

<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	At 7:02 p.m., the September 19, 2022, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by Vice President Jesse Rawls, Sr.
<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT</b>	Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Mr. Terry Heller, Dr. Michael Cohen, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Rebecca McCullough, Esq.,
<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS</b>	Mr. Scott Campbell
<b>SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT</b>	Mr. Majid Ali, Ms. Julieann Newill, Mr. John F. Dietrich
<b>DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT</b>	Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mr. Mark Holman, Dr. Tamara Willis, Dr. Kristi Prime, Mrs. Carrie Martin, Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop, William Zee, Esq.
<b>EXECUTIVE SESSION</b>	The Vice President announced that executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting for the purpose of personnel matters.
<b>INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS</b>	Ava Waters, STHS Senior, did a presentation her service project, <i>Books For The 'Burg</i> . In conjunction with the National English Honors Society, she would like to place book collection boxes outside of each school building in the district. The books would be used to promote literacy in the City of Harrisburg. (attached to BoardDocs)
<b>REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS</b>	<p><b>Student Board Representative:</b> Ava Waters presented a report on highlighting activities and events from the Susquehanna Township Middle School and the Susquehanna Township High School.</p> <p><b>Hanna Foundation:</b> Mr. Dwayne DeFoor reported that there are now three (3) Communities in Schools Site Coordinators within the district. The Foundation is pleased to continue to support the site coordinators. The Foundation Summer Camps were a success, and the Foundation is looking into how to involve older students. They will be putting a request to receive EITC funds.</p> <p><b>STHS Alumni Association:</b> Mr. Dwayne DeFoor reported that the Association will be celebrating their 100-year anniversary in November. The Class of 1972 recently held their 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion which included a tour of the high school. The Alumni Association Fall Fest will be held on October 1, 2022.</p> <p><b>Pink Out Committee:</b> Ben Teplitz, Senior Representative to the Alumni Association, gave a committee report detailing the events during the month of October and</p>

requested that proceeds from the October 14, 2022, Pink Out Football game go to the two charities Pink Out is supporting, Vickie's Angels and Pink Hands of Hope.

**Dauphin County Technical School:** Mr. Rawls reported they are continuing to work on teacher contract negotiations.

**Superintendent Report:** Dr. Tamara Willis shared that the district's first Sunshine Festival will be on Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The festival will showcase learners who receive supports in the district. Several community partners including the Alumni Association and Hanna Foundation are helping to support. The Homecoming Football game will be held Friday, September 20 @ 7:00 pm.

## II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 19, 2022

### MOTION TO APPROVE

**2.A.** Moved by Mr. Heller seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the meeting agenda for September 19, 2022.

Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent

### 2.B. Board Member Comments

Mr. Heller recognized Ava Waters for receiving the National African American Recognition Scholar Award for Excellence in Academic Achievement. Ava was not present at the September 6, 2022, board meeting when Dr. Willis recognized her.

### MOTION TO APPROVE

**2.C.** Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve item 2.C.

Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Mr. Ali, Ms. Newill, Mr. Dietrich)

**2.C.** Approve Ava Waters as the Senior Class Student Board Representative for the 2022-2023 school year.

## III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

### SPEAKERS

**Z. Benka-Davies, A. Schaffhauser and O. Guthrie**, addressed the board with their concerns on the district's student dress code. They feel the current dress code is sexist and demeaning to female students. They proposed a "no shame" dress code and for a committee of students and teachers to come up with a new dress code.

## IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

### PRESENTATION

**4.A.** Mr. Oslwen C. Anderson, Business Manager, presented the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Budget Development Timeline. (attached to BoardDocs)

**V. MINUTES**

None

**VI. PROGRAM**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**6.A.** Moved by Miss McCullough, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve item 6.A. Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Mr. Ali, Ms. Newill, Mr. Dietrich)

**6.A.** Approve the Susquehanna Township School District Comprehensive Plan for 2022-2025.

**VII. PERSONNEL**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

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

Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Mr. Ali, Ms. Newill, Mr. Dietrich)

**7.A.1.** Approve the retirement of Judith Nourse as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective September 30, 2022. Ms. Nourse has been with the district since 2019.

**7.B.1.** Amend the resignation of Jordan Schwalm as Speech Pathologist at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School, effective July 19, 2022. Ms. Schwalm will be held 60 days or until a replacement is found, whichever occurs first. Jordan Schwalm will be released on September 16, 2022.

**7.B.2.** Amend the resignation of Brennan Long as English Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective July 21, 2022. Mr. Long will be held 60 days or until a replacement is found, whichever occurs first. Brennan Long will be released on September 16, 2022.

**7.B.3.** Approve the resignation of Laura Daniels as Assistant III at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective September 29, 2022.

**7.B.4.** Approve the resignation of A'Raea McLaughlin as Assistant II at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective September 13, 2022.

**7.B.5.** Approve the resignation of Tracy Shadday as Assistant III at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective September 29, 2022.

**7.C.1.** Amend Kelly Dudley as Custodial Supervisor at the Susquehanna Township School District at a salary of \$51,000.00 from effective date to be determined to effective September 19, 2022. Ms. Dudley will be replacing Glenn Zimmerman.

**7.D.1.** Approve Michael Howard as Long Term Substitute Math Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High School, at a salary of \$51,249.00, effective August 23, 2022. Mr. Howard will be replacing Michelle Stoneking while on sabbatical.

**7.D.2.** Approve Jennifer Nolt as Life Skills Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$75,343.00, effective date to be determined. Ms. Nolt will be filling a new position.

**7.D.3.** Approve Melodee Minium as ELA Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$68,925.00, effective October 10, 2022. Ms. Minium will be replacing Kate Dobyns.

**7.D.4.** Approve Madison Bleiler as Long Term Substitute Science Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$51,249.00, effective September 19, 2022. Ms. Bleiler will be replacing Robyn Russotto.

**7.D.5.** Approve Olupcia Joseph as Long-Term Substitute Math Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$54,417.00, effective September 22, 2022. Ms. Joseph will be replacing Jillian Fletcher.

**7.E.1.** Approve the employment of Choumie Marcellus as Part-Time Assistant III at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$16.54 per hour, effective September 6, 2022. Ms. Marcellus will be returning to her previous position part-time.

**7.E.2.** Approve Karla Najera as Assistant III/PCA-Life Skills at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$15.16 per hour, effective September 12, 2022. Ms. Najera will be replacing Jeanette Echols.

**7.F.1.** Approve Beth Su as AAP Facilitator at the Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$31.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.

**7.F.2.** Amend Jessica Dullen as Mentor for Dane Huntzinger at the Susquehanna Township High School from a stipend of \$500.00 to \$250.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

**7.F.3.** Approve Christina Darden as Sponsor for Victoria Sanks at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$250.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

**7.F.4.** Approve Emilee Truitt as Mentor for Courtney Birckbichler at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

**7.F.5.** Approve Michele Yeagy as Mentor for Lindsey Wedemeyer at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

**7.F.6.** Approve the AAP Facilitators at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$31.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year:

Harold Post	Patty Frye
Kiva Sutton	Jolene Connelly
Robin Broderick	Susan Clapsadle

**7.F.7.** Approve the following Detention Monitors at the Susquehanna Township Schools at a rate of \$29.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year:

Alvin Kyle	Middle School	Jillian Vanak	Middle School
Robin Broderick	Middle School	Jacqueline Batcha	Middle School
Duhan Abdulah	Middle School	Juma Maser	High School

**7.F.8.** Approve the payment of 1.0 personal day at \$150.00 a day for a total of \$150.00 for Erika Wilson.

**VIII. FINANCES**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.** Moved by Mr. Johnson,, seconded by Mr. Heller, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.  
 Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Mr. Ali, Ms. Newill, Mr. Dietrich)

**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 \$1,225.00.

**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 \$1,090,276.50.

**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 \$2,615,940.03.

**8.D.** Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$13,972.87.

**8.E.** Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$1,188,494.60.

**8.F.** Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$23,119,609.87.

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

1. Taxpayer Name: Edward and Cheryl Vukmanic

Bill#: 013292 & 013293

Year: 2021

Refund Amount: \$418.00

Reason: Edward and Cheryl Vukmanic made less than \$5,000.00 in 2021; paid the taxes in error.

2. Taxpayer Name: Maria Van Auken

Bill #: 7306

Year: 2022

Refund Amount: \$264.80

Reason: Maria Van Auken was not a Susquehanna Township resident in 2022; paid the taxes in error.

3. Taxpayer Name: Luann N Yanez

Bill #: 011605

Year: 2021

Refund Amount: \$264.60

Reason: Luann N Yanez is retired; paid the taxes in error.

4. Taxpayer Name: The Estate of Catherine E Reese

Bill#: 14731

Year: 2022

Refund Amount: \$14.70

Reason: Taxes for Catherine E Reese were paid in error she is deceased.

#### **IX. CONTRACTS**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**9.A.B.C.D.E.** Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items

9.A.B.C.D.E.

Motion passed 5-1 (Campbell), 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Mr. Ali, Ms. Newill, Mr. Dietrich)

**9.A.** Approve the Agreement with UPMC Pinnacle Health System to assist with annual student health screenings, required by PA School Code, for the 2022-2023 school year.

**9.B.** Approve the Agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 for Title I Services.

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

9.D. Approve the Agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 for Title IVA Programs and Services.

9.E. Approve the Agreement with Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc. to service students placed at Capital Academy for the 2022-2023 school year.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

9.F. Moved by Miss McCullough, seconded by Mr. Heller, to approve Item 9.F.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Miss McCullough, Mr. Campbell, Dr. Cohen,  
Mr. Rawls, Mr. Heller, Mr. Johnson

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Mr. Ali, Ms. Newill, Mr. Dietrich

**Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Mr. Ali, Ms. Newill, Mr. Dietrich)**

9.F. Approve the firm Appel, Yost & Zee LLP as the Susquehanna Township School District General Solicitor and Special Education Counsel effective September 19, 2022, in accordance with the attached Agreement containing Terms and Conditions of Services.

**DISCUSSION**

9.G. Discuss the Consulting Services Agreement with Joan B. Tracy to provide Work Study and Cooperative Education Training for Susquehanna Township High School staff and administration.

**DISCUSSION**

9.H.1. Discuss the Agreement with New Story to provide services for student 2022-23/006 for the 2022-2023 school year, as discussed in executive session.

9.H.2. Discuss the Agreement with New Story to provide services for student 2022-23/007 for the 2022-2023 school year, as discussed in executive session.

9.H.3. Discuss the Agreement with New Story to provide services for student 2022-23/008 for the 2022-2023 school year, as discussed in executive session.

**X. POLICY**

None

**XI. OTHER**

**DISCUSSION**

**11.A.** Discuss candidates for the PSBA Officer Elections.

The PSBA slate of candidates and voting information can be accessed on the PSBA website.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting.  
Motion passed: 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Mr. Ali, Ms. Newill, Mr. Dietrich)

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

  
Julieann Newill  
Board Secretary