

CALL TO ORDER	At 7:04 p.m., the March 20, 2023, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by President John F. Dietrich.
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr. Terry Heller, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Julieann Newill, Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Mr. John F. Dietrich
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS	Mr. Scott Campbell
ABSENT	Mr. Majid Ali, Dr. Michael Cohen, Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr.
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
SOLICITOR	Appel, Yost & Zee LLP
EXECUTIVE SESSION	The President announced that executive session was held immediately prior to the meeting for the purpose of real estate and student matters.
REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>PSBA: Mr. Johnson reminded everyone that it's budget season. The PA House Appropriations Committee started hearing today on the State Budget.</p> <p>Education and Athletics Committee: Miss McCullough reported that the committee met last week and reviewed the high school course catalog and scheduling. The Athletic Director will give a comprehensive report on athletics at the next committee meeting.</p> <p>Superintendent Report: Dr. Willis acknowledged the work of all those involved with the musical this year. She congratulated the 2023 Mid-Penn Conference All Stars for the Central Division: Alphonso Burnett, Honorable Mention Boys Division, Schuyler Coles, Honorable Mention Girls Division, and Syndey Pettis, Honorable Mention Girls Division. Additionally, Schuyler Coles was recognized as the Capital Division Player of the Year. Dr. Willis gave an update on the concession stand construction project and shared that pictures and updates can be found on the district's website.</p>
	II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 20, 2023
MOTION TO APPROVE	<p>2.A. Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve the meeting agenda for March 20, 2023.</p> <p>Motion passed 6-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Ali, Cohen, Rawls)</p>

2.B. Board Member Comments

Mr. Johnson thanked the administration and teachers for their hard work last week organizing parent teacher conferences. He appreciated the virtual option for busy parents.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION

4.A. David Archer, Acting High School Principal, presented the High School Spotlight. (attached to BoardDocs)

Additional Presenters:

Ms. Pam Seetoo- Parent of Senior and Sophomore (Administrative Support)

Anneka Brooks- Parent of Junior (Teacher/Administrative Support

Ms. Toni Gockley- Math Department Chair (MTSS)

Mr. Jack Port- Social Studies Teacher (DEI Committee)

Ms. Syndey Pettis- Senior (Activities/Athletics)

Ms. Schuyler Coles- Junior (Activities/Athletics)

Awwal Boswell – (Clubs)

Mubarra Ali- (Clubs)

4.B. Oslwen C. Anderson, Business Manager, did a presentation on the district's Financial Outlook. (attached to BoardDocs)

Mr. Rawls joined the meeting @ 8:04 pm.

V. MINUTES

None

VI. PROGRAM

MOTION TO APPROVE

6.A. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Item 6.A. Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Dr. Cohen)

6.A. Approve the Amended Agreement with the Forum for the June 8, 2023, Susquehanna Township School District Commencement. The Amended Agreement reflects the updated rate for Capital Police (\$70 per hour per officer) on Exhibit A.

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C.D.E.F. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items 7.A.B.C.D.E.F.

Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Dr. Cohen)

7.A.1. Approve the resignation of Janay Tatum as Assistant III/PCA Life Skills at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School, effective March 3, 2023.

7.A.2. Amend the resignation of Jacqueline Batcha as Science Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, from effective April 13, 2023, to effective March 8, 2023.

7.A.3. Approve the resignation of Constance Benson as Assistant II at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective March 13, 2023.

7.A.4. Approve the resignation of Mecca Smith as Assistant III/PCA at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective March 13, 2023.

7.A.5. Approve the resignation of Vincent Beaston as Math Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective May 12, 2023.

7.B. Approve the termination of employment of Maxx Chronister for not meeting the probationary period as Night Custodian at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective March 1, 2023.

7.C. Approve the transfer of Celeste Francis as Part-Time Food Service Worker to Assistant Food Service Manager (Full-Time) at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$16.16 per hour, effective March 7, 2023. Ms. Francis will be replacing Esther Dippery.

7.D.1. Approve the change of status of Traci McAloose from temporary professional employee to professional employee, effective March 2, 2023.

7.D.2. Approve the change of status of Brandon White from temporary professional employee to professional employee, effective March 16, 2023.

7.D.3. Approve the change of status of Cindy Gold from temporary professional employee to professional employee, effective September 5, 2021.

7.E.1. Amend John Hamelin as Groundskeeper at the Susquehanna Township School District from a rate of \$18.79 per hour to \$18.75 per hour, effective March 1, 2023. Mr. Hamelin will be replacing Steve Etnoyer.

7.E.2. Approve Williams Paulino as Network Assistant at the Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$24.01 per hour effective March 22, 2023. Mr. Paulino will be replacing Christopher Alexander.

7.E.3. Approve Crystal Alli as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective March 22, 2023. Ms. Alli will be replacing Helen Darhower.

7.F.1. Rescind Jacqueline Batcha as Co-Set Painter at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$262.50 for the 2022-2023 musical.

7.F.2. Amend Linda Hemmann as Co-Set Painter at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$262.50 to Set Painter at a stipend of \$525.00 for the 2022-2023 musical.

7.F.3. Approve Joshua Kirsch as Lighting Designer for the 2022-2023 Susquehanna Township High School Musical at a stipend of \$500.00.

7.F.4. Approve the payment of .75 vacation days at \$192.08 per day for a total of \$144.06 for Christopher Alexander.

7.F.5. Approve the payment of 7 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$1050.00 for Chris Haun.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E.F. Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded by Mr. Rawls, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.F.
Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Dr. Cohen)

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 \$101,500.00.

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 \$2,914,776.83.

8.C. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$78,030.55.

8.D. Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$1,327,480.90.

8.E. Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$17,191,714.12.

8.F. Approve the following Personal Tax Refunds:

1. Taxpayer Name: Tyree Folkes Bill #: 000455

Year: 2021

Refund Amount: \$297.00

Reason: Tyree Folkes was a full-time student in 2021; paid the taxes in error.

2. Taxpayer Name: Tielor Vugrinec

Bill #: 017392

Year: 2020

Refund Amount: \$294.00

Bill#: 017156

Year: 2021

Refund Amount: \$294.00

Total amount of refund \$588.00

Reason: Tielor Vugrinec was not a resident of Susquehanna Township in 2020 and 2021; paid the taxes in error.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

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

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

Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Dr. Cohen)

9.A. Approve 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.

9.B. Approve the Letter of Agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years. This is a service used on an as needed basis.

9.C. Approve the agreements with Laurel Life to provide services with two elementary classrooms and one middle school classroom for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years.

9.D. Approve payments to the following entities for the transitioning of existing Susquehanna Township School District phone services from its current provider to a new provider. Please note that Verizon has confirmed with STSD Administration that their email is how they provide quotations to state and local governments; therefore, no additional agreement is required.

- Vendor: Verizon – Monthly Payment Amount = \$289.00
- Vendor: PRISMWORKS Technology – One-Time-Payment = \$3,960.00

9.E. Approve the Addendum to the Agreement with Learner Centered Leadership (LCL) for addition professional development services in the amount of \$6,800 for the 2022-2023 school year.

9.F. Approve the Agreement with Instructure to provide the Canvas Learning Management Platform for the 2023-2024 school year.

DISCUSSION

9.G. Discuss the Johnson Controls fire alarm pull station installation and service agreement in the amounts of \$2,308.39 and \$91.10 respectively, as outlined in the attached agreement.

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9.H. Discuss the Addendum to the original Agreement with Specialized Education of Pennsylvania, Inc. to add an additional slot to service a student placed at Capital Academy for the 2022-2023 school year.

DISCUSSION

9.I. Discuss the agreement between Austill's Rehabilitation Services, Inc. and Susquehanna Township School District to provide occupational therapy, physical therapy, and speech-language services. The Agreement is for the period July 1, 2023, through June 30, 2026. Susquehanna Township School District has partnered with Austill's since 2020.

X. POLICY

None

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.A. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Heller, to approve Item 11.A. Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Dr. Cohen)

11.A. Approve proposed travel to Belize in August 2024 for TBD number of students to be chaperoned by TBD number of STSD teachers and parents. All parents and chaperones will receive their appropriate background checks and clearances. The cost to the district is \$0.

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.B. Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Heller, to approve Item 11.B. Motion passed 5-2 (Mr. Campbell, Mr. Rawls), 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Dr. Cohen)

11.B. The Board panel for student #2022-23/022 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 Miss McCullough, seconded by Mr. Rawls, to approve Item 11.C. Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Dr. Cohen)

11.C. Approve the Sponsorship Agreement with Planet Fitness.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

Dr. Willis shared that there was a request from a community member to purchase a memorial brick to be added to the existing memorial at the high school baseball field. The athletic director will follow up with the requestor.

Mr. Rawls would like the district to look for a way to display pictures of students who have won state titles in athletics.

Mr. Dietrich asked about the Merit Scholar pictures which were removed and stored during the high school lobby construction. Dr. Willis reported that there are plans to find a suitable location to display the pictures.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Heller to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed: 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Dr. Cohen)

Meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.


Julieann Newill
Board Secretary