

- CALL TO ORDER** At 7:10 p.m., the February 6, 2023, 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, 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
- DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT** Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Dr. Tamara Willis, Mrs. Carrie Martin, Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop, Steven Moniak, Esq.
- ABSENT** Mr. Mark Holman, 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** None
- REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Superintendent Report:** Dr. Tamara Willis reported that this week is National School Counseling Week and recognized all of the counselors in the district. Dr. Willis also introduced the district's new therapy dog Lili, her handler Joy Bechtel and her husband Mike Bechtel. Lili will be a therapy dog at Thomas Holtzman Elementary School.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 6, 2023**
- MOTION TO APPROVE AS MODIFIED** **2.A.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the meeting agenda for February 6, 2023, with the following modification:
Agenda item 4B will become agenda item 4A and agenda item 4A will become agenda item 4B.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent
- 2.B.** Board Member Comments
- SPEAKER** Mr. Johnson provided several legislative updates. He reported that Pennsylvania is looking at programs to remove barriers for teacher licensing and a licensing compact to allow teachers to freely move between state without additional certification requirements. Additionally, the Senate Education Committee will hold a public hearing on February 28, 2023, to discuss teacher shortages. Mr. Johnson also

reported that Pennsylvania lawmakers have proposed the “Damar’s Law” which would require AEDs at all school sporting events. He shared that the USDA has proposed new guidelines for school meals. The goal is to adhere to federal dietary standards by reducing sugar and salt.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

SPEAKER None

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION **4.A. Middle School Spotlight** (attached to BoardDocs)

Presenters:

Mr. Ryan Evan, Middle School Principal
Aamyr, Inass, and Maysyn - MS Students
Kiva Sutton - MS Teacher
Molly Sauder - MS Parent

4.B. Maintenance & Operations Department Update (attached to BoardDocs)

Presenters: Mr. Oslwen C. Anderson, Business Manager and Mr. Barry Seilhamer, Director of Maintenance and operations.

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE **5.A.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Item 5.A.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the January 23, 2023, Board Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

6.A. Therapy Animal

Thomas Holtzman’s new therapy dog, Lili was introduced. Attached to BoardDocs are the procedural guidelines for therapy animal's use, care and supervision while in district facilities. Also included in the guidelines are provisions for ensuring that the needs of learners with allergies are addressed.

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE **7.A.B.C.D.E.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Dr. Cohen, to approve Items 7.A.B.C.D.E.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

7.A. Approve the retirement of Alex Lampley as Mid-Shift Custodian at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective February 3, 2023. Mr. Lampley has been with the district since 2015.

7.B. 1. Approve the resignation of Christopher Alexander as Network Assistant at the Susquehanna Township School District, effective February 17, 2023.

7.B.2. Approve the resignation of Matthew Scharadin as Social Studies Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective January 27, 2023.

7.B.3. Approve the resignation of Matthew Scharadin as 6-8 Social Studies Academic Team Lead at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective January 27, 2023.

7.C.1. Approve the transfer of Helen Darhower as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township High School to Assistant Food Service Manager at the Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$15.44 per hour, effective January 23, 2023. Ms. Darhower will be replacing Stacy Heinemann.

7.C.2. Approve the transfer of Jordan Jones from Mid-shift Custodian at the Susquehanna Township Middle School to Mid-Shift Custodian at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective January 23, 2023. Mr. Jones will be replacing Glenn Zimmerman.

7.C.3. Approve the transfer of Jillian Boring from Night Custodian at the Susquehanna Township High School to Mid-Shift Custodian at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective January 23, 2023. Ms. Boring will be replacing Jordan Jones.

7.E.1. Approve the payment of 1.75 vacation days at \$159.04 a day for a total of \$278.32 for Nancy Hile.

7.E.2. Approve the payment of 2.75 personal days at \$150.00 a day for a total of \$412.15 and 16 vacation days at \$453.35 a day for a total of \$7253.60 for Nicole Smith.

7.E.3. Approve the payment of 6.5 personal days at \$150.00 a day for a total of \$975.00 for Christine Renaldi.

7.E.4. Approve the payment of 16.75 vacation days at \$154.00 a day for a total of \$2579.50 and 40.15 sick days at \$77.00 a day for a total of \$3091.55 for Glenn Zimmerman.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E
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 \$35,660.34.

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 \$2,625,744.74.

8.C. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$68,211.03.

8.D. Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Larry Avent
Bill#: 015381
Year: 2020
Refund Amount: \$297.00
Reason: Larry Avent retired in 2017; paid the taxes in error.

8.E.1. Approve the following Real Estate Tax Refunds:

Taxpayer Name: Nickel Plate Improvement Company, Inc., C/O John E. Van Allen, Esq.
Parcel #: 62-009-244
Year: 2022
Refund Amount: \$48,928.74
Reason: Assessment value changed in 2021 and 2022 because of a tax appeal.

8.E.2. Approve the following Real Estate Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: RCS 2400 THEA LLC
Parcel#: 62-021-280
Year: 2020 - 2022
Refund Amount: \$423,786.21
Reason: Assessment value reduced significantly from 2020 through 2022 because of a tax appeal.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

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

9.A. Approve the attached Storm Water Management O&M and ancillary Site Plan
between Susquehanna Township School District and Susquehanna Township.

9.B. Retroactively approve the Agreement with PowerSchool Group, LLC to provide
the Naviance Training Platform for the term January 20, 2023 - January 19, 2024.

X. POLICY

None

XI. OTHER

None

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.



Julieann Newill
Board Secretary

