

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session at the Tamaqua Area Middle School on Tuesday, August 20, 2019 at 7:30 PM with President Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance”; a moment of silent meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President
Thomas Rottet, Vice President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Nicholas Boyle

Bryan Miller
Mark Rother
Wanda Zuber

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Steve Toth, Assistant Superintendent; Connie Ligenza, Business Administrator; and Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operations Officer

Others in Attendance – member of the press, Attorney Jeff Bowe, Solicitor, and members of the community

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from July 9, 2019 and July 16, 2019. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber 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. Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted “FOR.” Wittig “ABSTAINED”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

Superintendent Report – Kinder indicated that the report in its entirety was attached to the agenda.

Hearings – None

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

There was none held.

President Wittig called for the recommendation of the committees.

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

Rottet made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2019-2020

school years: Policies; Rescind Motion; Resignation; Custodian; Adult Game Worker List; Event Security List; Substitute Health Room Assistant List; Substitute Custodian List; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Approve the second reading of the following policies:

Policy #222 Nicotine Use

Policy #227 Drugs and Alcohol

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to forgo the reading of the policies. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Adoption of policies list in above

Rescind motion of June 18, 2019, approving Sierra Klinger as a Substitute Custodian

Maria Kopp, resignation as a Full-time Custodian, effective August 23, 2019

Maria Kopp, Lansford, PA, 18232, Substitute Custodian

Adult Game Worker List

Event Security List

Substitute Health Room Assistants List

Substitute Custodians List

Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

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

Zuber made a motion seconded by Rottet to approve the following for the 2019-2020 school years: Policies; Job Description; Agreements; Resignations; Professional Employee Contracts; Speech Therapist; Business Education Teacher; Professional Substitute Guest Teachers; Teaching Assignments; Professional Substitute Teacher List; Certified Teachers; Mentor; RPT Behavioral Analyst; Educational Technology Integrator; Substitute Paraprofessional List; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation, stipends to be established.

Approve first reading of Policy.

Policy #249 Bullying

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rottet to forgo the reading of the policies. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Parent Participation policy as presented

Educational Technology Integrator job description

Lehigh Carbon Community College dual enrollment program from August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2022

Child Development, Inc., Minersville, PA, 17954, to assist with student readiness

Kutztown University for practical experiences outside the traditional classroom setting

Jennel Swenson, resignation, separation effective at a date to be agreed upon with the Superintendent

Caitlin Ligenza, resignation, separation effective at a date to be agreed upon with the Superintendent

Thomas I. Kanger, Jr., resignation, separation effective at a date to be agreed upon with the Superintendent

Katelyn Marie Collevecchio, to be given professional status as of August 21, 2019

Caitlin Ligenza, to be given professional status as of August 21, 2019

Alison Leigh Marmas, to be given professional status as of August 21, 2019

Jacqueline Murphy, to be given professional status as of August 21, 2019

Ashley Ann Brennan, Nesquehoning, PA, 18240, Master's, Step 9, \$55,917, speech therapist

Kiersten Matika Rivera, Summit Hill, PA, 18250, Master's, Step 4, \$50,488, Business Education teacher

Frank Berleth, Tamaqua, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

Melanie Caracapa, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

Angelina Fritz, Barnesville, PA, 18214, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

Suzanne Lobichusky, Barnesville, PA, 18214, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

Steve Milkovits, Brockton, PA, 17925, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

Christina Page, New Philadelphia, PA, 17959, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

Pamela Sabath, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

Tatevik Sakash, Tamaqua, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

Paige Malewski, Jim Thorpe, PA, 18229, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

William Savitsky, Shenandoah, PA, 17976, Professional Guest Substitute teacher

2019-2020 Teaching Assignments

Professional Substitute Teacher List

Alycia Gerber, Tamaqua, Bachelors, Step 1, \$41,883, certified teacher

Jena L. Wank, Tamaqua, Bachelors, Step 11, \$52,767, certified teacher

Nicole Evans, mentor for Alycia Gerber, at the established stipend - \$700

Stacey Mika, Nesquehoning, PA, 18240, regular part-time Behavioral Analyst, Master's, Step 1, per diem, \$258.23

Aaron Knepp, Emmaus, PA, 18049, Master's, Step 2, \$48,506, Technology Integrator

Substitute Paraprofessional list

Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rottet to approve the following for the 2019-2020 school year as presented; Tax Report; 2018 Audit; AVTS Authority Member; 2019 Real Estate

Tax Assessment Appeals; Agreements; Payment; Construction Management Invoice; Technology Purchase; High School Roof Change Order; 2019-2020 Breakfast and Lunch Prices; Confidential Administrative Assistant; Extracurricular Stipends; Substitute Clerical List; Bus Drivers; Walmart Tax Appeal; Bus Runs; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds

Rush Township 2018 Assessed Occupation, 2019 Real Estate
Tamaqua Borough 2016, 2017, 2018 Per Capita
Walker Township 2016, 2017, 2018 Assessed Occupation and Per
Capita
West Penn Township 2016, 2017, 2018 Assessed Occupation and Per
Capita

Bus Runs

2018 Audit

Larry Wittig as an AVTS Authority Member

2019 Real Estate Tax Assessment Appeals

Schuylkill Intermediate Unit #29 agreement for participation in the Child
Nutrition Program

Schuylkill County AVTS Operating Agency for participation in the Child
Nutrition Program

Lehigh Carbon Community College Shine Program Memorandum of
Understanding for Food Service

Lehigh Carbon Community College Shine Program and the Tamaqua Area
School District Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement (PDE 3086)

Safety Net Counseling, Inc., Mount Caramel, PA, 17851, for as needed
services

Behavior Health Associates agreement for alternative education services

St. Jerome's agreement for School Lunch Services at \$2.20 per school lunch

Schuylkill Paving, Inc., Schuylkill Haven, PA, 17972, payment for the Tamaqua
Elementary paving project, not to exceed \$435,037.50

Quandel, Inc., payment application for \$70,490.65

Purchase of 100 Chromebooks from CDI Technologies, \$29,284 funds coming
from the Morgan Foundation proceeds

High school roof change order in the amount \$17,301.24

2019-2020 Breakfast and Lunch prices:

Elementary	\$2.35
Secondary	\$2.60
Adult	\$3.75

Patricia Novatnak, Cressona, PA, 17929, as a Confidential Administrative
Assistant - \$29,000, effective August 1, 2019

2019-2020 Extracurricular Stipends

Substitute Clerical lists

Bus Drivers

Authorize the solicitor to proceed with a Walmart Tax Appeal based on a fair
market value of \$8,200,000

Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Communications – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to pay the monthly board invoices as presented. Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR." Wittig "ABSTAINED"

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Hearings – multiple members of the community spoke

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rottet to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Miller, Rother, and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary