

- CALL TO ORDER** At 7:04 p.m., the January 24, 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, Dr. Michael Cohen, Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Mr. John F. Dietrich, Julieann Newill, Mr. Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Ms. Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Mr. Terry Heller
- DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT** Mr. Olswen Anderson, Jr., Dr. Richard Kaskey, Mr. Mark Holman, Dr. Tamara Willis Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop, Mr. Vince Champion, Esq., District Solicitor
- ABSENT** None
- EXECUTIVE SESSION** The President announced that executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting for the purpose of personnel and student matters.
- INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS** Mr. Dietrich introduced Mr. Tom Pyne, Susquehanna Township Commissioner.
- REPORTS**
- Paige Mullen, Student Representative**, presented updates on activities from the four district buildings.
- Mr. Rawls and Mr. Dietrich, Dauphin County Technical School**, reported that DCTS is renovating and adding an addition to their cafeteria.
- Mr. Campbell, Capital Area Intermediate Unit**, reported that the CAIU is undergoing a major renovation.
- Mr. Tom Pyne, Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners**, reported that the Commissioners reorganized. Mr. Pyne and Mr. Fleming will jointly be the liaisons to the school board. He is looking forward to a continued partnership between the township and the school district.
- Dr. Willis, Superintendent**, shared that the district will be hosting a vaccine clinic on Saturday, January 29, 2022.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 24, 2022**
- MOTION TO APPROVE**
- 2.A.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the meeting agenda for January 24, 2022.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent
- 2.B.** Board Member Comments

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

- SPEAKER** **Hilary Holmes (online submission)**, expressed her continued concerns with customized learning
- SPEAKER** **Vincent Gaeta** addressed the board over his concern on the district’s masking policy, contact tracing and communication protocols.
- SPEAKER** **Wendy Jackson Dowe** addressed the board with her questions regarding the policy for hearing of the public and questioned why the board does not engage in dialogue during this portion the agenda. She expressed her concerns with masking exceptions and asked for clarification of where the district was in the mascot discussion.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

None

V. MINUTES

- MOTION TO APPROVE** 5.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H. Moved by Ms. Newill, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items 5.A.B.C.D.E. F.G.H.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent
- 5.A. Approve the Minutes of the August 2, 2021, Board Meeting.
- 5.B. Approve the Minutes of the August 16, 2021, Board Meeting.
- 5.C. Approve the Minutes of the October 18, 2021, Board Meeting.
- 5.D. Approve the Minutes of the November 1, 2021, Board Meeting.
- 5.E. Approve the Minutes of the November 15, 2021, Board Meeting.
- 5.F. Approve the Minutes of the December 6, 2021, Board Meeting.
- 5.G. Approve the Minutes of the December 16, 2021, Board Meeting.
- 5.H. Approve the Minutes of the December 20, 2021, Board Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

- MOTION TO APPROVE** 6.A. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rawls to approve Item 6.A.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

6.A. Approve Seussical as the Susquehanna Township High School Musical for the 2021-2022 School Year.

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C.D.E. Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 7.A.B.C.D.E.

Motion passed 9-0 0 abstentions, 0 absent

7.A. 1. Approve the resignation of Angela Headen as Office Secretary at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective February 4, 2022.

7.A.2. Approve the resignation of Shanann Stridiron as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective April 8, 2022.

7.A.3. Approve the resignation of Claudia Hofsass as Assistant III/PCA at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective February 3, 2022.

7.B. 1. Amend 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), from effective date to be determined to effective February 14, 2022. Mr. Beaston will be replacing Suzanne Delaney.

7.B.2. Amend Jacqueline Batcha as Science Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$54,932.00, pro-rated, (M, Step 2), from effective date to be determined to effective February 2, 2022. Ms. Batcha will be replacing Meredith Swartzendruber.

7.C. 1. Approve Joyce Randolph as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective January 18, 2022. Ms. Randolph will be replacing Janice Walls.

7.C.2. Approve Joffre McNeil as Night Custodian at the Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$13.50 per hour plus \$0.45 shift differential, effective January 24, 2022. Mr. McNeil will be replacing Deanna Salenieks.

7.D. 1. Approve Andrea Irvin as Mentor for Christine Wolfe at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

7.D.2. Approve Joan Tracy as Sponsor for Jennifer Rhone at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$250.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

7.D.3. Approve JoEllen Showers as Sponsor for Laura Craig at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a stipend of \$250.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

7.E. Recommend approval of Release & Settlement for employee #100494 as discusses in executive session.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E.F. Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. Rawls, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.F.
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 \$75,902.73.

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 \$2,178,857.49.

8.C. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$71,521.43.

8.D. Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$538,104.94.

8.E. Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$19,968,681.61.

8.F. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Sue Jin Han
Bill #: 000015
Year: 2021
Refund Amount: \$283.50

Reason: Sue Jin Han made less than \$5,000.00 in 2020; paid the taxes in error.

IX. CONTRACTS

DISCUSSION

9.A. Discuss the following Phase 2 CIP roofing projects in accordance with the attached Weatherproofing Technologies, Inc. proposals in the aggregate amount of \$969,40692 which exclude all High School ADD alternate proposals as they were not included in the initial plan presented to the Board of School Directors and are not recommended at this time. The proposals are reflective of identified roof replacement and restoration work.

Note: The roofing projects work are being procured via the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) state contract. KPN representatives reviewed the roofing materials, scope of work, and other relevant details at previously held LT Facilities Planning Committee Meetings attended by various School Board Members. The above featured projects are slated for completion prior to the start of the 2022-2023 School Year.

X. POLICY

None

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 overnight, out-of-state field trip for Indoor Color Guard to travel to Wildwood New Jersey on April 28, 2022 through May 1, 2022, for the Indoor Color Guard Championships.

11.B. Approve the revised STSD 2021-2022 school calendar reflecting March 2, 2022, as the revised date for Parent Teacher Conferences.

DISCUSSION

11.C. Discuss the 2022-2023 STSD School Calendar.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Ali thanked the administration for their hard work. He would like to see an improvement in the 3rd grade reading scores. He suggested a follow up every three months.

Mr. Dietrich informed members of the board that this is a situation not unique to our district and has been an issue prior to Dr. Willis's tenure.

Dr. Willis clarified the mechanisms used to collect data on reading scores. The board had discussion on comparing data over years and analyzing data on which targets students are completing.

The board had discussion on the mascot and the options going forward. New members feel they need more background information to make an informed decision. Dr. Willis will send information from prior committee meetings to members. The committee will meet and bring recommendations to the board.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Ali, to adjourn the meeting.

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

January 24, 2022
Monday Evening

Motion passed: 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Meeting adjourned at 8:41 p.m.



Julieann Newill
Board Secretary