

SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

February 15, 2022

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shamokin Area School District was held Tuesday, February 15, 2022, in the board conference room in the Shamokin Area Middle/High School, with President Mrs. Melissa Hovenstine presiding. Meeting was open to the public, as well as broadcasted live over YouTube. Mrs. Hovenstine called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Mrs. Hovenstine then led the assembly in the recitation of The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Melissa M. Hovenstine, Vice President Jeffrey L. Kashner, Treasurer Edward M. Griffiths, Secretary Erik S. Anderson, Bernadette Miller, Brian G. Persing, Charles H. Shuey, Rosalie Smoogen and Bernard Sosnoskie Jr.

Others present included Chris J. Venna, Superintendent; Karen Colangelo, Business Manager/FPC; Henry Hynoski, Middle/High School Dean of Students; Anthony Carnuccio, Elementary School Assistant Principal; and Sherry Eichelberger, Food Service Director (Nutrition Inc.).

Mr. Venna then introduced the video presentation to recognize Middle and High School Students of the Month. Showcased were Maximus Rogers, 7th Grade and Agam Patel, 11th Grade for the month of November 2021 and Landon Wolfgang, 7th Grade and Evelyn Murphy, 11th Grade for the month of January 2022.

It was then announced that it was time for citizens' comments for those participating in-person and virtually.

During citizens' comments, Trudy Kurtz spoke her concern about the elementary wrestlers being moved from the gym to the mat room because their event was not over when the next event scheduled for the gym was beginning. She also commented on how the motions were being read now during the meetings, stating that people at home didn't know what was being voted on. It was quickly pointed out that the agendas are available on the district's website for everyone's reference.

Next, Tammy Rhodes brought up a concern of hers how much was being spent for legal fees concerning the Daily Item. Mrs. Rhodes requested information through Right To Know, but it was determined that she was misinterpreting the information received.

During work session agenda, Mr. Venna turned the floor over to Elementary Assistant Principal Mr. Carnuccio. Mr. Carnuccio gave a brief update of events happening at the elementary school and announced they raised a record high \$5842.80 for Jump Rope for Heart.

Next, Mr. Hynoski also gave a brief update and then introduced Kevin Styer, Band Director at the Middle/High School. Mr. Styer was recently chosen to be a part of the *Salute to Band Director's Band*, which marched in the Rose Bowl Parade. He shared that it was an honor to be chosen and said it was an amazing experience.

It was moved by Mr. Persing, seconded by Mr. Kashner that the following minutes of the Board of Directors be approved as presented:

Regular Monthly Meeting: January 19, 2022
Combined Curriculum and Education Committee Meeting: January 26, 2022
Finance Committee Meeting: January 26, 2022

On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Kashner, seconded by Mr. Griffiths that the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2022 be accepted as presented. On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Persing, seconded by Mr. Shuey that the bills for the month of January 2022 be authorized paid as presented. (Gen. Fund, Capital Reserve, Athletic Fund, and Cafeteria Fund). On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Kashner, seconded by Mrs. Smoogen to acknowledge the following student accomplishments:

Middle/High School Students of the Month – January

Evelyn Murphy-11th grade
Landen Wolfgang-7th grade

On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Sosnoskie, seconded by Mr. Persing that the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit #16 Preliminary General Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023, in the amount of \$694,145 be approved as presented. On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mrs. Smoogen to adopt the following new Administrative Regulations on the 2nd reading, as presented:

114-AR-0	Gifted Education
114-AR-1	Notice of Parental Rights for Gifted Student
114-AR-2	Permission to Evaluate
114-AR-3	Gifted Written Report
114-AR-4	Invitation to Participate in a Gifted Team Meeting
114-AR-5	Gifted Individualized Education Plan (GIEP)
114-AR-6	Gifted Notice of Recommended Assignment (NORA)
114-AR-7	Notice of Intent to Reevaluate
114-AR-8	ODR Due Process Complaint Form

On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Shuey, seconded by Mr. Kashner to accept the final reports from Shamokin City, East Cameron Township, Shamokin Township and Coal Township elected district tax collectors for the year 2021, be accepted as presented and that Keystone Collections Group and Northumberland County be directed to proceed with the collection of all delinquent taxes in accordance with the law. On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sosnoskie to approve the Elementary Science Curriculum for Grade 4, as presented. On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mrs. Smoogen, seconded by Mr. Kashner to approve and disapprove the following requests for exemption of Act 511 and Section 679 taxes submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery as follows:

- Approve the following requests for exemption from Act 511 and Section 679 Taxes submitted by Statewide Tax Recovery:

	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>AMOUNT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Patricia A. Averill	2010-2012	\$253.00	Deceased
Marie J. Cwalina	2019	\$11.00	Deceased
Marion A. Valanoski	2018	\$121.00	Deceased
Harvey L. Henninger	2019	\$176.00	Non-resident

- Disapprove the following request 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>
Harvey L. Henninger	2014, 2018	\$352.00	Non-resident

On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Sosnoskie to approve the following requests for exemption from Real Estate Tax for disabled veterans retroactively:

James E. Grego, 226 Tharp St., Coal Township – Effective January 6, 2022
Joshua C. Christian, 578 Bates Rd., Shamokin – Effective January 13, 2022
Carol A. Fox, 1821 Trevorton Rd., Coal Township – Effective January 19, 2022

On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Kashner, seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the assignment of Susquehanna University students to the following cooperating district teachers during the Spring 2022 semester to complete their practicum:

Susquehanna University Students

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| • Alaina Fry (Voice, cello secondary) | • Lizzie Axler (Voice) |
| • Lani O'Connell (Violin) | • Christina Rickenbach (Voice) |
| • Emily Kirsch (Flute, Viola secondary) | • Spencer Cook (Clarinet) |
| • Rebecca Gideon (Violin, Voice secondary) | |

Cooperating Teachers

Choral/Vocal: Mary Anne Stump
Strings/Modern Band: Nelson Rodriguez-Parada
Band: Kevin Styer

On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Sosnoskie to approve that the compensation payable by the School District to the elected Tax Collector of Coal Township, for the collection of School District taxes for the tax years of 2022-2025, has been set as follows:

- a. For each bill sent by the tax collector to each taxpayer to collect real estate taxes they will be paid \$3.00, which increases by \$0.50.
- b. For each combined bill sent by the tax collector to each taxpayer to collect per capita/occupational assessment taxes they will be paid \$1.33, which increases by \$0.25.

On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Sosnoskie, seconded by Mrs. Smoogen to approve transportation services for the following student to be transported to/from Our Lady of Lourdes Regional for the remainder of the 2021-2022 K-4 program, for which transportation is currently not provided:

Eugene A. Welsh, son of Lacey and Geno Welsh, 2321 Stetler Dr., Coal Township, PA

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

On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: None

It was moved by Mr. Persing, seconded by Mr. Griffiths to approve all personnel items in motions 8.01 through 8.14 as listed:

- 8.01 Accept resignation from Mary Steele as night Lead Custodian, effective when a replacement is found. She will remain employed as a full-time custodian.
- 8.02 Accept resignation from Richard Dapra, Custodian, with regret effective January 29, 2022.
- 8.03 Approve request #2022-2 from employee for medical leave beginning on or about April 21, 2022 and continuing through the end of the 2021-22 school year which is currently May 27, 2022, using sick days in conformance with FMLA and the SAEA Agreement, retroactively.
- 8.04 Approve request #2022-3 from employee for intermittent family medical leave beginning on December 20, 2021, retroactively, and continuing through the end of the 2021-22 school year which is currently May 27, 2022, using uncompensated days in conformance with FMLA and the SAEA Agreement.
- 8.05 Approve request from Amanda Krieger for an uncompensated leave for a vacation scheduled February 25 through March 4, 2022.

- 8.06 Approve request from Krista Carney to attend the PMEA State Conference on April 6-9, 2022, at Kalahari Resorts and Conventions, Pocono Manor, PA, at a cost of \$165, paid through the general fund.
- 8.07 On the recommendation of the principals that Hannah Nolter and Kylee Frits be appointed to serve as instructors for the 2021-22 Learning Loss after-school tutoring program, with compensation set at \$30.00/hour.
- 8.08 On the recommendation of the administration that David J. Donkochik be appointed to the position of Armed School Security Guard, 180 days per year, 8 hours per day, Grade 2 of the AFSCME Agreement, at the rate of \$18.46 per hour, effective February 16, 2022.

- 8.09 Approve to add the following to the 2021-2022 professional substitute list:

Diane Engelhardt – Substitute Nurse
 Alison Horne – Guest Teacher
 Robert Horne – Guest Teacher
 Hannah Nolter – Guest Teacher

- 8.10 On the recommendation of the Athletic Director, Head Coaches and Principal that the following be (re)appointed to serve as spring sports coaches for the 2021-2022 school year with compensation as listed on the salary schedule and pending receipt of current clearances if not already on file:

Baseball	Jim Burns	Head Coach	\$2,650.00
	Mike Karlovich	Assistant	\$1,500.00
	Shawn Waugh	Assistant	\$1,500.00
	Ryan Price	Assistant	\$1,200.00
	Dan Neary	Volunteer	\$0.00
	Matt Wagner	Volunteer	\$0.00
Softball	Jared Petrovich	Head Coach	\$2,800.00
	Rick Kashner	Assistant	\$2,742.00
	Jim Campbell	JV Coach	\$2,742.00
	Aleea Faus	Volunteer	\$0.00
Boys Track	Mike Rogers	Head Coach	\$3,850.00
	Sam Schiccatano	Assistant	\$2,742.00
	Matt Gass	Assistant	\$1,638.00
	Justin Rickert	Assistant	\$1,638.00
	Brandon Mendoza	Volunteer	\$0.00
Girls Track	David Kopitsky, Jr.	Head Coach	\$3,850.00
	Robert Cowder	Assistant	\$2,742.00
	Todd Nye	Assistant	\$2,742.00
	Open	Volunteer	\$0.00

JH Track	Jim Schiavoni	Assistant	\$1,776.00
	Jim Lichty	Assistant	\$600.00
	Dante Picarelli	Assistant	\$600.00
	Darvey Bressi	Volunteer	\$0.00
JH Boys Soccer	Zach Moyer	Co-Head Coach	\$819.00
	Dennis Cole	Co-Head Coach	\$819.00
	Jon Grybos	Volunteer	\$0.00
JH Girls Soccer	Ed Komara	Head Coach	\$2,052.00
	Todd Nye	Volunteer	\$0.00

- 8.11 On the recommendation of the Principal and Head Coach that Laura Myers be appointed as an assistant swimming coach, effective immediately, with a stipend to be determined as listed on the salary schedule.
- 8.12 On the recommendation of the Supervisor of Facilities and Maintenance that Raymond Santor be approved to serve as part-time Custodian, 260 days per year, 5 hours per day, Grade 1 of the AFSCME Agreement, at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective February 2, 2022.
- 8.13 Approve to add Barbara Mansouri as a custodian to the 2021-2022 non-instructional substitute list.
- 8.14 Approve request #2022-4 from employee for medical leave beginning on February 24 and continuing through March 9, 2022, using sick, personal and vacation days in conformance with FMLA and the AFSCME Agreement.

On Roll Call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Griffiths, Mrs. Hovenstine,
Mr. Kashner, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing,
Mr. Shuey, Mrs. Smoogen, Mr. Sosnoskie

Voting No: None

No Board Member reports.

Mrs. Hovenstine announced that an executive session was held for personnel issues on Monday, February 7, 2022, from 6:00pm to 7:25pm and February 15, 2022, from 5:30pm to 7:08pm prior to the regular monthly board meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Kashner, seconded by Mr. Persing that the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:09pm.

RECORDER: _____
Tonya M. Searls, Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Erik S. Anderson, Board Secretary