

CALL TO ORDER At 7:02 p.m., the February 5, 2024, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by President Jesse Rawls, Sr.

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

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS Mr. Majid Ali

ABSENT Mr. Scott Campbell

DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mr. Mark Holman, Dr. Tamara Willis, Dr. Kristi Prime,
Mrs. Carrie Martin, Mrs. Cara Klinger, 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 real estate matters.

INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS None

REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS **Long Term Facilities Planning Committee:** Mr. Anderson shared that the committee met on January 4, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. The committee reviewed the monies in place in the Capital Project Funds as well as the various projects that are underway in the district. The Committee also reviewed what projects they would be looking at in the next three years. Additionally, conversation was held on an enrollment study the district would like to have done and what an elementary school would like in the district.

Policy Committee: Ms. Hatcher reminded everyone that the next meeting will be February 6, 2024, at 5:30 pm.

Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU): Mrs. Hill has completed her orientation and attended their board meeting. CAIU conducted a first read of their 2024-2025 budget which reflects no increase for the district. Mrs. Hill also reported that she will be serving on the Champions for Children Committee at the CAIU.

Legislative Updates: Mr. Kalonji Johnson shared that the Governor would release his budget tomorrow which includes landmark legislation for education funding. PSBA will be featuring a webinar on February 9, 2024, to provide an update on the budget proposal and what it could mean for school districts.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Tamara Willis shared that she lent her voice to an article in Time Magazine. The Carnegie Foundation teamed up with Educational Testing Services (ETS) to reimagine what assessments should look like for students. The article mentioned Susquehanna Township School District for our work in Competency-Based Learning. Dr. Willis also shared that the Girls Basketball Team won the Mid Penn Capital Division and gave a shout out to the team and coaching staff.

Mr. Rawls added that Dr. Willis was the only Superintendent in the state to be quoted in the Time Magazine article.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR FEBRUARY 5, 2024

MOTION TO APPROVE

2.A. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson to approve the meeting agenda for February 5, 2024.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Campbell)

2.B. Board Member Comments

Mr. K. Johnson gave a shout out to the district for their upcoming participation in the Historically Black Colleges & Universities (HBCU) Fair hosted by Big Brothers Big Sisters of the Capital Region.

Dr. Willis shared that approximately 100 of the district's learners will be attending the college fair.

Mr. Rawls welcomed Susquehanna Township Commissioner Pamela Cross who introduced herself as the new Township Commissioner representing the 8th Ward.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION

4.A. Patrick Raugh, Federal Program and Data Specialist, presented a draft of the 2024-2025 school calendar.

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE

5.A. Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson, to approve Item 5.A. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Campbell)

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the January 22, 2024, Board meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

MOTION TO APPROVE

6.A. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Ali, to approve Item 6.A. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Campbell)

6.A. Approve the STHS course planning guide for the 2024-2025 school year, as attached. (attached to BoardDocs)

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C.D. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Miss McCullough, to approve Items 7.A.B.C.D. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Campbell)

7.A.1. Approve Ashleigh Heagy as Related Arts Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$76,271.00, pro-rated, effective January 23, 2024. Ms. Heagy will be replacing Caitlin Jodoin.

7.A.2. Amend Juwayriyah Abdallah as Elementary School Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School, from effective date to be determined to effective January 30, 2024.

7.A.3. Amend Jamie Wiley as Learning Support ELA Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, from effective date to be determined to effective February 1, 2024.

7.A.4. Approve Brenna Franz as LTS Elementary School Teacher at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a salary of \$52,766.00, pro-rated, effective date to be determined. Ms. Franz will be replacing Lynsey Myers.

7.A.5 Amend Gabrielle Jarvis as Elementary School Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School from effective January 30, 2024, to effective February 5, 2024.

7.A.6. Amend Emily Litz as Life Skills Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, from effective date to be determined to effective February 20, 2024.

7.B.1. Approve Thelma Enders as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective January 30, 2024. Ms. Enders will be replacing Elizabeth Pagan.

7.B.2. Amend Tacoya Faucette as Elementary School Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School from an effective date to be determined to effective February 20, 2024.

7.B.3. Approve Susan Butler as Part-Time Food Service Worker at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$15.00 per hour, effective February 5, 2024. Ms. Butler will be replacing Joyce Randolph.

7.C.1. Approve Amanda Salter as Mentor for Jamie Wiley at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.C.2. Approve Amanda Salter as Mentor for Emily Litz at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

7.C.3. Approve the payment of 1 personal day at \$150.00 per day, totaling \$150.00 for Hannah Sprenkle.

7.D. Approve the Amendments to the Act 93 Compensation Plan as presented in executive session and the Negotiations Committee meeting.

INFORMATIONAL:

7.E. November and December 2023 Conferences as attached (attached to BoardDocs)

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Hill, to approve Items 8.A.B.C. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Campbell)

8.A. Approve the payment of Capital Reserve PSDLAF checking bill from the Capital Reserve PSDLAF Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$10,496.64.

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 \$2,506,598.21.

8.C. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$11,291.37.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A.B.C.D.E.F. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Hill, to approve Items 9.A.B.C.D.E.F.

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

9.A. Approve the Johnson Controls Planned Service Agreement as outlined in the attached document for the provision of annually required fire alarm and life safety systems inspections.

9.B. Retroactively approve the supplemental contract #-2021-JOCC-31, job order # 120564.00.01 in the amount of \$2,375.00 and as outlined in the supplemental agreement provided to the Board of School Director. The scope of work associated with this project impacts window repairs at four locations throughout the district's campuses. No further details are included on the board agenda as this is a matter of safety and security for which details are restricted to the School Board and Administration level.

9.C. Retroactively approve the attached High School Football Field Concession Stand – Scoreboard Offloading supplemental contract #-2021-JOCC-31, job order # 109030.00.04 as outlined and in the amount of \$2,083.58. The district purchased the scoreboard from the company, OES. Initially, the district intended moving the scoreboard internally but learned that it did not have the equipment in place to do so. The district then utilized Lobar & Associates to complete this task. Lobar provided the heavy equipment and labor necessary to remove the scoreboard from the OES delivery truck in the HS parking lot to the required location for erection

9.D. Retroactively approve the attached Lobar Associates change order in the amount of \$945 for the restoration of an exterior ADA ramp access exiting the middle school library.

9.E. Approve the Confidentiality and Mutual Non-Disclosure Agreement as prepared by district legal counsel and presented to the Board of School Directors in executive session.

9.F. Approve the amendment to the contract between Rohrer Bus Services and Susquehanna Township School District for the provision of bus monitors/aides as outlined in the agreement.

DISCUSSION

9.G. Discuss the El Associates proposal for the preparation of project design and pricing documents for the high school cafeteria food court renovation project as discussed and presented at the district's most recent long-term facilities planning committee meeting. This project is slated for funding via the district's Food Service

Fund as monies are already in place to finance the project. The project is to be completed and ready for stakeholder use at the start of the 2025-2026 school year.

X. POLICY

None

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.A.B. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson, to approve Items 11.A.B.

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

11.A. Approve Jesse Rawls, Sr. as the Susquehanna Township School District (STSD) representative to the Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners.

11.B. Approve the proposed settlement regarding the BNG 1 Associates, Dauphin County Docket # - 2022-CV-6535 TX, parcel no. 62-023-071 real estate property located at 150 Nationwide Drive, as discussed in executive session.

DISCUSSION

11.C. Discuss the 2024-2025 STSD School Calendar.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Campbell)

Meeting adjourned 7:41 p.m.



Rebecca McCullough
Board Secretary