CALL TO ORDER

At 7:06 p.m., the February 21, 2023, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of

School Directors was called to order by President John F. Dietrich.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Mr. Terry Heller, Ms. Julieann Newill, Dr. Michael Cohen, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Mr. John F. Dietrich

SCHOOL BOARD
MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Mr. Scott Campbell

ABSENT

Mr. Majid Ali

DISTRICT OFFICE

PRESENT

Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mr. Mark Holman, Dr. Tamara Willis, Mrs. Carrie Martin Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop, Steven Moniak, Esq.

ABSENT

Dr. Kristi Prime

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.

INTRODUCTIONS/
GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Dr. Willis recognized Jennifer Halfond, RNC NCSN Med, Certified School Nurse for receiving the School Nurse Excellence Award for Southcentral Region of PA for 2023. By receiving this award for the region, she is now eligible for the Nurse of the Year in PA. Mrs. Halfond will be recognized at an awards ceremony in April.

Amy Vaughn, STHS Teacher, presented on a proposed EF Tours Educational Trip to Belize. The planned EF Tours Service-Learning trip to Peru has been cancelled due to increasing safety concerns in the area.

REPORTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Dauphin County Technical School (DCTS): Mr. Rawls reported that DCTS is working on the new Article of Agreement with area school districts. Jennifer Scott has been appointed as the new Vice-Chair of the Joint Operating Committee (JOC).

Superintendent Report: Dr. Tamara Willis recognized high school students who participated in the 2023 Scholastic Art and Writing Awards. Junior Zipporah Boswell-Dudley has been awarded an Honorable Mention for her graphite drawing "Work Boots". Junior Meg Brotherton has been awarded a Gold Key for her painting "My Room" which will go on to compete at the national level this spring, and a Silver Key for her painting "Scholarly Delusions".

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In addition, Meg has been awarded First Place in the 2022 Wildlife Forever State Songbird Contest, representing the state of Pennsylvania. Dr. Willis also shared that Coach Joe Headen's "Hold the Rope" speech was featured in a video montage which aired on the NFL network prior to the 2023 Super Bowl. Dr. Willis reported that Shaniyah Weidler and Jaylynn Dorsey qualified for the PTFA State Indoor Championships and that the high school girls basketball team is playing in the first round of districts tonight.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 21, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE

- **2.A.** Moved by Miss McCullough, seconded by Ms. Newill to approve the meeting agenda for February 21, 2023, with the following modifications:
 - Agenda item 6.A., Graduation Venue, will be moved to agenda item 11.C.
 - Add new agenda item 11.D. Procedural Rules for Voting on new item 11.C.

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)

MOTION TO WITHDRAW AGENDA ITEM

11.B. Moved by Dr. Cohen, seconded by Mr. Johnson to withdraw item 11.B. from the agenda.

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)

2.B. Board Member Comments

SPEAKER

Mr. Rawls shared that he had the opportunity to sit in on an intake meeting for a student and was very pleased with the understanding and kindness that was shown to the family by our Special Education department and the Administration.

SPEAKER

Mr. Heller shared that he attended the "Blacks in Wax" event at Thomas Holtzman Elementary School. He was impressed that students chose teachers, administrators and staff members who had a influence on and commended the students and staff

None

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

SPEAKER

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION

4.A. Oslwen C. Anderson, Business Manager and Timothy Urban, Maintenance Technician gave a presentation on TWH & MS Roof Top Units (RTUs) and Automatic Temperature Control (ATC) Project. (attached to BoardDocs)

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE

5.A. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded Mr. Johnson, to approve Item 5.A. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the February 6, 2023, Board Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

None - item 6.A. was moved to item 11.C.

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Heller to approve Items 7.A.B.C. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)

- **7.A.1.** Approve Brian Mathers as Science Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$59,309.00, pro-rated, effective date to be determined. Mr. Mathers will be replacing Jacqueline Batcha.
- **7.A.2.** . Approve Tyler Via as Teacher to be Assigned at the Susquehanna Township School District at a salary of \$54,316.00, effective the 2023-2024 school year.
- **7.B.1**. Approve Leverne Grier as Mid-Shift Custodian at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$17.70 per hour, effective February 6, 2023. Mr. Grier will be replacing Jordan Jones.
- **7.B.2.** Approve Anna Carter as Night Custodian at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$17.70 per hour, effective February 6, 2023. Ms. Carter will be replacing Carol Hill.
- **7.B.3.** Approve Eugene Hankerson as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective February 6, 2023. Mr. Hankerson will be replacing Shanna Hymon.

- **7.B.4.** Approve Seth Tompkins as Groundskeeper at the Susquehanna Township School District at a rate of \$18.75 per hour, effective February 14, 2023. Mr. Tompkins will be replacing Steve Etnoyer.
- **7.B.5.** Approve Betty Kern as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective February 14, 2023. Ms. Kern will be replacing Joyce Randolph.
- **7.B.6.** Approve Jehvon Copeland as Night Custodian at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a rate of \$17.70 per hour, effective February 15, 2023. Mr. Copeland will be replacing Frank Fant.
- **7.B.7.** Approve Alejandra Castillo as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective February 21, 2023. Ms. Castillo will be replacing Megan Seely.
- **7.B.8.** Approve Melinda Ramberger as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective February 22, 2023. Ms. Ramberger will be replacing Lola Harris.
- **7.C.1.** 1. Approve Joseph Arney as Carpenter for the 2022-2023 Susquehanna Township High School Musical at a stipend of \$500.00.
- **7.C.2.** Approve Katie Kerick as Costumer for the Susquehanna Township High School Musical at a stipend of \$1,000.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **7.C.3.** Approve the following Spring coaches for the 2022-2023 school year:

| Name | Position | School | School Stipend | |
|------------------|-------------------------------|--------|----------------|--|
| Jasmine Willis | Assistant Outdoor Track Coach | STHS | \$2,800.00 | |
| Leroy Galloway | Volunteer Outdoor Track Coach | STHS | \$0 | |
| Scott Braderman | Volunteer Outdoor Track Coach | STHS | \$0 | |
| Ken Connor | Head Varsity Baseball Coach | STHS | \$5,200.00 | |
| Jack Port | Mens Head Tennis Coach | STHS | \$4,000.00 | |
| Ron Foster | Mens Assistant Tennis Coach | STHS | \$2,500.00 | |
| Casey Lenker | Boys Head Soccer Coach | STMS | \$2,700.00 | |
| Bruce Searfoss | Boys Assistant Soccer Coach | STMS | \$2,300.00 | |
| Jason Gray | Girls Head Soccer Coach | STMS | \$2,700.00 | |
| Patrick Thompson | Girls Assistant Soccer Coach | STMS | \$2,300.00 | |
| Charles Vaughn | Assistant Track & Field Coach | STMS | \$2,300.00 | |
| Delonne Wilbourn | Assistant Track & Field Coach | STMS | \$2,300.00 | |
| Sam Scannella | Volunteer Bookkeeper | STHS | \$0 | |

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.D. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve Item 7.D Motion passed 7-0, 1 abstention (Mr. Heller), 1 absent (Mr. Ali)

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye:

Dr. Cohen, Mr. Rawls, Ms. Newill, Mr. Johnson, Mr.

Dietrich, Mr. Campbell, Miss McCullough

Nay:

None

Abstain:

Mr. Heller

Absent: N

Mr. Ali

Motion passed 7-0, 1 abstention (Mr. Heller), 1 absent (Mr. Ali)

7.D. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to amend Appendix A: Classification Categories and Schedule of Hourly Rates of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between The Susquehanna Township Education Support Professional Association and the Susquehanna Township School District. The MOU will increase the base starting rate and hourly rate of pay for Paraeducators (Assts: II, III, IV & V) by \$1.75 per hour, inclusive of all tiers. New rates will be effective January 3, 2023. All other provisions of the collective bargaining agreement will remain in effect.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

- **8.A.B.C.D.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)
- **8.A.** 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 \$5,870,235.57.
- **8.B.** Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$387.40.
- **8.C.** Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$18,448,643.14.
- **8.D.** Approve the following Real Estate Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Triple Crown Corporation

Parcel #: 62-064-103 Year: 2021 - 2022

Refund Amount: \$2,237.87

Year: 2022 - 2023

Refund Amount: \$2,282.62

Total amount of refund \$4,520.49

Reason: Assessment value changed in 2021 and 2022 because of a tax appeal.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

- **9.A.B.C.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Items 9.A.B.C. Motion passed 7-1(Mr. Campbell), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)
- **9.A.** Approve the New Story (New Cumberland location) Tuition Agreement for student # 2022-23/018 for the remainder of the 2022-2023 school year.
- **9.B.** Approve the replacement and upgrade of RTUs and ATC components at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School and Susquehanna Township Middle School in the amount of \$489,109 and as specified in the attached Frey Lutz Corp., vendor #138175 COSTARS Contract #008-E22-832 proposal.
- **9.C.** Approve the Keystone Purchasing Network (KPN) Mobilease Modular Space classrooms lease #202278 for the rental of six additional modular classrooms for elementary students use as outlined in the attached agreement. It is noted that the KPN program is a state approved procurement program.

DISCUSSION

9.D. Discuss homebound instruction for student # 2022-23/021 based on information from doctor.

X. POLICY

MOTION TO APPROVE

None

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

- **11.A.** Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Item 11.A. Motion passed 7-1 (Mr. Campbell), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)
- **11.A**. The Board panel for student #2022-23/019 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.C.** Moved by Dr. Cohen, seconded by Ms. Newill, to approve Item 11.C. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)
- 11.C. Approve the following board procedural rules for the next agenda item.
- 1. The chair will call upon each member for comment. Each member will have 3 minutes to provide comments directed towards the chair.

- 2. The chair will call upon each member a second time for comment. Each member will have 2 minutes to provide comments directed towards the chair.
- 3. If a member's comments violate the STSD School Board Code of Conduct as determined at the discretion of the chair, the member's time will be forfeited, and the member shall yield the floor.
- 4. At the conclusion of the comment period, the chair may consult with the Superintendent or others, and then will call for the vote.

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.D. Moved by Miss McCullough, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Item 11.D. Motion passed 7-1 (Mr. Campbell), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)

11.D. Approve the Forum for the June 8, 2023, Susquehanna Township School District Commencement.

The Board had discussion on item 11.D. prior to voting on the item.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Julieann Newill Board Secretary

Juliann Newell