

**CALL TO ORDER** At 7:12 p.m., the March 21, 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. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Mr. Terry Heller, Mr. John F. Dietrich, Ms. Julieann Newill, Dr. Michael Cohen, Mr. Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Miss. Rebecca McCullough, Esq.,

**ABSENT** Mr. Scott Campbell

**DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT** Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mr. Mark Holman, Dr. Tamara Willis, Dr. Richard Kaskey, Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mrs. Franka Maerz, 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 and student matters.

**INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS** None

**REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Paige Mullen and Ava Waters, Student Representatives**, presented an update on activities from the four district buildings and STSD athletics. (attached to BoardDocs)

**Mr. Rawls and Mr. Dietrich, Dauphin County Technical School**, reported that the DCTS Foundation held their Spring dinner and silent auction. The Culinary Arts Students prepared a Fiesta themed meal. Mr. Rawls discussed opportunities for all students to enter DCTS and noted that students no longer return to their home school for core classes, they are being taught at DCTS. Members were reminded about upcoming elections and the Joint Meeting at DCTS.

**Dr. Willis, Superintendent**, thanked the Student Representatives for their detailed report highlighting building activities. Dr. Willis reported that she will be attending the American Association of School Administrator's (AASA) *Power of Partnerships* Summit in Chicago on April 7 and 8, 2022. AASA, with the Mott Foundation, has begun a new project focused on the *Power of Partnerships* highlighting places with strong school district-afterschool/summer partnerships to promote student well-being, recovery, and acceleration. Susquehanna Township School District was one of eight districts chosen from across the country to participate in this Learning Community. Carrie Martin, STSD Director of Special Education and Student Services and Mr. John Fabian, President of the HANNA Foundation will be joining Dr. Willis to represent STSD.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 21, 2022**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**2.A.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the meeting agenda for March 21, 2022.

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Campbell)

**2.B. Board Member Comments**

None

**III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

**SPEAKER**

**Tia Whitaker** addressed the board with her questions on current board member's terms and finding information on the website.

**Joseph Robinson, Jr.** thanked the board for including the Resolution supporting a Disparity Study in Dauphin County on the agenda for tonight's meeting. He also had questions and suggestions for the format of the public comment portion of the agenda.

**Wendy Jackson-Dowe** thanked Mr. Robinson for his comments and as a business owner in the township, supports a new Disparity Study in Dauphin County. She encouraged members to read the previous Disparity Study conducted in 2015. She also questioned the format of the public comment portion of the agenda.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

None

**V. MINUTES**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**5.A.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Miss McCullough, to approve Item 5.A.

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Campbell)

**5.A.** Approve the Minutes of the February 22, 2022, Board Meeting.

**VI. PROGRAM**

None

**VII. PERSONNEL**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**7.A.B.C.D.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items 7.A.B.C.D.

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Campbell)

**7.A.1.** Approve the resignation of Carole Hill as Night Custodian at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective March 8, 2022.

**7.A.2.** Approve the resignation of Robin Harris as School Counselor at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary, effective March 3, 2022. Ms. Harris will be held until April 29, 2022.

**7.A.3.** Approve the resignation of Gareth Gebhardt as Assistant III-ES at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective March 18, 2022.

**7.A.4.** Approve the resignation of Steve Lowe as Night Custodian at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective March 11, 2022.

**7.A.5.** Approve the resignation of Jon Concepcion as Night Custodian at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective March 11, 2022.

**7.B.1.** Approve Jeannetta Lawrence as 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a salary of \$51,249.00 (B, Step 1), effective August 17, 2022. Ms. Lawrence will be replacing Cindy Shiner.

**7.B.2.** Approve Denise Nassip as LTS Learning Support Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a salary of \$50,129.00 (B, Step 1), pro-rated, effective March 8, 2022. Ms. Nassip will be replacing Emily Ametrano.

**7.B.3.** Approve Lainie Whitaker as ESL Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$73,760.00 (M, Step 13), effective August 17, 2022. Ms. Whitaker will be replacing Gareth Gebhardt.

**7.C.1. 1.** Approve Cynthia Chambers as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective March 7, 2022. Ms. Chambers will be replacing Shanann Stridiron.

**7.D.1.** Rescind 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.2** Approve Sherri Coonelly 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 Chris Stovall as Volunteer Baseball Coach at the Susquehanna Township High School for the 2021-2022 school year.

**7.D.4.** Approve Emilie Harr as JV Assistant Softball Coach at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$2,600.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

**7.D.5.** Rescind Matthew Scharadin as mentor for Nicole Lau at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2021-2022 school year.

**7.D.6.** Approve the resignation of Nicole Lau as Co-Student Government Advisor at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective January 17, 2022.

**7.D.7.** Approve Crystal Hoel as Co-Student Government Advisor at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$150.00, effective January 18, 2022.

**VIII. FINANCES**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Campbell)

**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 \$1,143.65.

**8.B.** Approve the payment of Capital Reserve PSDLAF checking bills from the Capital Reserve PSDLAF Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$80,909.59.

**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 \$1,785,266.07.

**8.D.** Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$62,223.93.

**8.E.** Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$640,864.79.

**8.F.** Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$16,669,966.51.

**8.G.** Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Erin Drayer

Bill #: 101

Year: 2021

Refund Amount: \$274.40  
Reason: Erin Drayer was not a resident in 2021; paid the taxes in error.

**IX. CONTRACTS**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

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

**9.A.** Approve the Agreement between STSD and CAIU for participation in the IDEA ARP Supplemental Part B Agreement, School Aged Program in the amount of \$128,863.14 (District Contract #84.027X – Award # H027X210093).

Note: This is a new agreement outlining requirements associated with one-time American Rescue Plan Elementary & Secondary School - ARP IDEA funding. This represents Susquehanna Township School District's share of ARP funding allotted to the CAIU for its local school districts.

**9.B.** Approve the agreement with Yellow Breeches Educational Center, Inc., to provide outplacement services for the 2022-2023 school year.

Yellow Breeches Educational Center provides educational placements of special education students in grades 6-12 that exhibit challenging behaviors that cannot be supported in district.

**9.C.** Approve the Vantage Financial Lease Schedule # SUS060320 – 006 and ancillary documents as attached and recommended by Administration. This lease represents the requested purchase of student devices for incoming 22-23 school year Kindergarten, 5th and 9th grade students. These devices will be utilized for a minimum of 4 to 5 years in accordance with our device rotation schedule.

**9.D.** Approve the attached 2022 Amended Sponsorship Agreement between the Board of Trustees of Harrisburg Area Community College and the Local Sponsors of which Susquehanna Township School District is one. The agreement applies to a 5-Year Term effective the 22-23 FY through 26-27 FY inclusive of an annual 2.5% increase as outlined and reflected in both the agreement and Exhibit A.

Note: STSD and other sponsoring school districts finance a portion of the cost associated with qualifying residents' attendance at Harrisburg Area Community College.

**DISCUSSION**

**9.E.** Discuss the Local Education Agency Letter of Agreement (LEA), Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program Roles and Responsibilities between Susquehanna Township School District (STSD) and

Region 2 - Berks County Intermediate Unit. This Agreement ensures compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act.

**X. POLICY**

None

**XI. OTHER**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**11.A.B.C.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 11.A.B.C. Motion passed 7-1 (Rawls), 1 abstention on item 11.A. (Johnson), 1 absent (Campbell)

**11.A.** The Board panel for student #2021-22/025 recommends the Adjudication and Disposition as discussed in executive session be adopted by the full Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Township School District.

**11.B.** The Board panel for student #2021-22/026 recommends the Adjudication and Disposition as discussed in executive session be adopted by the full Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Township School District.

**11.C.** The Board panel for student #2021-22/027 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. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Ali, to approve Item 11.D. Motion passed 7-0, 1 abstention (McCullough), 1 absent (Campbell)

**11.D.** Approve the Diversity Study Resolution requested by Mr. Joe Robinson and the Pennsylvania Diversity Coalition.

**MOTION TO POSTPONE**

**11.E.** Moved by Miss McCullough, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to postpone Item 11.E. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Campbell)

**11.E.** Approve the STSD Board Code of Conduct.

Note: The board intends to establish and agree upon a "code of conduct" to foster civil and productive deliberations.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion passed: 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Campbell)

Meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.



Julieann Newill  
Board Secretary

