CALL TO ORDER

At 7:15 p.m., the December 19, 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., Dr. Michael Cohen, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq.,

Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Mr. John F. Dietrich

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Mr. Scott Campbell

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

ABSENT

Ms. Julieann Newill, Mr. Terry Heller

DISTRICT OFFICE

PRESENT

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 J. Zee, Esq.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The President announced that executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting for the purpose of real estate, personnel, and student matters.

REPORTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Board Representatives: Ava Waters and Bessie Idan presented a report highlighting recent activities and events in district buildings. (attached to BoardDocs)

Hanna Education Foundation: Mr. Dwayne DeFoor on behalf of the Board of Trustees and the entire Foundation, thanked everyone for their continued support.

STHS Alumni Association: Mr. Dwayne DeFoor reported that the Alumni Association, through its Pink Out activities, raised funds during October to support two organizations. Mr. DeFoor, along with students Ben Teplitz and Morgan Wiener, presented checks to Ken Smeltz from Vickie's Angel Foundation and Debra Donadee from Pink Hands of Hope for \$4,000 to each organization.

Dauphin County Technical School (DCTS): Mr. Rawls reported that they are looking to fill open positions and scheduling students for next semester. Mr. Rawls shared that DCTS is working on Article of Agreement for the next 20 years. Additionally, he passed along a "shout-out" from DCTS to our 9th grade students who are working above grade level.

Superintendent Report: Dr. Tamara Willis shared the sad news of the passing for a former student, Faith Anastasia Creighton, class of 2022. The district will be having a dress down day tomorrow, December 20, 2022, to help support the family with

arrangements. She reported that Coach Headen was recognized as the Mid Penn Conference Coach of the Year. Dr. Willis also recognized the fall sports all-stars:

Boys Soccer: Akeem Mustapha and Ethan Cohen

Girls Soccer: Nicole Kuchinski, Jaylynn Dorsey, and Fiona Brown

Field Hockey: Hayley Campbell, Alexis Nasuta, Sarah Hendricks, Kelsey McFarlane,

Ava Waters

Football: Lex Cyrus, Trent Chambers, Razey Bowles, Javon White, Ryan McClain, Aubrey Carter, PJ Wilson, Yender Mack, Mason Lubold, Torin Evans, Dorian Smith,

Isaiah Riley, Jayden Riley

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 19, 2022

MOTION TO APPROVE 2.A. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the meeting agenda

for December 19, 2022.

Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Heller, Ms. Newill)

2.B. Board Member Comments

SPEAKER Mr. Johnson reminded individuals who wish to speak during the public comment

portion of the agenda to respect our student's privacy and to try to comment in terms of general policy and issues that affect the district. Additionally, he advised members of the public that they do not need to state their address prior to speaking

since they have previously provided that information on the sign-in sheet.

SPEAKER Mr. Dietrich thanked Mr. Johnson for his comments and stated that any actions the

administration took were in accordance with policy.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

SPEAKER M. Starling shared his concern and comments on events that occurred at middle

school basketball practice.

SPEAKER K. Starling shared her comments regarding events at middle school basketball.

SPEAKER L. Williams shared her comments regarding middle school basketball.

SPEAKER B. Reynolds expressed her concern with middle school basketball.

SPEAKER L. Sheinvold shared an update on the HANNA Pantry. The Pantry offers a drive

through grocery distribution with options for families and is being affected by the rising food costs. She encouraged anyone who is interested in donating or

volunteering to reach out.

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BOARD COMMENTS

SPEAKER

Mr. Dietrich asked that anyone who had questions on accessing the video in question to please follow up with Dr. Willis's office.

SPEAKER

Mr. Zee (Solicitor) shared that any video of students must be "blurred" to protect privacy of other students.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION

- **4.A.** Patrick Raugh, Federal Program and Data Specialist, presented a draft of the Susquehanna Township School District Calendar for the 2023-2024 school year. (attached to BoardDocs)
- **4.B.** Mr. Oslwen C. Anderson, Jr., Business Manager, presented a Comprehensive Review of 2023-2024 FY Proposed Preliminary General Fund Budget. (attached to BoardDocs)
- **4.C.** Susquehanna Township School District Administration presented on Student Achievement Data.
 - Dr. Kristi Prime, Data and Curriculum Supervisor
 - Dr. Nicole Smith, Principal, High School
 - Ryan Evans, Principal, Middle School
 - Keith Edmonds, Principal, Thomas Holtzman Elementary School
 - Andrae Martin, Principal, Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School
 - Tamara Willis, Superintendent of Schools

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE

- **5.A.B.** Moved by Mr. Ali seconded by Mr. Rawls, to approve Items 5.A.B. Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Heller, Ms. Newill)
- 5.A. Approve the Minutes of the November 21, 2022, Board Meeting.
- 5.B. Approve the Minutes of the December 5, 2022, Board Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

DISCUSSION

6.A. Discuss the creation of a STEM Club at the Susquehanna Township High School.

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

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

Motion passed 5-2 (Mr. Rawls, Mr. Johnson), 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Heller, Ms. Newill)

- **7.A.1.** Approve the change of status of Megan Steever from temporary professional employee to professional employee, effective December 3, 2022.
- **7.B.1**. Approve the resignation of Samuel Soto as Night Custodian at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective December 5, 2022.
- **7.B.2**. Approve the resignation of Anthony Gish as Special Education Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective December 2, 2022.
- **7.B.3.** Approve the resignation of Karla Najera as Assistant III/PCA-Life Skills at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective December 20, 2022.
- **7.B.4.** Approve the resignation of Anthony Gish as Assistant Wrestling Coach at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$2,300.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **7.B.5.** Approve the resignation of Sabre Hedgepeth as Assistant Cheerleading Coach at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective December 10, 2022.
- **7.B.6.** Approve the resignation of Lola Harris as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective December 6, 2022.
- **7.B.7.** Approve the resignation of Nicole Smith as Principal at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective date to be determined.
- **7.C.1**. Approve Margaret Keiser as Primary School Teacher at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a salary of \$54,417.00, pro-rated, effective January 3, 2023. Ms. Keiser will be replacing Lauren Good.
- **7.D.1.** Approve Jessica Fisk as Assistant Principal at the Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$85,000.00, pro-rated, effective date to be determined. Ms. Fisk will be replacing Jennifer Jenkins.
- **7.E.1.** Approve Jill Debroisse as Mentor for Jasmine Willis at the Susquehanna Township School District at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **7.E.2.** Amend Michele Yeagy as Mentor for Lindsey Wedemeyer at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School from a stipend of \$500.00 to \$250.00 for the 2022-2023 school year until November 29, 2022.

- **7.E.3.** Approve Jamie McNeal-Early as Mentor for Lindsey Wedemeyer at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a stipend of \$250.00, effective November 30, 2022.
- **7.E.4.** Amend Christine Renaldi as Mentor for Jane Park and Zachary Rowe at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 each to a stipend of \$215.00 each from the 2022-2023 school year until December 31, 2022.
- **7.E.5.** Amend Christine Renaldi as Math Academic Team Lead at the Susquehanna Township Middle School from a stipend of \$1,500.00 for the 2022-2023 school year to a stipend of \$645.00 until December 31, 2022.
- **7.E.6.** Approve Rebekah Batz as Mentor for Zachary Rowe at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$285.00, effective January 1, 2023.
- **7.E.7.** Approve Rebekah Batz as Mentor for Jane Park at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$285.00, effective January 1, 2023.
- **7.E.8.** Approve the following for the 2022-2023 Susquehanna Township Middle School Musical:

Name	Position	Stipend
Jane Park	Co-Producer-Program and Advertisements	\$525.00
Callan Wendall	Stage Manager	\$525.00
Caitlin Jodoin	Assistant Stage Manager	\$525.00
Caitlin Jodoin	Props Manager	\$525.00
Karen Swanson	Co-Producer-Ticket Sales	\$525.00
Lindsay Hemann	Stage Director	\$1250.00
Jacqueline Batcha	Co-Set Painter	\$262.50

- **7.E.9.** Approve Christine Rose-Brooks as Sponsor for Adam Paradise at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$250.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **7.E.10.** Approve Chelsea Wagner as Mentor for Kyla Duke at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **7.E.11.** Approve the payment of .5 personal days at \$150.00 a day for a total of \$75.00 for Anthony Gish.
- **7.E.12.** Approve the payment of 4 personal days at \$150.00 a day for a total of \$600.00 for Eric Leymeister.

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7.E.13. Approve the payment of 2.5 vacation days at \$124.88 a day for a total of \$312.20 for Samuel Soto.

INFORMATIONAL

7.F.1. September, October, and November 2022, Conference attendance (attached to BoardDocs)

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

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

Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Heller, Ms. Newill)

- **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 \$3,133.21.
- **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 \$40,542.20.
- **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 \$2,610,914.06.
- **8.D.** Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$3,601.83.
- 8.E. Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$1,084,016.50.
- **8.F.** Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$27,157,289.89.

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.G. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Item 8.G. (Administration Recommended Option)

Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Heller, Ms. Newill)

8.G. Administration Recommended Option: Approve the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Accelerated Budget Opt-Out Resolution Certifying Tax Rate Within Act 1 Inflation Index -4.8% (See Attached Resolution).

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A. Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Miss McCullough to approve Item 9.A. Motion passed 6-1(Campbell), 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Heller, Ms. Newill)

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9.A. Approve the Agreement with Community Services Group to provide School-Based Outpatient Therapy to all learners enrolled in Susquehanna Township School District as needed.

MOTION TO APPROVE

- **9.B.C.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Miss McCullough to approve Items 9.B.C. Motion passed 6-1(Campbell), 1 abstention on item 9B only (Ms. McCullough), 2 absent (Mr. Heller, Ms. Newill)
- **9.B.** Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Susquehanna Township School District and Dauphin County Probation Services Office for the 2022-2023 and 2023-2024 school years.
- **9.C.** Retroactively approve the 5-year Dual Enrollment Agreement between Harrisburg University of Science and Technology and Susquehanna Township School District.

MOTION TO APPROVE

- **9.D.E.F.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. Rawls to approve Items 9.D.E.F. Motion passed 6-1(Campbell), 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Heller, Ms. Newill)
- **9.D.** Approve the three-year contract with IXL Learning to provide 125 site licenses for learners in grades 6-12 in the areas of Math, ELA, Science and Social Studies as well as unlimited instructor accounts.
- **9.E.** Approve the East Coast Trenchless proposal to reline approximately 160 linear feet of sewer main piping located in the high school building. The payment amount is not to exceed \$20,480 as disclosed on the attached proposal. Furthermore, it is noted that this amount is below the required state bidding threshold.
- **9.F.** Approve Apex Valuation Services in the amount of \$3,800. Services provided as discussed in executive session.

DISCUSSION

9.G. Discuss the Affiliation Agreement with Millersville University to provide field experience for Psychology students.

X. POLICY

None

XI. OTHER

DISCUSSION

Discuss board member representatives for:

Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA)

- Harrisburg Community College (HACC)
- Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee
- Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 10:22 p.m.

Julieann Newill Board Secretary

Juliann Newell