

- CALL TO ORDER** At 7:06 p.m., the January 22, 2024, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by President Jesse Rawls, Sr.
- SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT** Mr. Majid Ali ,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. 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 personnel and real estate matters.
- INTRODUCTIONS/  
GUEST PRESENTATIONS** None
- REPORTS/  
ANNOUNCEMENTS** **Student Board Representatives: Bessie Idan and Nicholas Mabry** presented a report highlighting recent activities and events from district buildings. (attached to BoardDocs)
- Dauphin County Technical School: Mr. Steven Johnson** gave a report from the JOC meeting he attended on January 10, 2024. Cameron Gomez, a STSD student, was honored as the Wolverine of the Month. DCTS is looking to start a CDL certification course in the future. Several DCTS students had the opportunity to attend the Farm Show and compete in the Iron Chef competition with celebrity chefs.
- Dauphin County Tax Collection Committee – Mr. Anderson** reported that they are looking for a new Solicitor.
- II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 22, 2024**
- MOTION TO APPROVE** **2.A.** Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Hatcher to approve the meeting agenda for January 22, 2024.  
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

**2.B. Board Member Comments**

Mr. K. Johnson gave a shout out to Dr. Willis for the wonderful job she did serving on a panel for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day at Greater Zion Missionary Baptist Church.

**III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC**

**SPEAKER**

**C. Edwards** expresses his concern over the increased enrollment in the district, especially at Thomas Holtzman Elementary School. He asked the board to have a greater sense of urgency in addressing the increased in number of students.

**Fred Faytona**, Commissioner for the 6<sup>th</sup> Ward, introduced himself as the new liaison from the township to our school board.

**M. Termin** expressed her concerns with Customized Learning that she has experienced with her students.

**IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS**

**PRESENTATION**

**4.A.** Carrie Martin, Director of Special Education and Student Services, and Bethany Peters, Assistant Director of Special Education and Student Services presented an update from the Special Education Department. (attached to BoardDocs)

**4.B.** David Archer III, High School Principal, presented the 2-24-2025 High School Course Selection Guide.

**V. MINUTES**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**5.A.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson, to approve Item 5.A. Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the January 8, 2024, Board meeting.

**VI. PROGRAM**

**DISCUSSION**

**6.A.** Discuss the STHS course planning guide for the 2024-2025 school year, as attached.

**VII. PERSONNEL**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

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

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

**7.A.1.** Approve the resignation of Hannah Sprenkle as Elementary School Teacher at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective January 16, 2024.

**7.A.2.** Approve the resignation of Douglas Shenk as Assistant Track Coach at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective January 12, 2024.

**7.A.3.** Approve the resignation of Caitlin Jodoin as Music Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective February 2, 2024.

**7.A.4.** Approve the resignation of Debra Hemperly as Assistant III Paraprofessional at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective February 2, 2024.

**7.B.1.** Approve the termination of Eammon Walsh as Part-Time Food Service Floater at the Susquehanna Township School District for failing his probationary period as a result of job abandonment, effective January 12, 2024.

**7.C.1.** Amend Lauren Mays as Elementary School Teacher at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School from an effective date to be determined to effective January 16, 2024.

**7.C.2.** Approve Gabrielle Jarvis as Elementary School Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a salary of \$52,766.00, pro-rated, effective January 30, 2024. Ms. Jarvis will be replacing Gretchen Helsen.

**7.C.3.** Approve Tacoya Faucette as Elementary School Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a salary of \$59,065.00, pro-rated, effective date to be determined. Ms. Faucette will be replacing Kathryn Linn.

**7.C.4.** Approve Jamie Wiley as Learning Support ELA Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$55,866.00, pro-rated, effective date to be determined. Ms. Wiley will be filling a new position.

**7.C.5.** Approve Emily Litz as Life Skills Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$52,766.00, pro-rated, effective date to be determined. Ms. Litz will be replacing Kennedi Welsh.

**7.C.6.** Approve Juwayriyah Abdallah as Elementary School Teacher at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School at a salary of \$67,611, pro-rated, effective date to be determined. Ms. Abdallah will be replacing Troy Krall.

**7.D.1.** Approve Elizabeth Alexander as Mentor for Victoria Rutherford at the Thomas Holtzman Elementary School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2023-2024 school year.

**7.D.2.** Approve Justin Hollenberg as Pit Conductor for the 2023-2024 Susquehanna Township High School Musical at a stipend of \$1,000.00.

**7.D.3.** Approve Margaret Fox as Costumer for the 2023-2024 Susquehanna Township High School Musical at a stipend of \$1,000.00.

**7.D.4.** Approve Maria Cherepinsky as Vocal Coach for the 2023-2024 Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$1,000.00.

**7.D.5.** Rescind Callan Wendall as Mentor for Nora Johnstone at the Susquehanna Township Middle School for the second half of the 2023-2024 school year.

**7.D.6.** Approve Rebekah Batz as Mentor for Nora Johnstone for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year at a stipend of \$250.00

#### **VIII. FINANCES**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.** Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Hill, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

**8.A.** Approve the payment of Activity Fund bills from the First National Bank Activity Fund Checking as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$2,455.00.

**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 \$15,125.89.

**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 \$1,921,895.93.

**8.D.** Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$1,928,749.68

**8.E.** Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$20,282,261.16.

**8.F.** Approve the following Personal Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Nichol Edwards-Young  
Bill #: 002589

Year: 2022  
Refund Amount: \$308.00  
Reason: Nichol Edwards-Young is not a Susquehanna Township resident; paid the taxes in error.

**8.G.** Approve the following Real Estate Tax Refund:

Taxpayer Name: Brenner Family Trust  
Parcel#: 62-089-013  
Year: 2023 - 2024  
Refund Amount: \$390.33  
Reason: Executive session review of extenuating circumstances. (Penalty waived)

**8.H.** Approve the STSD Independent Local Audit Report for the 2022-2023 Fiscal Year as presented by the district's local audit firm, Boyer & Ritter, LLC.

**IX. CONTRACTS**

**MOTION TO APPROVE**

**9.A.B.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson to approve Items 9.A.B. Motion passed 8-1(Campbell), 0 abstentions, 0 absent

**9.A.** Approve the Susquehanna Township Middle School (STMS) Exterior Door and Frame replacement Job Order Contracting (JOC) attached supplemental contract # 2021-JOCC-31, # 122553.00 in the amount of \$40,987.36 for the replacement of the existing exterior door and frame. 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.

**9.B.** Approve the attached Marco Print Solution proposal for the purchase and ancillary service of a new HP E50145DN laser jet printer for printing district general, payroll, food service, student activity, scholarship/trust and capital projects fund checks as required.

**DISCUSSION**

**9.C.** Discuss 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.

**X. POLICY**

**POLICY FIRST READ**

**10.A.** Discuss Policy 006.1: Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic Communications.

Ms. Hatcher that a Policy Committee Meeting be convened on February 6 @ 5:30 where Policy 006.1 will be reviewed.

**XI. OTHER**

None

**XII. NEW BUSINESS**

Mr. Rawls volunteered to be the representative to the Susquehanna Township Board of Commissioners.

**XIII. ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN**

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

Meeting adjourned 8:23 p.m.



Rebecca McCullough  
Board Secretary