

- CALL TO ORDER** At 7:12 p.m., the October 4, 2021, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by President Jesse Rawls, Sr.
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Dr. Diana Brown, Mr. Scott Campbell, Dr. Michael Cohen, Mr. John F. Dietrich, Mr. Terry Heller, Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr.
- DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT** Mr. Olswen Anderson, Jr., Mr. Mark Holman, Dr. Tamara Willis, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop, Mr. Vince Champion, Esq., District Solicitor
- ABSENT** Ms. Josie Byzek, Mr. Majid Ali, Ms. Julieann Newill
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** The President announced that executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting for the purpose of personnel and real estate matters.
- INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS** Mr. Mark J. Malayao, PCAC College Advisor from Franklin and Marshall presented on the Impact of Pennsylvania College Advising Corps (PCAC) 2020-2021. (attached to BoardDocs)
- SPEAKERS** Mr. Dietrich commented that we (the District) should know what 100% of our graduates' plans are.
- Dr. Cohen asked about students having access to a grants and scholarship resource database. Mr. Malayao explained that PCAC uses Fastweb, a tool to search for grants and scholarships. Dr. Tamara Willis provided some additional explanation on how Fastweb works.
- REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Dr. Willis, Superintendent** reminded the community that the District's Covid 19 dashboard is located at the top of the District's website. Dr. Willis is preparing a video communication for families to provide an overview of what the District is doing to mitigate the spread of Covid 19 and contact tracing guidance. October 8, 2021 is the annual Pink Out football game in support of Breast Cancer Awareness Month. All the proceeds will be donated to two local organizations who support families within Central Pennsylvania split between Vicky's Angels Foundation and Pink Hands of Hope. Tickets are being presold to high school students and will be available at the gate for community members. Unaccompanied minors will not be permitted to enter the game.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 4, 2021**
- MOTION TO APPROVE** **2.A.** Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve the meeting agenda for October 4, 2021.
Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

2.B. Board Member Comments

None

2.C.D. Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve Items 2.C.D.
Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

2.C. Approve Paige Mullen as the Senior Class Student Board Representative for the 2021-2022 School Year.

2.D. Approve Ava Waters as the Junior Class Student Board Representative for the 2021-2022 School Year.

2.E. The Board President administered the following Oath of Office to the new student board representative:

"I do solemnly swear that I will support, obey, and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the Commonwealth and that I will discharge the duties of Student Board Representative to the Board with Fidelity".

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

SPEAKER

Erin Blough thanked Dr. Willis for sending out communication they talked about on the phone. Erin commented on the district's communication and how it makes families feel safe and comfortable with sending their kids to school. She chose to send her two children, ages 6 and 11, to a charter school last year because the communication has historically not been awesome. She also expressed concern that the new Ride 360 app is not working properly. She also expressed her thoughts on masking.

SPEAKER

Mr Campbell asked Dr. Willis for clarification on masking requirements during recess.

SPEAKER

Clifton Edwards addressed the board with his concerns over masking.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION

4.A. Joan Tracy, Special Education Teacher, presented on Partnership for Career Development. (attached to BoardDocs).

FOR THE RECORD

Conversations occurred between Mr. Campbell, Mr. Rawls, Mr. Dietrich and the Solicitor, Mr. Champion on several issues of concern. Discussion was had regarding policy on public comments and the public addressing the board during meetings. The board would like the solicitor to take an active role in regulating public comment and draft guidelines for speakers to be read at meetings prior to public comment.

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE

5.A.B. Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve items 5.A.B. Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent.

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the June 21, 2021, Board Meeting.

5.B. Approve the minutes of the September 7, 2021, Board Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

None

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C.D.E.F.G. Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 7.A.B.C.D.E.F.G. Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

7.A.1. Approve the resignation of Brenda McClain as Assistant III at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective September 19, 2021.

7.A.2. Approve the resignation of Richard Reed as Maintenance Mechanic at the Susquehanna Township School District, effective October 1, 2021.

7.A.3. Approve the resignation of Anthony Gish as Head Wrestling Coach at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective September 21, 2021.

7.A.4. Approve the resignation of Kathleen Zehner as Elementary Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School, effective September 23, 2021. Ms. Zehner will be held 60 days or until a replacement has been found, whichever occurs first.

7.A.5. Approve the resignation of Pamela Imler as Special Education Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective September 29, 2021. Ms. Imler will be held 60 days or until a replacement is found, whichever occurs first.

7.B. Approve the transfer of Enighenja Okengo as Main Office Secretary at the Susquehanna Township Middle School to Assistant III/PCA at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$14.61 per hour (Tier1-1), effective September 27, 2021. Ms. Okengo will be replacing D'Andre Farmer.

7.C. Amend Creslyn Van Dyck as Attendance Officer/Virtual Solutions Coordinator at the Susquehanna Township School District at a salary of \$60,000.00, pro-rated, from

effective date to be determined to effective September 27, 2021. Ms. Van Dyck will be filling a new position.

7.D. Approve Morgan Glass as Special Education Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$50,129.00 (B, Step 1), pro-rated, effective October 25, 2021. Ms. Glass will be replacing Dana Conrad.

7.E. Amend Nicole Detwiler as Attendance Secretary to Office Secretary at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$17.73 per hour (Tier 2-1), effective September 20, 2021. Ms. Detwiler will be replacing Enighenja Okengo.

7.E.2. Approve the transfer of Elizabeth Pagan from PT Food Service Worker at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School to PT Food Service Worker at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School effective August 19, 2021. Ms. Pagan will be replacing Brinda Basnet.

7.F. Approve the following winter coaches for the 2021-2022 school year:

Name:	Position:	Stipend:	Location:
Terrance Clark	Varsity Girls Head Basketball Coach	\$6,600.00	STHS
Charles Vaughn	Varsity Girls Assistant Basketball Coach	\$4,500.00	STHS
Tamaura Woodson	JV Girls Head Basketball Coach	\$3,300.00	STHS
Jecon Alphonso	Girls Head Basketball Coach	\$3,000.00	STMS
Lawrence Holley	Boys Head Basketball Coach	\$3,000.00	STMS
Tim Hume	Boys Assistant Basketball Coach	\$2,200.00	STMS
LuAnn Hetherington	Head Swimming Coach	\$4,100.00	STHS
Evelyn Urich	Assistant Swimming Coach	\$2,500.00	STHS
Kirsten Kenyon	Volunteer Swimming Coach		STHS
Matt Ward	Volunteer Swimming Coach		STHS
Scott Braderman	Assistant Wrestling Coach	\$4,200.00	STHS
Ed Harrington	Head Wrestling Coach	\$2,500.00	STMS
Aaron Crummel	Assistant Wrestling Coach	\$2,300.00	STMS
Dwayne McCarthur	Head Indoor Track Coach	\$1,500.00	STHS
Brittanai Lawson	Assistant Indoor Track Coach	\$1,200.00	STHS

7.G. Approve the evaluation of Assistant Superintendent, Dr. Richard Kaskey, with a rating of Satisfactory. This evaluation, prepared in June 2021, was completed jointly by Superintendent, Dr. Tamara Willis, and the School Board of Directors.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E. Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.

Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

8.A. Approve the payment of Activity Fund bills from the First National Bank Activity Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$700.00.

8.B. Approve the payment of Capital Reserve PSDLAF checking bill from the Capital Reserve PSDLAF Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$9,124.00.

8.C. Approve the payment of First National General Fund Checking bills from the First National General Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$3,093,345.41.

8.D. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$93.58.

8.E.1. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Steven Tillman
Bill #: 17087
Year: 2021
Refund Amount: \$264.60

Reason: Steven Tillman is a senior resident; paid the taxes in error.

8.E.2. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Dorothy Yourgalite
Bill #: 17558
Year: 2020
Refund Amount: \$270.00

Reason: Dorothy Yourgalite is a senior resident; paid the taxes in error.

8.E.3 Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Ray Yourgalite
Bill #: 17559
Year: 2020
Refund Amount: \$270.00

Reason: Ray Yourgalite is a senior resident; paid the taxes in error.

8.E.4. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Lige Yu
Bill #: 7435
Year: 2021
Refund Amount: \$264.60

Reason: Lige Yu retired in 2020; paid the taxes in error.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A. Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 9.A.
Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

9.A. Approve the Partnership for Career Development (PCD) Service Agreement for the period of July 1, 2021, to June 30, 2022, as attached. The Scope of Work is attached as well as the informational letter.

9.B.C. Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 9.A.B.C.
Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

9.B. Approve the agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 for Title IIA Programs and Services.

9.C. Approve the agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 for Title I Services.

DISCUSSION

9.E. Discuss the change in student status, due to age, in The Vista School Agreement for student 2021-22/014 for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.

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9.F. Discuss the Agreement with New Story to provide services for student 2021-22/015 for the 2021-2022 school year.

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9.G. Discuss the Agreement with Merakey to provide psychiatric services, comprehensive services and continuity of care for persons served by the above agencies on an as needed basis for the 2021-2022 school year.

DISCUSSION

9.H. Discuss the Letters of Agreement with Keystone Human Services to provide Student Assistance Program services to students at all four school buildings for the 2021-2022 school year.

X.-POLICY

None

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.A. Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve Item 11.A.
Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

11.A. Approve the attached "Stipulation and Joint Motion for Agreed Upon Order",
Dauphin County Co. No. 2020-CV-11267-TX regarding the tax assessment appeal filed
by the property owner BNG 1 Associates, LLC.

Note: This matter has been discussed with the Susquehanna Township School District
Board of School Directors during Executive Session.

MOTION TO POSTPONE

11.B. Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Brown to postpone Item 11.B.
Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

11.B. Approve the payment of Susquehanna Township School District's pro-rata
share for a professional appraisal and potential trial related services in the amount of
\$4,057.95 or 62.43% of the total cost (\$6,500) regarding the tax assessment appeal
relating to Dauphin County Co. Docket No. 2020-CV-9291-TX.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

SPEAKER

Mr. Dietrich would like to talk about how to address public comment (discussed
earlier in meeting). The board discussed whether public speakers can call out
individual board members or whether comments must be directed to the Chair.
Suggested that the Policy Committee address this issue. Mr. Holman confirmed that
Policy Committee will meet on October 12, 2021 @ 5:30 pm.

Mr. Dietrich asked that Dr. Willis speak to the Solicitor regarding wording on the sign
posted on the district office doors addressing masking requirements in the building.
The board members discussed whether board Members must wear masks in the
district office.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Dietrich, seconded by Dr. Brown to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed: 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.


Julieann Newill
Board Secretary

