

CALL TO ORDER At 6:05 p.m., the December 4, 2023, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by Vice President Jesse Rawls, Sr.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Mr. Majid Ali, Ms. Tameka Hatcher, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Mr. Steven H. Johnson, Ms Elise I. LeMelle, Miss. Rebecca McCullough, Esq., Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS Mr. Scott Campbell, Mrs. Jackie Hill

DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mr. Mark Holman, Mrs. Carrie Martin, Mrs. Cara Klinger, Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop, Stephen Moniak, Esq.

ABSENT Dr. Kristi Prime, Bessie Idan (Senior Student Representative), Nicholas Mabry (Junior Student Representative)

SWEARING IN CEREMONY The Honorable Judge Marian Urrutia swore in the re-elected and new board members:
Elise I. LeMelle (4-year term)
Keita Kalonji Johnson (4-year term)

The following new school board members were sworn in on November 17, 2023, by Judge Royce L. Morris:

Tameka M. Hatcher (4-year term)
Jackie Hill (4-year term)
Steven H. Johnson, Sr. (4-year term)

Mr. Rawls congratulated all school board members who were elected or re-elected.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR DECEMBER 4, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE **2.A.** Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ali, to approve the meeting agenda for December 4, 2023.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

2.B. Board Member Comments

Mr. K. Johnson welcomed new members to the board and thanked stakeholders for attending.

Mrs. Hill shared she is glad to serve.

Mr. S. Johnson thanked everyone for their support, thanked the board and audience.
Ms. Hatcher thanked everyone for attending, she appreciates everyone's vote of confidence and looks forward to working with everyone.
Ms. LeMelle thanked everyone for their support and hope to serve the district well.
Mr. Rawls recognized several members of the audience: Retired State Representative, Sue Helm, Representative Justin Fleming, and Commissioner Frank Lynch.
Mr. K. Johnson and Mr. Rawls thanked Judge Urrutia.
Mr. Ali congratulated everyone who has been elected and sworn in.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

SPEAKER None

IV. REORGANIZATION OF SCHOOL BOARD

MOTION TO NOMINATE **4.A.** Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. Ali to nominate Mr. Kalonji Johnson as Temporary President of the Board.

Mr. Rawls called three times for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. Ali to close nominations for Temporary President of the Board.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

TEMPORARY PRESIDENT Mr. Kalonji Johnson was declared Temporary President by acclamation.

MOTION TO NOMINATE **4.B.** Moved by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Ms. Hatcher to nominate Mr. Rawls as President of the Board.

MOTION TO NOMINATE **4.B.** Moved by Ms. McCullough, seconded by Mr. Campbell to nominate Mr. Ali as President of the Board.

Mr. K. Johnson called three times for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

Nominations were closed by Mr. K. Johnson.

ELECTION OF PRESIDENT Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr. was declared President 6-3, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Rawls: Ms. Hatcher, Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. K. Johnson, Ms. LeMelle, Mr. Rawls
Ali: Miss McCullough, Mr. Campbell, Mr. Ali
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MOTION TO NOMINATE 4.C. Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Ms. LeMelle to nominate Miss McCullough as Vice President of the Board.

MOTION TO NOMINATE 4.C. Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Campbell to nominate Mr. K. Johnson as Vice President of the Board.

MOTION TO NOMINATE 4.C. Moved by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to nominate Ms. Hatcher Vice President of the Board.

Mr. Rawls called three times for further nominations. There were no further nominations.

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to close nominations for Vice President of the Board.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

ELECTION OF VICE PRESIDENT Ms. Tameka Hatcher was declared Vice President 5-4, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

1st ROLL CALL VOTE:

McCullough: Mr. Campbell, Ms. LeMelle, Mr. Ali, Miss McCullough
Johnson: Mr. S. Johnson
Hatcher: Mr. Rawls, Mrs. Hill, Mr. K. Johnson, Ms. Hatcher
Abstain: None
Absent: None

McCullough – 4 votes

Hatcher – 4 votes

Johnson – 1 vote

2nd ROLL CALL VOTE:

McCullough: Mr. Campbell, Ms. LeMelle, Mr. Ali, Miss McCullough
Hatcher: Mr. Rawls, Mrs. Hill, Mr. K. Johnson, Ms. Hatcher, Mr. S. Johnson
Abstain: None
Absent: None

MOTION TO NOMINATE 4.D. Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Ms. Hatcher to nominate Mr. Kalonji Johnson as Secretary of the Board.

MOTION TO NOMINATE 4.D. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson to nominate Miss McCullough as Secretary of the Board.

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to close nominations for Secretary of the Board.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

ROLL CALL VOTE:

McCullough: Mr. Campbell, Ms. LeMelle, Mr. K. Johnson, Miss McCullough

K. Johnson: Mr. Rawls, Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Ms. Hatcher, Mr. Ali

Abstain: None

Absent: None

ELECTION OF SECRETARY Mr. Kalonji Johnson was declared Secretary of the Board.

MOTION TO VACATE OFFICE Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson for Mr. Kalonji Johnson to vacate the office of Secretary of the Board.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

MOTION TO NOMINATE 4.D. Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to nominate Miss McCullough as Secretary of the Board.

MOTION TO CLOSE NOMINATIONS Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Hatcher to close nominations for Secretary of the Board.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

ELECTION OF SECRETARY Miss Rebecca McCullough was declared Secretary of the Board.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Mr. Ali, Mr Campbell, Ms. Hatcher, Mr. Rawls, Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. K. Johnson, Ms. LeMelle, Miss McCullough

Nay: None

Abstain: None

Absent: None

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

MOTION TO TABLE

Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to table item 4.E.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

4.E. Discuss the proposed 2024 School Board Meeting dates. (attached to BoardDocs)

MOTION TO RECONSIDER

Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to discuss item 4.E.

4.E. Discuss the proposed 2024 School Board Meeting dates. (attached to BoardDocs)

DISCUSSION

Ms. Hatcher asked the board if meeting dates must remain on Monday.
Mr. Rawls shared that historically districts have board meetings on Mondays and that PIAA athletic events are generally not scheduled on Mondays.

Mr. K. Johnson asked if the 2024 board meeting schedule was created around religious holidays.

Dr. Willis shared that the 2024 board meeting schedule was created around federal holidays as it has been done in previous years.

V. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A.B.C.D. Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Miss McCullough to approve Items 9.A.B.C.D.
Motion passed 8-1 (Hatcher), 0 abstentions, 0 absent

9.A. Approve the payment of Activity Fund bills from the First National Bank Activity Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$720.00.

9.B. Approve the payment of Capital Reserve PSDLAF Checking bills from the Capital Reserve PSDLAF Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$291,575.05.

9.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 \$1,845,644.34.

9.D. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$65,728.78.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

None

VII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed: 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.



Rebecca McCullough
Board Secretary