

- CALL TO ORDER** At 7:02 p.m., the January 10, 2022, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by President John F. Dietrich.
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Mr. Majid Ali, Mr. Scott Campbell, Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Mr. Terry Heller
Mr. John F. Dietrich, Dr. Michael Cohen, Mr. Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Miss. Rebecca McCullough, Esq.
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS** Ms. Juileann Newill
- DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT** Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mr. Mark Holman, Dr. Tamara Willis
Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop, Mr. Vince Champion, Esq., District Solicitor
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** The President announced that executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting for the purpose of personnel, real estate and student matters.
- INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS** **Lori Beamer and Lori Sheinvold** presented an update on HANNA’s Pantry
Mr. Jeremy Medernach of Boyer and Ritter presented STSD Independent Local Audit Report for 2020-2021 Fiscal Year. The district received a clean report and was found to be in compliance in all areas.
Dr. Tamara Willis recognized the Susquehanna Township High School Esports Team for their Fall 2021 PIEA State Championship in Overwatch. Certificates of Recognition were presented to the two team members who were present, Josiah Seetoo and Brian Tu.
- REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Mr. Dierich** reported that the Finance Committee met to review the audit.
Dr. Tamara Willis, Superintendent noted that January is School Director Recognition Month. She reminded the public that PA school directors are locally elected officials who voluntarily devote hours each month to school board business. She recognized the board directors and thanked them for their service and work in the district. She noted that each director has received a certificate of recognition.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 10, 2022**
- MOTION TO APPROVE** **2.A.** Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve the meeting agenda for January 10, 2022.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent
- 2.B.** Board Member Comments

Mr. Rawls noted that there will be times when the board members may disagree and but asked that members remain respectful of each other.

Mr. Dietrich thanked Mr. Rawls for his comments and hopes the board will continue to raise the level of respect among board members.

Mr. Campbell commented on the mascot selection surveys and previous discussions on the mascot.

Discussion was had by members on the mascot selection process.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

SPEAKER

Joseph Robinson, Jr. addressed the board requesting support for the American Equity Rescue Plan and a Dauphin County Disparity Study. He thanked the board for their volunteer service.

Hillary Holmes (online submission) expressed her concerns with customized learning and standardized testing.

Dr. Willis explained that the mascot committee looked at the totality of information and not just one data point in their recommendations. The survey was just one tool used to make recommendations.

Mr. Campbell voiced his feelings that the entire mascot process has been manipulated.

Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Campbell had discussion on surveys.

8:08 pm Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Champion (Solicitor) left the room

8:10 pm Mr. Dietrich and Mr. Champion returned to the meeting

FOR THE RECORD

Mr. Dietrich noted that individual board member's opinions are not the opinion of the board as a whole. He also stated that he does not support the previous comments made by a member regarding the administration.

8:10 pm the board recessed to executive session to discuss legal matters

8:28 pm the board returned from executive session and the meeting resumed

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION

4.A. Mr. William Burns and Paige Mullen provided an update on the Mascot/Logo Selection Process and reviewed the proposed timeline. The final round of polling will close on January 18, 2022. (attached to BoardDocs)

The board had discussion on the mascot selection process, surveys and next steps.

PRESENTATION

Dr. Tamara Willis, Superintendent, presented an update on Customized Learning. (attached to BoardDocs).

The board had discussion on the AP classes, test scores and surveying stakeholders.

V. MINUTES

None

VI. PROGRAM

None

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C.D.E. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Miss McCullough, to approve Items

7.A.B.C.D.E.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

7.A.1. Approve the resignation of Rachel Rhoads as Math Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective January 18, 2022.

7.A.2. Approve the resignation of Colleen Dougherty as Math Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective December 30, 2021.

7.B.1. Approve the retirement of Cindy Shiner as 2nd Grade Teacher at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective June 10, 2022. Ms. Shiner has been with the district since 2001.

7.B.2. Approve the retirement of Tristine Sanderbeck as PT Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective December 31, 2021. Ms. Sanderbeck has been with the district since 2018.

7.C.1. Approve Christine Wolfe as School Counselor at the Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$53,274.00 (M, Step 1), pro-rated, effective January 18, 2022. Ms. Wolfe will be replacing Kaila Mitchell.

7.C.2. Amend Laura Craig as Kindergarten Teacher at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a salary of \$51,787.00 (B, Step 2), pro-rated, from effective date to be determined to February 21, 2022. Ms. Craig will be replacing Nicole Stewart.

7.C.3. Approve Vincent Beaston, Jr. as Math Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$51,597.00 (pro-rated) (M + 30, Step 1), effective date to be determined. Mr. Beaston will be replacing Suzanne Delaney.

7.C.4. Approve Sarah Bodvin as Math Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$50,129.00, pro-rated, (B, Step 1), effective date to be determined. Ms. Bodvin will be replacing Caroline Daly.

7.C.5. Approve Dhuhan Abdullah as Social Studies Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$64,878.00, pro-rated, (M, Step 8), effective date to be determined. Mr. Dhuhan will be replacing Nicole Lau.

7.C.6. Approve Rebekah Batz as Math Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$58,247.00, pro-rated, (M, Step 4), effective date to be determined. Ms. Batz will be replacing Colleen Dougherty.

7.C.7. Approve Marisa Meholic as English Language Arts Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$58,247.00, pro-rated, (M, Step 4), effective date to be determined. Ms. Meholic will be replacing Amber Seiler.

7.C.8. Approve Jacqueline Batcha as Science Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$54,932.00, pro-rated, (M, Step 2), effective date to be determined. Ms. Batcha will be replacing Meredith Swartzendruber.

7.C.9. Approve Jennifer Rhone as Life Skills Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$64,878.00, pro-rated, (M, Step 8), effective date to be determined. Ms. Rhone will be replacing Pam Imler.

7.C.10. Approve Dr. Charlene D'Amore as Math Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$72,157.00, pro-rated, (PhD/EdD, Step 11), effective date to be determined. Ms. D'Amore will be replacing Rachel Rhoads.

7.D. Approve Denise Anderson as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective January 3, 2022. Ms. Anderson will be replacing Tristine Sandebeck.

7.D.3. Approve the transfer of Rob Stroble as Head Custodian at the Susquehanna Township High School to Maintenance Technician at the Susquehanna Township School District at a rate of \$21.15 per hour, effective December 13, 2021. Mr. Stroble will be replacing Ed Keefer.

7.E. Approve Ron Massey as Assistant Color Guard Instructor at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$700.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

8.A. Approve the payment of Capital Reserve PSDLAF Checking bills from the Capital Reserve PSDLAF Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$1,500.00.

8.B. 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 \$3,307,794.23.

8.C. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$1,918.87.

8.D. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Miriam Newcomer
Bill #: 992
Year: 2021
Refund Amount: \$270.00

8.E. Approve the STSD Independent Local Audit Report for the 2020-2021 Fiscal Year as presented by the district's local audit firm, Boyer & Ritter, LLC.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A.B. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Items 9.A.B. Motion passed 8-1(Campbell), 0 abstentions, 0 absent

9.A. Approve the Agreement with Care Solace to provide mental health care coordination for students, staff and families.

9.B. Retroactively approve the extension of the existing contract between Rohrer Bus Service and Susquehanna Township School District for the period effective July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 as permitted in the agreement. The district will be issuing a RFP for student transportation services effective July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2026 (4 Years).

Note: Within the existing student transportation contract is language permitting the district to exercise its right to extend the student transportation services contract for the period of 1 year beyond June 30, 2021. The district exercised this option and has done so in previous years. Historically, the district places a request to extend the agreement on a Board Agenda for approval. Due to the business office unintentional exclusion of this request from a Board Agenda prior to June 30, 2021, action is now requested to ensure the district continues with past practice protocol.

X. POLICY

MOTION TO APPROVE

10.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Items 10.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

10.A. Approve Policy 601: Fiscal Objectives

10.B. Approve Policy 602: Budget Planning

10.C. Approve Policy 603: Budget Preparation

10.D. Approve Policy 604: Budget Adoption

10.E. Approve Policy 605: Tax Levy

10.F. Approve Policy 606: Tax Collection

10.G. Approve Policy 607: Tuition Income

10.H. Approve Policy 608: Bank Accounts

10.I. Approve Policy 913: Non-School Organizations/Groups/Individuals

10.J. Approve Policy 915: Booster Clubs

10.K. Retirement of Outdated or Redundant Policies

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.A.B. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items 11.A.B.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

11.A. Approve the proposed settlement regarding the Nickel Plate Improvement Company, Inc., Dauphin Co. Docket No. 2020-CV-1194-TX as presented in the attached Eckert Seamans correspondence indicating the proposal is fair and reasonable when viewed along with the conclusion of value stated in the appraisal obtained by the Dauphin County Board of Assessment Appeals, which the Appellant has agreed to accept.

11.B. Approve the proposed settlement regarding the Linlo Properties, X, LP, Dauphin Co. Docket no. 2019-CV-7312-TX as presented in the attached Eckert Seamans correspondence indicating the proposal is fair and reasonable when viewed along with the conclusion of value stated in the appraisal obtained for the taxing authorities.

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.C. Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 11.C.
Motion passed 8-1(Rawls), 0 abstentions, 0 absent

11.C. The Board panel for student #2021-22/0019 recommends the Adjudication and Disposition as discussed in executive session be adopted by the full Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Township School District.

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.D. Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 11.C.
Motion passed 8-1(Rawls), 0 abstentions, 0 absent

11.D. The Board panel for student #20121-22/022 recommends the Adjudication and Disposition as discussed in executive session be adopted by the full Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Township School District.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed: 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 p.m.


Julieann Newill
Board Secretary

