# SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

**CALL TO ORDER** 

At 7:04 p.m., the March 4, 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

Power School Enrollment Projections & Analytics Presentation - Mr. Stephen Pechter, Senior Manager for PowerSchool and Ron Van Orden, Solution Strategy Director for Predictive Enrollment Analytics presented an overview of the proposed partnership with Susquehanna Township School District. (attached to BoardDocs)

REPORTS/
ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Legislative Updates: Mr. Kalonji Johnson shared** that PSBA has a Leadership Scholarship open to any student graduating in 2024.

Superintendent Report: Dr. Willis remembered one of our learners, Caleb S. Mehari, who passed away on February 9, 2024. Dr. Willis congratulated the swim team, which participated in the PIAA District 3 competition on Saturday, March 2. The boys' team placed 8th in the Boy's 200 Medley Relay. The girls' team placed 8th in the 200 Medley Relay as well. Zoe Banke-Davies placed 8th in the girl's 100 Freestyle. The girls' team was also recognized as the 2023-2024 Mid Penn Winter Sportsmanship Winner for the Colonial Division. Dr. Willis gave a shout-out to the girls' basketball team for winning their previous game.

They will host a PIAA State Tournament game on Saturday, March 9 @ 1:00 pm. Tickets must be purchased online.

# SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

Harrisburg, Pennsylvania 17110

MARCH 4, 2024 Monday Evening

# II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 4, 2024

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**2.A.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to approve the meeting agenda for March 4, 2024.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

#### 2.B. Board Member Comments

**Mr. K. Johnson** welcomed the staff and coaches who are attending the meeting. He praised the coaching staff for their work with our students.

**Ms.** Hatcher reminded everyone that March is Women's History Month, and that Ramadan begins this month.

#### III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

# IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

# **PRESENTATION**

- **4.A. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee Update** Andrae Martin, Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Coordinator presented.
- **4.B. Middle School Spotlight** Presenters: Ryan Evans, Middle School Principal, David Stack, Assistant Middle School Principal, Lisa Robbins, Assistant Middle School Principal, Molly Sauder, PTSO President, Kiva Sutton, Middle School Teacher
- **4.C.** High School Spotlight Presenters: David Archer, High School Principal, Toni Gockley, High School Teacher, Joseph Headen, High School Teacher, Mason Lubold, Student, Brianna Reynolds, Parent

# **V. MINUTES**

## **MOTION TO APPROVE**

- **5.A. B.** Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson, to approve Items 5.A.B. Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent
- 5.A. Approve the Minutes of the February 20, 2024, Board meeting.
- 5.B. Approve the Revised Minutes of the January 22, 2024, Board meeting

#### VI. PROGRAM

None

#### VII. PERSONNEL

#### MOTION TO APPROVE

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

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

- **7.A.1.** Approve the resignation of Jeh'Von Copeland as Night Custodian at the Thomas W. Holtzman, Jr. Elementary School, effective February 22, 2024.
- **7.A.2**. Approve the resignation of Michael Sterner as Assistant Football Coach at the Susquehanna Township High School, effective February 21, 2024.
- **7.B.1**. Approve Heather Bravener as temporary Part-Time School Psychologist at the Susquehanna Township School District at a per diem rate, effective August 8, 2023.
- **7.C.1.** Approve Alicia Segarra as Assistant 3 Paraprofessional- Multiple Disabilities at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$18.89 per hour, effective February 22, 2024. Ms. Segarra will be filling a new position.
- **7.D.1.** Approve Heather Philippe as Mentor for Brenna Franz at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a stipend of \$250.00 for the remainder of the 2023-2024 school year. Kelsey Mearkle.

#### **VIII. FINANCES**

#### **MOTION TO APPROVE**

**8.A.B.C.D.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

- **8.A.** Approve the payment of Activity Fund bill from the First National Bank Activity Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$9,443.20.
- **8.B.** Approve the payment of Capital Reserve PSDLAF checking bill from the Capital Reserve PSDLAF Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$45,678.26.
- **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 \$2,031,532.57.
- **8.D.** Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$115.32.

#### IX. CONTRACTS

#### MOTION TO APPROVE

**9.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.** Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Ms. LeMelle to approve Items 9.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.

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

- **9.A.** Approve the Proposal from G. R. Sponaugle to replace the electrical panel at the Susquehanna Township Middle School.
- **9.B.** Approve the Proposal from Lobar Associates to relocate the temporary concession stand from the High School Stadium to the Middle School Field area for use.
- **9.C.** Approve Comcast's provision of technology related services to Susquehanna Township School District.
- **9.D.** Approve the Agreements with Talk Together, LLC, to provide Speech services, as needed, both in-person and virtually.
- **9.E.** Approve the replacement and upgrade of three High School, one Middle School, and two Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary Center HVAC Roof Top Units (RTUs) in the amount of \$950,000 as outlined in the attached Frey Lutz, Costars Contract #008-E22-832, Costars Vendor #138175.
- **9.F.** Approve the replacement and upgrade of all Middle School and Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary Center HVAC Automatic Temperature Control (ATC) components in the amount of \$428,000 as outlined in the attached OAESYS Controls, Integration, Energy, Costars Contract #028-E23-044, Costars Vendor #553121.
- **9.G.** Approve the PowerSchool Predictive Student Enrollment Analytics enrollment study, projections, and year-round technology access proposal for a period of 36 months beginning March 15, 2024, and ending March 15, 2027.

# **DISCUSSION**

**9.H.** Discuss the Local Education Agency Letter of Agreement (LEA), Pennsylvania's Education for Children and Youth Experiencing Homelessness (ECYEH) Program Roles and Responsibilities between Susquehanna Township School District (STSD) and Region 2 - Berks County Intermediate Unit. This Agreement ensures compliance with the McKinney-Vento Act.

#### DISCUSSION

**9.1.** Discuss the Agreement with West Chester University of Pennsylvania for the Partnering in Raising Inclusive Zealous Educators (PRIZE) program.

#### X. POLICY

**MOTION TO TABLE** 

**10.A.** Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to table item 10.A. for the purpose of legal review.

MOTION TO WITHDRAW THE MOTION TO TABLE

**10.A.** Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Ms. Hatcher to withdraw the motion to table

item 10.A.

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

**POLICY FIRST READ** 

10.A. First read of revised Policy 006: Meetings.

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**10.B.** First read of revised Policy 006.1: Attendance at Meetings Via Electronic

Communications.

The board had discussion on Policy 006 and Policy 006.1.

Ms. Hatcher read Policy 006.1. aloud.

Mr. Campbell was called "out of order" three times for disruptive behavior, including talking over other board members and talking out of order, but continued to speak over other board members without being recognized. Mr. Campbell was given multiple opportunities to get back in order by ceasing his disruptive behavior. He was given a final opportunity, which he did not comply with. As a result, his electronic feed was turned down so the board could continue in a non-disruptive manner.

The board recessed for a break at 9:48 p.m. The board returned from recess at 9:56 p.m.

## XI. OTHER

# **MOTION TO APPROVE**

11.A. Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded Mrs. Hill, to approve Item 11.A.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:** 

Aye:

Mr. Ali, Miss McCullough, Ms. Hatcher, Ms. LeMelle

Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. K. Johnson, Mr. Rawls

Nay:

None

Abstain:

None

Absent:

Mr. Campbell,

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent

**11.A**. Recommend approval of the attached Resolution regarding the purchase of certain real property located at 1901 Wayne Avenue (parcel ID 62-026-033), Susquehanna Township, Dauphin County, Pennsylvania, consisting of approximately

 $\pm$  42 acres of land, more or less, from the School District of the City of Harrisburg, including the Agreement of Sale effectuating such sale, subject to the final review and approval of the School District solicitor and School District administration.

Mr. Rawls thanks

**XII. NEW BUSINESS** 

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

**MOTION TO ADJOURN** 

Moved by Mr. Ali, seconded by Ms. LeMelle to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed: 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Mr. Campbell)

Meeting adjourned 10:10 p.m.

Rebecca McCullough Board Secretary