SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:24 p.m., the April 17, 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,

Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Mr. John F. Dietrich

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

Mr. Scott Campbell, Dr. Michael Cohen

ABSENT

Mr. Majid Ali

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE

PRESENT

Bessie Idan

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, personnel, and student matters. The Negotiations Committee met on April 11, 2023, to discuss personnel.

INTRODUCTIONS/
GUEST PRESENTATIONS

None

REPORTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS

Student Representative: Bessie Idan provided an update on events from Thomas Holtzman Elementary and the Middle School.

Alumni Association: Dwayne DeFoor reported that the association will have their annual flower sale on May 13[,] 2023, from 10-2 at Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School. The alumni association is collecting gently used prom dresses and formal wear.

Hanna Education Foundation: Dwayne DeFoor reminded everyone that the annual golf tournament will be on Friday, June 23, 2023. He also reported that the Candy Scramble was a huge success. He gave a shout out to the new concession stand project.

Dauphin County Technical School: Mr. Rawls reminded everyone to fill out their ballots and return them to Ms. Rathmell. Mr. Rawls also reported on the number of

applications received and accepted for next school year from participating and non-participating districts, that an STHS student was honored as a student of the month at DCTS, and that DCTS will retain surplus funds from this year to use towards renovations. Mr. Rawls also reminded the community that DCTS provides various services that residents of Dauphin County can take advantage of, such as vehicle inspections and repairs and veterinary services.

Board of Commissioners: Mr. Dietrich gave an update from Commissioner Tom Pyne. He shared that Susquehanna Township will complete several road improvement projects this summer. Recreational improvements are underway at multiple parks within the Township. The Township has recently acquired the Wedgewood Hills pool and is in the early stages of planning how to use that area. It may be used as a traditional recreational area instead of a swimming pool. Latshmere Pool has offered to donate the pool to the Susquehanna Township. The Township is applying for a grant to help study the feasibility of using this as a traditional pool or as a park. Third-grade students will join the Township to celebrate Arbor Day by planting trees in a township park. The students will also receive a small tree to take home.

Legislative Updates/PSBA: Mr. Johnson reported that in 2021-22 Pennsylvania issued the lowest number of teaching certificates in history.

Superintendent Report: Dr. Tamara Willis encouraged everyone to come out and support our middle school students in their production of Matilda, Jr. on April 29 and 30. Dr. Willis also provided a concession stand update and reminded stakeholders that updates and pictures are on the district's website.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 17, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE

2.A. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the meeting agenda for April 17, 2023.

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

2.B. Board Member Comments

None

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

V. MINUTES

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MOTION TO APPROVE

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

Approve the Minutes of the April 3, 2023, School Board Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

None

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

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

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

SPEAKER

Dr. Willis recognized Laurie Camplese for 20 years of service and Barbara Smaling for 31 years of service in the district.

- **7.A.1.** Approve the retirement of Laurie Camplese as Library Assistant at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective July 7, 2023.
- **7.A.2.** Approve the retirement of Barbara Smaling as Office Assistant at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective June 15, 2023.
- **7.B.1**. Approve the resignation of Heather Bravener as School Psychologist at the Susquehanna Township School District, effective August 7, 2023.
- **7.C.1.** Approve Selena Colon as Assistant III/PCA at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a rate of \$16.91 per hour, effective April 12, 2023. Ms. Colon will be replacing Grace Rentovich.
- **7.C.2.** Approve Jamie Badaczewski as Assistant III/PCA at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a rate of \$16.91 per hour, effective April 20, 2023. Ms. Badaczewski will be replacing Janay Tatum.
- **7.D.1.** Approve Douglas Shenk as Assistant Track Coach at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$2,400.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **7.D.2**. Approve Kaitlyn Veronikis as Mentor for Jordan Jarvis at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2022-2023 school year.
- **7.D.3.** Approve the following Summer School Teachers at a rate of \$38.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year:

Caitlin Jodoin	Robin Broderick
Anthony Stavenski	Shannen DeLaurentis
Jolene Connelly	Kristian Hennick
Michelle McGowan	Brandon Popp
Emilee Truitt	Hanna Layton
Mary Girven	Mackenzie Lynn
Nancy Hatfield	Amy Vaughn
Christina Darden	Michael Howard
Lainie Whitaker	Arlene Fabre-Soto
Dana Lomma	Mark Billante
Victoria Sanks	Mary Pat Evans
Toni Gockley	Melodee Minium
Emily Fiebig	

7.D.4. Approve the following AAP Facilitators at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$31.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year:

Caitlin Jodoin	Josamarie Stalcar
Brian Mathers	

7.D.5. Approve the following ESY teachers at a rate of \$38.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year:

Christa Orban	

7.D.6. Approve the following ESY Paraprofessionals for the 2022-2023 school year at their current hourly rate:

Jordan Silverstein	

7.D.7. Approve the following Summer School Paraprofessional for the 2022-2023 school year at their current hourly rate:

Kristy Wissler

7.E. Approve the current list of Active STS Guest Teachers for the 2022-2023 school year.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

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

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

- **8.A.** Approve the payment of Activity Fund bill from the First National Bank Activity Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$75.00.
- **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 \$234,703.94.
- **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 \$1,135,248.61.
- **8.D.** Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$47,725.31.
- **8.E.** Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$1,473,005.30.
- **8.F.** Approve the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU # 15) Operating Budget for the 23-24 Fiscal Year.
- 8.G. Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$14,095,923.93.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

- **9.A.** Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Rawls to approve Item 9.A. Motion passed 7-0, 1 abstention (Miss McCullough, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)
- **9.A.** Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Dauphin County Children and Youth (DCCY) and Susquehanna Township School District to address transportation provisions for foster students.

DISCUSSION

9.B. Discuss the agreement with Effective School Solutions, LLC, to provide therapeutic mental health services to Susquehanna Township School District learners during the 2023-2024 school year.

DISCUSSION

9.C. Discuss the agreement for Yellow Breeches Educational Center to provide services for the 2023-2024 school year, as needed.

DISCUSSION

9.D. Roscoe Warner Field Scoreboard Replacement Options

SPEAKER

Jeremy Weeks, Watchfire Representative, and Ray Wenger, Strickler Signs Representative, were present to answer questions related to Option B.

The board had discussion on item 9.D.

OPTION A – Replacement with Existing Scoreboard Technology (No LED Video Display Board & Audio Functionality)

Approve the procurement and installation of a new Roscoe Warner Field Standard Scoreboard in accordance with the attached National Cooperative Purchasing Alliance (NCPA) contract proposal #NCPA001-86 in the amount of \$48,674.00. It is noted that this procurement is scheduled for financing via the district's Capital Projects Fund (CPF) and is not presented as a General Fund (GF) expenditure.

OPTION B – Replacement with New Scoreboard Technology (LED Video Display Board & Audio Functionality)

Approve the procurement and installation of a new Roscoe Warner Field Scoreboard (Video Display & Audio Device) in accordance with the attached Strickler, Inc. Co-Stars state contract proposal #032-E22-055 in the amount of \$297,755.00. It is noted that this procurement is scheduled for financing via the district's Capital Projects Fund (CPF) and is not presented as a General Fund (GF) expenditure.

X. POLICY

None

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO POSTPONE

- **11.A.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to postpone Item 11.A. Motion passed 7-1 (Miss McCullough), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)
- **11.A**. Approve the attached "Stipulation and Joint Motion for Agreed Upon Order," Dauphin County Co. No. 2022-CV-7907-TX, regarding the tax assessment appeal filed by the property owner BCRA Realty, LLC-Tax Parcel No. 62-006-022. When applying the applicable school district millage rate to the proposed property assessed value, the appeal will result in the loss of school district real estate tax revenues in the amount of approximately \$2,573 per year effective the 22-23 fiscal year forward (See Stipulation and Joint Motion for Agreed Upon Order).

MOTION TO APPROVE

- **11.B.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Heller, to approve Item 11.B. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)
- **11.B**. Approve the Amended and Restated Articles of Agreement for the establishment and operation of the Dauphin County Technical School.

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.C. Moved by Miss McCullough, seconded by Mr. Heller, to approve Item 11.C. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)

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11.C. The Board panel for student #2022-23/023 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.D.E.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items 11.D.E. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Ali)
- **11.D.** Retroactively approve Foreign Exchange Student #2022-23/024 for the 2022-2023 School Year, as discussed in executive session.
- **11.E.** Approve the overnight trip for Track and Field athletes to attend the Penn Relay's Track and Field Carnival on April 27 and April 28, 2023. The event will be held at the University of Pennsylvania in Philadelphia, PA.

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 8:54 p.m.

Board Secretary

Julieann Newell