

SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

AGENDA

Regular Monthly Meeting
to be held

Tuesday, May 21, 2024 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:

Special Meeting: April 16, 2024
Regular Monthly Meeting: April 16, 2024

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

5.02 Accept Treasurer's Reports.

_____ I move that the Treasurer's Report for the month of April 2024 be accepted as presented.

(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 2024 be authorized paid as presented.
 _____ (Gen. Fund, Capital Reserve, Athletic Fund, Cafeteria Fund)

(ROLL CALL)

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.01 Acknowledge student and/or staff accomplishments.

_____ I move to acknowledge the following student and staff accomplishments:

Middle/High School Students of the Month for April

Kendra Taylor - 11th grade

Julee Kilburn - 8th grade

Prom Royalty 2024

QUEEN: Alaina Glowatski

PRINCESS: Morgan Annis

KING: Christian Miller

PRINCE: Joe Hile

Elementary School Students of the Month for April

3rd Grade – Emma Fisher

4th Grade – Kaitlyn Brown

5th Grade – Candice Rumberger

6th Grade – Sophia Zimmerman

- Congratulations to Emma Kurtz for getting her 100th career hit in softball.
- Congratulations to the Boys' Track and Field team who are breaking numerous school and track records this season.

(VOICE VOTE: IN FAVOR OPPOSED)

6.02 Adopt the 2024-2025 Tentative General Fund Budget.

_____ I move that the Shamokin Area School District tentative general fund budget for the
 _____ fiscal year 2024-2025 in the amount of \$40,903,863, with millage rate of 41.10, be approved as presented, advertised and made available for public inspection as required by the Public School Code of 1949, as amended.

(ROLL CALL)

6. **NEW BUSINESS (continued)**

6.03 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, 2024, 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, 2024:

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 \$540,744.36.

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 \$2,220.29.

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 4271.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 22.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** To date, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 4293.

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 \$540,744.36 by the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 4293 (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 **\$125.97**.

6. **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 \$78,169 will be available during the school year for real estate assessed value reduction applicable to approximately 4293 homesteads and farmsteads, resulting in an additional per property real estate assessed value reduction amount available for each homestead and farmstead of **\$0.74**. Adding this additional amount to the preliminary calculations of the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount of \$3,065 the maximum real estate assessed value reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead will be approximately \$3,083.

Exclusion calculations. Dividing the preliminary tax relief amount per homestead and farmstead of \$125.97 by the School District real estate tax rate of 41.10 mills, the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as homestead exclusion for each approved homestead and farmstead is **\$3,065** before making adjustments for the approximately 121 homesteads and farmsteads which will then increase the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to approximately **\$3,083** yielding a new approximate tax relief amount of **\$126.71**.

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 \$3,083. 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 \$3,083. 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 21st day of May 2024.

(ROLL CALL)

6.04 Elect Board Treasurer.

_____ I move that **Edward M. Griffiths** be elected to serve as Treasurer of the Shamokin
 _____ Area School District Board of Directors for the 2024-2025 fiscal year (July 1, 2024 to
 June 30, 2025) at a salary of \$2,700 per year and that bond be set at \$20,000.

(ROLL CALL)

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

6.05 Approve 2024 summer compressed work schedule.

_____ I move to approve a four-day work week beginning June 3, 2024, as per the format for a
_____ compressed work schedule presented by Administration.

(ROLL CALL)

6.06 Extend work year for counselors.

_____ I move to approve extending the following work year for counselors listed:

- an aggregate maximum of 30 days for secondary counselors during the 2024 summer months at the discretion of the superintendent and principal.
- an aggregate maximum of 5 days for elementary counselors during the 2024 summer months at the discretion of the superintendent and principal

(ROLL CALL)

6.07 New/revised policies and administrative regulations.

_____ I move to acknowledge the 1st reading of the following new/revised policies, attachments and
_____ administrative regulations, as presented:

146.1-AR-0	Trauma Plan
146.1-AR-1	Critical Components of MTSS
146.1-AR-2	MTSS Infrastructure
146.1-AR-3	How school teams solve problems
828	Fraud
903	Public Participation in Board Meetings (revised)

(ROLL CALL)

6.08 Move to Acknowledge Review of Policy #249.

_____ I move to acknowledge review of Policy #249: Bullying/Cyberbullying, as presented.
_____ No changes were needed.

(ROLL CALL)

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

6.09 Approve to increase lunch price for Tiny Tech Meals.

_____ I move to approve to increase the price of lunches at Tiny Tech to \$3.80 beginning the 2024-25
_____ school year.

(ROLL CALL)

6.10 Approve contracts/agreements for student services.

_____ I move to approve the following contracts/agreements for student services:

- Two-Year Agreement between Diversified Treatment Alternative Centers, LLC to provide Therapeutic Health Services to the Shamokin Area School District, effective 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years.
- The Letter of Agreement with Beacon Light to provide care and treatment for Shamokin Area students, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2026.
- The Tuition Agreements with New Story to provide required special education services as set forth in the student's IEP at the following cost, effective April 18, 2024 and continuing for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year:

Student NS - \$405.00/day

- The Tuition Agreements with New Story to provide required special education services as set forth in the IEP for students to attend Extended School Year (ESY) during the summer, June 20 – July 26, 2024, at the following costs per day:

Student IL - \$405.00/day

Student AC - \$515.00/day

Student AW - \$405.00/day

Student NS - \$405.00/day

- The Agreement with Kidsworld Therapy Center, Lewisburg, PA, to provide Occupational, Physical and Speech Therapy services as needed for the 2024-25 school year at a fixed fee of \$4,524/month, \$80.00 per hour for therapy and vision services, \$50.00 per hour for OT services; \$80.00 per hour for homebound instruction, travel time at the rate of \$20.00 per hour and a rate of \$350.00 per hour for independent evaluations.
- Approve Agreement with Coal Township Police Department to provide the district with a School Resource Officer (SRO) effective starting the 2024-25 school year.

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6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

- Approve Affiliation Agreement with Commonwealth University of Pennsylvania for field and/or internship placements for learning experiences, effective for five years beginning May 22, 2024.
- Approve Synergy Student Information System hosted subscription rates listed in the service rates schedule Exhibit 1.b. From Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit (CSIU) for the Special Education/IEP Writer module and technical support for the 2024-2025 school year.

(ROLL CALL)

6.11 Approve script for the 2025 high school musical.

_____ I move to approve the script for the 2025 high school musical “Chicago – Teen Edition”
_____ available for review.

(ROLL CALL)

6.12 Approve School Handbooks.

_____ I move that the 2024-25 MHS Student Handbook and Substitute Handbook, as presented.

(ROLL CALL)

6.13 Approve proposal for printing tax bills.

_____ I move to accept the proposal for tax bill printing and mailing services from BerkOne
_____ at a cost of \$150.00 for forms design, registers at \$0.164 each, blanks at \$0.557 per
Bill, tax duplicate printing at \$0.10 per record and an Excel/PDF for \$75.00.

(ROLL CALL)

6.14 Renew insurance through Myers & Lynch Insurance, Inc.

_____ I move to renew the following insurance premiums with Myers & Lynch Insurance Co.
_____ for the 2023-2024 fiscal year at the annual premium as listed below:

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

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Commercial Package	PSBA	\$143,264
School Leaders Legal	PSBA	\$25,929
Cyber-Privacy Protection	ACE	\$18,367
Student Accident	AXIS	\$11,485
Workman's Compensation	H.A.R.I.E.	\$132,543

(ROLL CALL)

6.15 Approve CSIU Keystone Purchasing Network fuel oil and gasoline bid.

_____ I move to accept the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit Keystone Purchasing
 _____ Network bid for diesel fuel and unleaded gasoline From Diesel Direct Mid-Atlantic LLC
 for the 2024-25 fiscal year as follows:

87 Octane Unleaded Gasoline – Firm Price: 2,500 Gallons at \$2.8896 per gallon
 NRLM ULSD (Dyed Off-Road Diesel) – Firm Price: 1,500 gallons at \$4.3527 per gallon

(ROLL CALL)

6.16 Disapprove duplicate exoneration requests.

_____ I move to disapprove the following duplicated request received last month for exemption
 _____ of Act 511 and Section 679 taxes submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery as follows:

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Vincent Gervasi	2020-2022	\$528.00	Deceased

(ROLL CALL)

6.17 Approve veteran's exemption requests.

_____ I move to approve requests for exemption from Real Estate Tax for the following
 _____ disabled veterans as listed:

Ronald J. Filarski, 5857 Upper Road, Shamokin, effective March 8, 2024
 Edward S. Pawelczyk, 1303 Old Reading Rd., Paxinos, effective April 12, 2024

(ROLL CALL)

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)**6.18 Adopt Shamokin Area – Annex Improvement Grant Resolution.**

_____ I move to adopt the Resolution as presented to apply for the Act 34 PA Public School
_____ Facility Improvement Grant Program:

Be it RESOLVED, that the Shamokin Area School District of Northumberland County hereby request a Public School Facility Improvement grant of \$139,681.85 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for renovations of the building entrance, multipurpose room and electrical panel at the Annex.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Chris Venna, Superintendent as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Shamokin Area School District and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Erik S. Anderson, duly qualified Secretary of the Shamokin Area School District, Northumberland County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Shamokin Area Board of Directors at a regular meeting held Tuesday, May 21, 2024 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Shamokin Area School District and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS THEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Shamokin Area School District, this 21st day of May, 2024.

(ROLL CALL)

6.19 Adopt Shamokin Area – Middle School/High School Improvement Grant Resolution.

_____ I move to adopt the Resolution as presented to apply for the Act 34 PA Public School
_____ Facility Improvement Grant Program:

Be it RESOLVED, that the Shamokin Area School District of Northumberland County hereby request a Public School Facility Improvement grant of \$962,369.25 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for renovations of five air handler units on the roof, the front entrance and water storage tank at the Shamokin Middle/High School.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Chris Venna, Superintendent as the official to execute all documents and agreements between the Shamokin Area School District and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Erik S. Anderson, duly qualified Secretary of the Shamokin Area School District, Northumberland County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Shamokin Area Board of Directors at a regular

6. NEW BUSINESS (continued)

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(ROLL CALL)

7. PERSONNEL AGENDA**8. BOARD MEMBERS' REPORTS****9. CLOSED MEETING ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. An executive session was held on Wednesday, May 1, 2024 from 5:30pm to 8:32pm; Tuesday, May 14, 2024 from 6:00pm to _____pm and Tuesday, May 21, 2024, from 5:30pm to _____pm, prior to the regular monthly board meeting, all for personnel issues.

10. CITIZENS' COMMENTS**11. ADJOURNMENT**

_____ I move that this meeting be adjourned.

TIME: _____