL)

7.21 Motion to Postpone.

\_\_\_\_\_ I move to postpone acknowledgment of receiving the audit report of the Shamokin Area  
 \_\_\_\_\_ School District, completed by Klacik & Associates, P.C. for the year ended June 30,  
 2021, until the next public meeting.

(ROLL CALL)

## 8. **PERSONNEL AGENDA**

## 9. **BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS**

**10. CLOSED MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. An executive session was held on Tuesday, May 10, 2022 from 6:00pm to 8:40pm and Tuesday, May 17, 2022, from 5:30pm to \_\_\_\_\_pm, prior to the regular monthly board meeting, all for personnel issues.

**11. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

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

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