

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session at the Tamaqua Area Middle School on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 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
Thomas Bartasavage Jr.
Melanie Dillman

Bryan Miller
Mark Rother
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Nicholas Boyle

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Stephen 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 a members of the community

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the minutes from December 3, 2019 and December 17, 2019.

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 Rother to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Rottet, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR”. Wittig ABSTAINED.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer 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.

A 21-minute session was 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 Schoener to approve the following for the 2019 - 2020 school year: Out-of-State Trip; Coaches; Salary Adjustment; Resignation; Band Postseason Stipend; Out-of-state Ski Club trip to Smugglers, Vermont, with dismissal February 28, 2020, returning March 2, 2020.

Jillian Barron, Tamaqua, Varsity Softball Head Coach for the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend of \$3,209.70

Terry Knoblauch, Tamaqua, Assistant Softball Coach for the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend of \$2,057.15

Alexa Hauer, Tamaqua, Assistant Jr. High Track and Field Coach for the 2019-2020 school year at a stipend of \$1,046.53

Salary adjustment for the Head JV Boys Basketball Coach, Anthony Agosti, Nesquehoning, PA, 18240 for the 2019-2020 school year from \$2,812.15 to \$2,600

Approve the resignation of FT Custodian, Jamie Nicholas, Coaldale, PA 18218, effective January 13, 2020

Approve postseason band stipend for the 2019-2020 football season of \$70.00 for the Band Director and \$50.00 each for the Assistant Band Director and Silk Advisor, for each additional playoff game

Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the following: Title IIA Amended Agreement; Affiliation Agreement; Homebound Instruction; TASD-STC Board Representative; Resignations; Family Medical Leaves.

Approve Amended 2019-2020 Title IIA Letter of Agreement between the Tamaqua Area School District and the Schuylkill IU#29 dated August 6, 2019, terminating when the 2019-2020 funds are expended at a fee of \$15,037.92, as determined by our allocation

Approve a 5-year Affiliation Agreement with Bloomsburg University

Approve a Homebound Instruction Extension for one elementary school student

Accept the resignation of Larry Wittig as representative to the Schuylkill Technology Center Board and replace him with Trina Schellhammer

Accept resignation of PT Paraprofessional Heather Griffin, Tamaqua, effective January 2, 2020

Accept resignation of Kimberly Firkal, Tamaqua, effective January 3, 2020

Approve intermittent leave in accordance with FMLA for Jody Bachert, New Ringgold, PA 17960 for the remainder of the school year

Approve the FMLA request for Cindy Dover, Tamaqua, starting January 13, 2020

Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2019 - 2020 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemption; Tax Refund; Payment of Bills; Contracts; Advertise Bid; Design Approval.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager.

Tax Refunds:

West Penn 2018 Assessed Occupation

Tamaqua Borough 2017 Assessed Occupation

Payment of bills

Approve the contract with Behavioral Health Associates for the 2019 - 2020 school year

Authorize the business manager to advertise a request for proposal for internet services, and select the lowest responsible bidder for a 3-5-year contract

Authorize the business manager to advertise bid specifications for a 5-year contract beginning July 1, 2020 for food service management

Approve the design/graphic for the new district equipment van.

Rottet, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR." Wittig "ABSTAINED".

Communications - None

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

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Hearings - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rottet to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR".

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary