

**CALL TO ORDER** At 7:09 p.m., the June 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. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Mr. Terry Heller, Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Ms. Julieann Newill, Dr. Michael Cohen, Mr. John F. Dietrich

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS** Mr. Scott Campbell

**ABSENT** Mr. Majid Ali, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq.

**DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT** Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mr. Mark Holman, Dr. Tamara Willis, Dr. Kristi Prime, Mrs. Carrie Martin, Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mrs. Franka Maerz, 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 personnel, real estate, and student matters. An additional executive session was held at 5:00 pm to discuss personnel.

**REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Harrisburg Area Community College (HACC):** Mr. Rawls reported that he reached out to HACC for clarification on a letter board members received regarding the Sunshine Law but has yet to receive any information.

**Dauphin County Technical School (DCTS):** Mr. Rawls shared that the welding program is doing well. The house that the students are renovating is on target to be completed in December. He reported that DCTS commencement was held at the Forum, and everything went well.

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR June 20, 2023**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**2.A.** Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve the meeting agenda for June 20, 2023.  
Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Mr. Johnson)

**2.B.** Board Member Comments

None

**7.C.1.** Approve the transfer of Margaret Baum as Assistant III/PCA at the Susquehanna Township Middle School to the Susquehanna Township High School, effective July 1, 2023. Ms. Baum will be following a student.

**7.C.2.** Approve the transfer of Yolanda Stanton as Assistant III/PCA at the Susquehanna Township Middle School to the Susquehanna Township High School, effective July 1, 2023. Ms. Stanton will be replacing Grace Rentovich.

**7.D.1.** Approve Victoria Sanks as Assistant Principal (Act 93) at the Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$87,000.00, effective June 14, 2023. Ms. Sanks will be replacing David Archer.

**7.E.1.** Approve Robert Urban as Science Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$68,365.00, effective August 16, 2023. Mr. Urban will be replacing Trevar Scheuch.

**7.E.2.** Approve Christine Maxwell as Social Studies Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$52,766.00, effective August 16, 2023. Ms. Maxwell will be replacing Crystal Hoel.

**7.E.3.** Approve Michelle Jeffries as English Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$58,900.00, effective August 16, 2023. Ms. Jeffries will be replacing William Burns.

**7.F.1.** Approve Laxmi Nepal as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective August 25, 2023. Ms. Nepal will be replacing Leonora Ulrich.

**7.G.1.** Approve Jeffrey Elicker as Technology Department Student Worker at the Susquehanna Township School District at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective June 21, 2023.

**7.G.2.** Approve the following Summer School Paraprofessionals at their current hourly rate for the 2022-2023 school year:

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**7.G.3.** Approve Eric Hartranft as Elementary Band Director at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a stipend of \$450.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.

- 7.G.16.** Approve Rebekah Batz as Sponsor for Kelsey Mearkle at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at stipend of \$250.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 7.G.17.** Approve Laura O'Neill as Sponsor for Brian Mathers at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at stipend of \$250.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 7.G.18.** Approve Callan Wendell as Mentor for Nora Johnstone at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 7.G.19.** Approve the payment of 5 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$750.00 and 50 sick days at \$75.00 per day, 14.5 sick days at \$90.00 per day for a total of \$5,055.00 for William Burns.
- 7.G.20.** Approve the payment of 3 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$450.00 for Nathaniel Clugston.
- 7.G.21.** Approve the payment of 8.5 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$1,275.00 and 50 sick days at \$75.00 per day, 50 sick days at \$90.00 per day and 10.5 at \$105.00 per day for a total of \$9,352.50 Crystal Hoel.
- 7.G.22.** Approve the payment of 1 personal day at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$150.00 for Michael Howard.
- 7.G.23.** Approve the payment of 2 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$300.00 for Olupcia Joseph.
- 7.G.24.** Approve the payment of 2 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$300.00 for Adam Paradise.
- 7.G.25.** Approve the payment of 1 personal day at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$150.00 and 50 sick days at \$75.00 per day, 50 sick days at \$90.00 per day, 50 at \$105.00 per day and 81.5 at \$120.00 per day for a total of \$23,280.00 for Steven Sexsmith.
- 7.G.26.** Approve the payment of 2 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$300.00 for Jillian Vanak.
- 7.G.27.** Approve the payment of 6 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$900.00 for Adam Paradise.
- 7.G.28.** Approve the payment of 1.5 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$225.00 for Madison Bleiler.

Approve the attached and below notated recommended 2023-2024 FY Student and Adult Meal price increases:

2023-2024 FY – Ala Cart Pricing Increases

- Ice Cream - .15 cents

2023-2024 FY – Student Meal Increases

- Breakfast, Lunch, Milk – No Increases

2023-2024 FY – Adult Meal Increases

- Adult Elementary Lunch - .20
- Adult Secondary Breakfast - .60
- Adult Secondary Lunch - \$1.25

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**8.G.** Moved by Mr. Heller, seconded Dr. Cohen, to approve Item 8.G.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

**Aye:** Dr. Cohen, Mr. Rawls, Mr. Heller, Ms. Newill,  
Mr. Dietrich

**Nay:** Mr. Campbell, Miss McCullough

**Abstain:** None

**Absent:** Mr. Ali, Mr. Johnson

**Motion passed 5-2 (Campbell, McCullough), 0 abstentions, 2 absent**

**8.G.** Approve the following 2023-2024 Fiscal Year Proposed Final General Fund Budget inclusive of a 3.75% real estate tax increase with expenditures totaling \$65,432,786, revenues totaling \$63,162,400 and \$2,270,385 use of fund balance.

1. A tax of **20.7074** mills on the total assessed valuation on all property taxable for school purposes per resolution;
2. Homestead/Farmstead exclusion of **\$4,133** per resolution;
3. A per Capita Tax of **\$5.00** per person 18 years of age or over as of **July 1, 2023**, per resolution;
4. A residence Tax of **\$5.00** per person 18 years of age or over as of **July 1, 2023**, per resolution;
5. An Earned Income Tax at the rate of **1%** per resolution;
6. An Occupation Tax at the rate of **\$270** per person between the ages of 18 and 70, who make in excess of \$5,000.00 per year and enrolled as a full-time student of higher education taking 12 credit hours per semester for 2 semesters between **July 1, 2023**, and **June 30, 2024**;
7. Real Estate transfer Tax at a rate of **1%** per resolution; and
8. A Local Services Tax at the rate of **\$5.00** on each individual who engaged in an occupation within the boundaries of the taxing authority.

**DISCUSSION**

**9.J.** Discuss the New Story Schools Extended School Year Agreements for student numbers 2022-23/033 and 2022-23/034 for the summer of 2023.

**X. POLICY**

None

**XI. OTHER**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

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

**11.A.** Approve homebound instruction for student #2022-23/032.

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**11.B.** Moved by Miss McCullough, seconded by Mr. Heller, to approve Item 11.B. Motion passed 6-1 (Dr. Cohen), 0 abstentions, 2 absent( Mr. Ali, Mr. Johnson)

**11.B.** Approve the attached Susquehanna Township School District Resolution regarding Cyber Charter School payment structure reforms in accordance with House Bill 132.

Note: House Bill 132 calls upon the General Assembly to meaningfully revise the current Cyber Charter School payment structure. The proposed process would require parents and/or guardians to pay the cost of their students' attendance at Cyber Charter Schools in those instances where the student resident School District operates its own Cyber School program.

**DISCUSSION**

**11.C.** Discuss the Professional Development Plan for the 2023-2024 school year.

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

None

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Miss McCullough, to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed: 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Mr. Ali, Mr. Johnson)

Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

  
Julieann Newill  
Board Secretary