

CALL TO ORDER At 7:04 p.m., the September 5, 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, 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 Ms. Julieann Newill

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 student and personnel matters.

REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS **Superintendent Report: Dr. Tamara Willis** shared extreme heat safety tips from Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency (PEMA) and has allowed staff to dress comfortably for the impending heat this week. She reported that all of our buildings have air conditioning. Dr. Willis also reported that there will be a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony on Friday, October 6, 2023, to celebrate the completion of the new concession stand.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 5, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE **2.A.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve the meeting agenda for September 5, 2023.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent

2.B. Board Member Comments

Mr. Ali reminded stakeholders that bus stops are approved by the Board of School Directors prior to the start of school and that it is a tedious process to chance a bus stop. The district’s main concern is student safety. The relayed that the board will discuss, and administration will follow up with the families who have bus stop concerns.

Mr. Dietrich added that consideration must be given to the availability of bus drivers when altering bus routes.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

None

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE

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

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the August 21, 2023, Board Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

None

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 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

7.A.1. Approve the resignation of Christine Ross as Math Teacher at the
Susquehanna Township High School, effective August 8, 2023.

7.A.2. Approve the resignation of Nicole Hocker as Elementary School Teacher at the
Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School, effective August 18, 2023.

7.A.3. Approve the resignation of Allison Wire as Elementary School Teacher at the
Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective August 18, 2023.

7.A.4. Approve the resignation of Arlenee Hernandez as PT food Service Worker at
the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective August 10, 2023.

7.B.1. Approve Andrew Kuhn as Athletic Director at the Susquehanna Township School District at a salary of \$84,000 effective date to be determined. Mr. Kuhn will be replacing Victoria Ivey.

7.C.1. Approve Anthony Mccraw as LTS Health and Physical Education Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$52,766.00, effective date to be determined. Mr. Mccraw will be replacing Aleisha Buchannan.

7.C.2. Approve Erica Womer as ELA Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$57,416.00, effective date to be determined. Ms. Womer will be replacing Jolene Connelly.

7.C.3. Approve Adam Wimmer as Elementary Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a salary of \$52,766.00, effective August 23, 2023. Mr.

7.D.1. Approve Quadasha Gilmore as LPN at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$30.00 per hour, effective August 29, 2023. Ms. Gilmore will be filling a new position.

7.D.2. Approve Debra Napper as Assistant III at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$20.41 per hour, effective August 22, 2023. Mrs. Napper will be replacing Cheryl Kalinowski.

7.D.3. Approve Sharai Thornton as Assistant III at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$18.89 per hour, effective September 5, 2023. Ms. Thornton will be replacing Morgan McKinney.

7.D.4. Approve Shekia Jackson-Tate as Assistant III Paraprofessional at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a rate of \$20.41 per hour, effective September 5, 2023. Ms. Jackson-Tate will be replacing Lalita Bajgai.

7.E.1. Approve the title change for Dr. Kristi Prime from Director of Curriculum and Instruction to Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Secondary, no change in salary, effective September 6, 2023.

7.E.2. Approve the title change for Cara Klinger from Data and Curriculum Coordinator to Director of Curriculum and Instruction for Elementary at a salary of \$109,000.00, effective September 6, 2023.

7.F.1. Approve Jo Ellen Showers as Mentor for Sydney Fowlkes at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.2. Approve Jo Ellen Showers as Mentor for De’ja Speaks at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.3. Approve Jordan Bour as Mentor for Cheyenne Rios at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.4. Approve Jordan Bour as Mentor for Rena Shively at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.5. Approve Amy Vaughn as Co-Student Government Advisor at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$390.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.6. Approve Christine Rose-Brooks as Co-Student Government Advisor at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$390.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.7. Approve Graham Kerick as Percussion Music Instructor for the Susquehanna Township High School Marching Band at a stipend of \$1,500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.8. Approve Jessica Dullen as Mentor for Kaitlin Putric at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.9. Approve the following HCA Teachers of Record on an as-needed basis for up to 10 hours/week at the Susquehanna Township School District at a rate of \$31.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year:

Mark Billante	Robin Broderick
Christine Darden	Erica Dickerson
Toni Gockley	Juma Maser
Jamie McNeal-Early	Christine Rose-Brooks

7.F.10. Amend Leah Jensen as JV Head Girls Soccer Coach at a stipend of \$2,700.00 to Volunteer Soccer Coach at the Susquehanna Township Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.11. Rescind Laura O'Neill as Mentor for Corey Lohr at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F. 12. Approve Jennifer Renaldi as Mentor for Corey Lohr at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F. 13. Approve Jennifer Renaldi as Mentor for Madison Bleiler at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F. 14. Approve Jennifer Renaldi as Sponsor for Ryan Stewart at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$250.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.15. Approve Kiva Sutton as Mentor for Christine Maxwell at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.16. Approve Kiva Sutton as Mentor for Casey Dodson at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.17. Approve Traci McAlouse as Sponsor for Erica Wormer at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$250.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.18. Approve Harold Post as Mentor for Erin Wright at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.19. Amend William Pappalardo from Head Girls Golf Coach at a stipend of \$1,200.00 to Head Golf Coach at a stipend of \$4,000.00 at the Susquehanna Township High School for the 2023-2024 School Year.

7.F.20. Amend Todd Mowry from Head Boys Golf Coach at a stipend of \$4,000.00 to Assistant Golf Coach at a stipend of \$1,200.00 at the Susquehanna Township High School for the 2023-2024 School Year.

7.F.21. Approve Kyle Fields as Strength and Conditioning Coach at the Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$3,000.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.22. Approve Caitlin Jodoin as Assistant Field Hockey Coach at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$2,800.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.23. Approve the following Academic Team Leads for the 2023-2024 school year:

Name	Subject Area	Stipend
JoEllen Showers	K-2 ELA	\$1,750.00
Allison Morris	K-2 Math	\$1,750.00
Elizabeth Miller	K-2 Science	\$1,750.00
Jessica Maxwell	K-2 Social Studies	\$1,750.00
Teah Bennett	3-5 ELA	\$1,750.00
Brandon Popp	3-5 Math	\$1,750.00
Chelsea Wagner	3-5 Science	\$1,750.00
Michelle McGowan	3-5 Social Studies	\$1,750.00
Kimarie Brown	K-5 Special Education	\$1,750.00
Graham Kerick	K-12 Music	\$1,750.00
Kerry Snell	K-12 Foreign Language	\$1,750.00
Mia Gray	K-12 Library/Technology	\$1,750.00
Kaitlyn Veronikis	K-12 Autistic Support	\$1,750.00
Jennifer Halfond	K-12 Nursing Services	\$1,750.00

7.F.24. Approve the payment of 7 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$1,050.00 for Christine Ross.

7.F.25. Approve the payment of 3 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$450.00 for Kimberly Clay.

7.F. 26. Approve the payment of 5 personal days at \$150.00 per day for a total of \$750.00 for James Delisio.

7.F.27. Approve Richard Wise as Volunteer Basketball Coach at the Susquehanna Township Middle School for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.28. Approve Rodney Sauder as Co-Head Cross Country Coach at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$1,250.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.29. Approve Lam Nguyen as Co-Head Cross Country Coach at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$1,250.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.F.30. Approve the following AAP Facilitators at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$31.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year:

Robin Broderick	Nancy Hatfield
Caitlin Jodoin	Brian Mathers

Marissa Meholic	Josamarie Stalcar
Kiva Sutton	

7.F.31. Approve the following Detention Monitors at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$29.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year:

Robin Broderick	Nancy Hatfield
Brian Mathers	Jennifer Renaldi

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D. Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

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 \$962,624.43.

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 \$1,883,105.70.

8.C. Approve the payment of Food Service bill from the Food Service Checking as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$1,125.00.

8.D. Approve the following Personal Tax Refunds:

1. Taxpayer Name: Alexander A. Davis

Bill #: 002421

Year: 2022

Refund Amount: \$294.00

Reason: Alexander A. Davis is not a resident of Susquehanna Township School District; paid the taxes in error.

2. Taxpayer Name: Tamoumoute Attaka

Bill #: 009991

Year: 2021

Refund Amount: \$297.00

Reason: Tamoumoute Attaka made less than \$5,000.00; paid the taxes in error.

3. Taxpayer Name: Barry D. Young
Bill #: 015068
Year: 2021
Refund Amount: \$264.60

Taxpayer Name: Barry D. Young
Bill #: 015133
Year: 2022
Refund Amount: \$264.60

Total amount of refund \$529.20
Reason: Barry D. Young made less than \$5,000.00; paid the taxes in error.

4. Taxpayer Name: Sterling Pettis
Bill #: 004102
Year: 2021
Refund Amount: \$294.00
Reason: Sterling Pettis made less than \$5,000.00; paid the taxes in error.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Ali to approve Item 9.A.
Motion passed 7-1(Mr. Campbell), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

9.A. Retroactively approve the Agreement with Acadience/Voyager Sopris Learning to provide K-8 Reading and Math diagnostic and benchmark testing.

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.B. Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Ali to approve Item 9.B.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

9.B. Approve the Letter of Agreement with UPMC Pinnacle Health System (Pinnacle) to provide school and team physician services for the 2023-2026 school years.

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.C. Moved by Mr. Johnson seconded by Mr. Rawls to approve Item 9.C.
motion passed 7-1(Mr. Campbell), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

9.C. Approve agreements with New Story, Harrisburg Location, to services students 2023-23/009, 2023-24/010, 2023-24/011 for the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.D. Moved by Mr. Johnson seconded by Miss McCullough to approve Item 9.D.
motion passed 5-3(Mr. Heller, Mr. Campbell, Dr. Cohen), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

9.D. Approve the Agreement with Securly to use Rhithm as a daily, 5-minute mental health and wellness check-in for students grades 3-8. Rhithm also provides activities for students who are experiencing dysregulation and notification to staff that a student may be in need of support.

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.E. Moved by Mr. Ali seconded by Mr. Rawls to approve Item 9.E.
motion passed 7-1(Mr. Campbell), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

9.E. Approve the Agreement with SOARPsych, LLC to provide School Psychology services for special education evaluations and record reviews in the absence of a secondary school psychologist on staff.

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.F. Moved by Mr. Rawls seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Item 9.F.
motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

9.F. Approve the Agreement for with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) for the Capital Area Pathways to Teaching (CAPT) Partnership. CAPT will enable the next generation of teachers to earn their Associates, Bachelors, and Masters degrees through embedded coursework while working full-time in the classroom.

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.G. Moved by Mr. Ali seconded by Mr. Johnson to approve Item 9.G.
motion passed 7-1(Mr. Campbell), 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

9.G. Approve the agreement between Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) and Susquehanna Township School District to provide Social Media and Public Relations Services to STSD for the 2023-2024 school year.

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.H. Moved by Mr. Rawls seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve Item 9.H.
motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

9.H. Approve the Roscoe Warner Field Concession Stand Area – Pavement Investigation and Repair Job Order Contracting (JOC) supplemental contract #-2021-JOCC-31 – Job Order # 109030.00.09 as attached in the amount of \$22,917.87. The contract is presented as a supplemental to the KPN ezIQC program contract for which Lobar Associates Master Builders serves as the Central PA awardee. This supplemental primarily provides for the investigation and repair of compromised pavement directly in front of the new Roscoe Warner Field Concession Stand. This section of payment collapsed during the construction process due to its absence of a satisfactory sub-base structure beneath the macadam. Lobar utilized this area to transport construction materials to and from the job site and therefore agreed to finance \$13,380.41 of the original \$36,298.28 cost associated with the concession stand pavement work leaving the district to finance the remaining above referenced \$22,917.87.

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.I.J.K.L.M. Moved by Mr. Rawls seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve Items 9.I.J.K.L.M. motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

9.I. Approve the Susquehanna Township School District – Building Window Repairs Job Order Contracting (JOC) supplemental contract #-2021-JOCC-31 – Job Order # 120564.00 as attached in the amount of \$3,622.50. The contract is presented as a supplemental to the KPN eziQC program contract for which Lobar Associates Master Builders serves as the Central PA awardee. This supplemental provides for the repair and installation of 1 doorway glass panel at the High School gymnasium entrance way, 2 doorway glass panels at the Middle School building main entrance way, and 1 glass panel within the entrance way framework at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School.

9.J. Approve the Susquehanna Township School District – Building Window Repairs Job Order Contracting (JOC) supplemental contract #-2021-JOCC-31 – Job Order # 109030.00.12 as attached in the amount of \$13,150.24. The contract is presented as a supplemental to the KPN eziQC program contract for which Lobar Associates Master Builders serves as the Central PA awardee. This supplemental provides for the resealing of all macadam walkways and areas directly surrounding the High School Football Field and Track. This will aid with preserving the existing walkways and ensure that this area matches blacktop directly surrounding the new Roscoe Warner Field Concession Stand.

9.K. Approve the Susquehanna Township School District – Security Fencing Project Job Order Contracting (JOC) supplemental contract #-2021-JOCC-31 – Job Order # 120561.00 as attached in the amount of \$5,971.79. The contract is presented as a supplemental to the KPN eziQC program contract for which Lobar Associates Master Builders serves as the Central PA awardee. This supplemental will be shared with the Board of School Directors but will not be attached to the public school board agenda as it relates to a matter of security.

9.L. Approve the installation of exhaust screens and intake piping on existing high school AERCO boilers. Additionally, approve the installation of emergency stop (e-stop) valves in each of four high school classrooms within the science lab wing and one e-stop within a classroom closet in this wing as outlined in the attached McClure Company COSTARS contract #008-E23-1046 proposal.

9.M. Approve the Classic Spray proposal in the amount of \$12,000 for the repair of walls as required and repainting of high school cafeteria.

DISCUSSION

9.N. Discuss the contracts with the Vista School for student numbers 2023-24/012 and 2023-2024/013 for the 2023-2024 school year.

DISCUSSOIN **9.O.** Discuss the Agreement between Susquehanna Township School District (STSD) and Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU) for Title I Non-Public Programs and Services for the 2023-2024 school year.

DISCUSSION **9.P.** Discuss the Agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 (CAIU) for Title IIA Programs and Services for the 2023-2024 school year.

DISCUSSION **9.Q.** Discuss the Agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 (CAIU) for Title IVA Programs and Services for the 2023-2024 school year.

X. POLICY

MOTION TO APPROVE **10.A.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve Item 10.A. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

10.A. Approve revised Policy 610: Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation.

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE **11.A.** Moved by Miss McCullough, seconded by Mr. Johnson, to approve Item 11.A. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

11.A. Approve Foreign Exchange Student #2023-24/014 for the 2023-2024 School Year, as discussed in executive session.

MOTION TO APPROVE **11.B.C.D.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Heller, to approve Items 11.B.C.D. Motion passed 7-1 (Dr. Cohen for 11.B.) 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

11.B. Approve the Targeted Support and Improvement Plans (TSI) for the Susquehanna Township High School for 2023-2024.

11.C. Approve the Targeted Support and Improvement Plans (TSI) for the Susquehanna Township Middle School for 2023-2024.

11.D. Approve the Targeted Support and Improvement Plans (TSI) for Thomas Holtzman Elementary School for 2023-2024.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Heller seconded by Dr. Cohen to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed: 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Miss Newill)

Meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.



Julieann Newill
Board Secretary