November 6, 2023 Monday Evening

**CALL TO ORDER** 

At 7:01 p.m., the November 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. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Mr. Majid Ali, Dr. Michael Cohen, Rebecca McCullough, Esq

Mr. John F. Dietrich

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MEMBERS PRESENT
VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS

None

**ABSENT** 

Ms. Julieann Newill, Mr. Scott Campbell, 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, 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 personnel and student matters.

INTRODUCTIONS/
GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Meghan Schafer, EF Tours State Manager of Educational Partnerships for Pennsylvania, presented on Travel-Based Learning at Susquehanna Township School District.

**REPORTS** 

Superintendent Report: Dr. Tamara Willis shared that the Rotary Club of Susquehanna Township will be holding a clothing drive on Saturday, December 2 from 10am – 2pm. The district receives Community Aid Cards based on the pounds of clothing donated. The football team will have a playoff game on Friday, November 10, 2023, starting at 7pm at Manheim Central.

### II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR NOVEMBER 6, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE

**2.A.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Dr. Cohen to approve the meeting agenda for November 6, 2023, with the following modification:

Postpone agenda item 9.C. until the next meeting.

Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Newill, Campbell, Johnson)

2.B. Board Member Comments

None

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III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

None

#### V. MINUTES

#### MOTION TO APPROVE

**5.A.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. Rawls, to approve Item 5.A. Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Newill, Campbell, Johnson)

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the October 16, 2023, Board Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

None

## **VII. PERSONNEL**

### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**7.A.B.C.D.** Moved by Miss McCullough, seconded by Mr. Ali, to approve Items 7 A B C D

Motion passed 5-0, 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Newill, Campbell, Johnson)

- **7.A.1.** Approve the change of status of Jordan Bour from temporary professional employee to professional employee, effective November 10, 2023.
- **7.B.1.** Approve the transfer of Makenzie Lynn from Elementary School Teacher to Special Education Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School, effective August 22, 2023. Ms. Lynn is replacing Jim Delisio.
- **7.B.2.** Approve the transfer of Olupcia Joseph from LTS Math Teacher to LTS Special Education Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective November 6, 2023. Ms. Joseph will be filling a new position.
- **7.C.1.** Approve the transfer of Jacqueline Hoffman as Assistant III at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School to Assistant III at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective October 30, 2023. Ms. Hoffman will be filling a new position.
- **7.D.1.** Approve the resignation of Michael Jones as Physical Education Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School, effective November 12, 2023.

- **7.D.2**. Approve the resignation of Dinavia Sanchez Quinones as Substitute Lunch Monitor at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective October 24, 2023.
- **7.D.3.** Approve the resignation of Troy Krall as Elementary School Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School, effective November 1, 2023.
- **7.D.4.** Approve the resignation of Alejandra Castillo as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective November 3, 2023.
- **7.D.5.** Approve the resignation of Jordan Jarvis as Special Education Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective December 21, 2023.

### MOTION TO POSTPONE

**7.E.** Moved by Mr. Rawls, seconded by Mr. Ali to postpone Item 7.E. to the next meeting.

Motion failed 2-3 (Dietrich, McCullough, Cohen), 0 abstentions, 3 absent (Newill, Campbell, Johnson)

Mr. Rawls left the meeting at 7:32 pm.

The Board recessed to executive session at 7:33 pm The Board returned from executive session at 7:48 pm

### Mr. Dietrich read the following statement:

The board does not condone the action here tonight of a board member walking out of a meeting with the intended effect of ending a meeting due to the lack of a quorum. On behalf of this board, I apologize to the administration and the public, and in inherence with the school code, we are unable to continue our meeting. I'll ask at this time for a motion to adjourn until Monday, November 13 at 7:00 PM.

Mr. Ali apologized to everyone attending in person and virtually. He understands how valuable everyone's time is and that they put time aside to attend meetings. He stressed that the board needs to do better.

#### XIII. ADJOURNMENT

### MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Miss McCullough to adjourn the meeting until November 13, 2023.

Motion passed 4-0, 0 abstentions, 4 absent (Newill, Campbell, Johnson, Rawls)

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Meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Julieann Newill Board Secretary