

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the cafeteria of the Tamaqua Area Middle School on Tuesday, March 19, 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  
Melanie Dillman

Eileen Meiser  
Bryan Miller  
Wanda Zuber

ABSENT

Mark Rother

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 February 19, 2019. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller 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 Meiser to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Schoener, Boyle Dillman, Meiser, Miller, and Zuber all voted “FOR.” Wittig “ABSTAINED”

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

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

Hearings – None

Executive Session – None

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 2018-2019 school year: Small Game of Chance License; Coaches; Custodian; at stipends to be determined, contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Month to month Small Game of Chance license for Tamaqua Elementary PTO  
Brooke Zellner, Palmerton, PA, 18071, Volunteer Assistant Softball Coach  
David Holmes, Tamaqua, Assistant Track and Field Coach #4 - \$1,600  
Randolph Steigerwalt, Tamaqua, Substitute Custodian

Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

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

Meiser made a motion seconded by Rottet to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year: Policy; Agreement; High School Courses; Paraprofessional Assignment; 2019 Extended School Year Staff; Professional Substitute Teachers; Professional Substitute Guest Teachers; Family and Medical Leave; Days Without Pay; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation, stipends to be established.

First reading of Policy #806 – Child/Student Abuse.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to forgo the reading of the policies. Wittig, Rottet, Schoener, Boyle, Dillman, Meiser, Miller and Zuber all voted “FOR.”

Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 Agreement for Special Education Service

High school course additions:

Course #172, AP Government, 1 credit

Course #173, Creativity and Problem Solving in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, .5 credit

Course #369, Survey of Physics 2, .5 credit

Susan Coombe from Part-time Paraprofessional to Substitute Paraprofessional, effective March 20, 2019.

2019 Extended School Year Staff:

Emilie Baker, teacher - \$25.00 per hour

Sherry Gerber, teacher - \$25.00 per hour

Megan Majetsky, teacher - \$25.00 per hour

Christa Mantz, teacher – \$25.00 per hour

Alicia Murphy, teacher - \$25.00 per hour

Jessica Paisley, teacher – \$25.00 per hour

Stacy Setlock, teacher - \$25.00 per hour

Pam Zelinsky, teacher - \$25.00 per hour

Krystal Fitzgerald, substitute teacher, \$25.00 per hour

Sarah Geronimo, substitute teacher, \$25.00 per hour

Jessica Schaeffer, substitute teacher, \$25.00 per hour

Cindy Dover, paraprofessional, current hourly rate

Rebecca Hoffman, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Ann Rose Ulinitz, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Susan Zehner, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Kathy Burkey, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Heather Griffin, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Diane Jones, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Kim Modesto, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Barbara Swartz, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Amy Gardiner, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Faye Montgomery, paraprofessional, current hourly rate  
Lauren Mateyak, Andreas, PA, 18211, remove as a Professional Substitute  
Ruth Benner, Tamaqua, remove as a Professional Substitute  
Alycia K. Gerber, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher to a Professional Substitute Teacher  
Melanie Caracappa, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher  
Taylor Eckley, Pottsville, PA, 17901, Professional Substitute Guest Teacher  
Amanda Dunkelberger, Family and Medical Leave, March 14, 2019  
Ashley Feher, elementary teacher, Family and Medical Leave to begin on or around April 19, 2019, first using sick days and continue into a Family and Medical Leave, returning for the 2019-2020 school year  
Days without pay:  
Jen Florea, paraprofessional, February 26, 2019  
Nichole Beltz, high school teacher, March 1, 2019  
Samantha Bubel, elementary school teacher, March 7, 2019, ½ day  
Charlene Shannon, middle school teacher, March 8, 2019  
Koreen Nalesnik, middle school teacher, June 5, 6, and 7, 2019

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Zuber to approve the following for the 2018-2019 school year as presented; Tax Report; Tax Refunds; Feasibility Study; Purchases; Agreement; Appeal Settlement; Clerical Substitute; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds:

West Penn Township      2018 Assessed Occupation  
Authorize a request for proposals for a district wide Feasibility Study  
Purchase wireless technology and miscellaneous hardware for implementation of customized learning initiative using 2018-2019 funds at a cost not to exceed \$75,000  
Purchases for wireless equipment from vendors from the PEPPM mini-bid at a pre-Erate discount price not to exceed \$175,000. (District cost is \$87,500 or less after discounts applied)

Intergovernmental agreement for educational services with the Carbon Lehigh Intermediate Unit #21 for the 2019-2020 school year as per the proposal submitted

Settlement of a tax assessment appeal filed by Steven and Alyssa Martucci, to agree that the FMV of their property situated at 66 Great Oaks Drive, Nesquehoning, PA, 18240, is \$385,000 for the purposes of the tax assessment appeal

Remove Ashleigh Nichol, New Ringgold, PA, 17960, as a Clerical Substitute

Communications - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rottet to pay the monthly board invoices as presented. Schoener, Dillman, Meiser, 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 Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Wittig, Schoener, Dillman, Meiser, Miller, Rother and Zuber all voted "FOR."

Attest:

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Connie Ligenza  
Business Administrator/Board Secretary