

CALL TO ORDER	At 7:03 p.m., the January 6, 2025, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by President Jesse Rawls, Sr.
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Ms. Tameka Hatcher, Ms. Elise I. LeMelle, Jackie Hill, Mr. Jayonn Folks, Mr. Eric Hedenberg, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Mr. Steven H. Johnson, Dr. Anita Mareno
DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT	Dr. Tamara Willis, Dr. Andrae Martin, Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mrs. Carrie Martin, Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop
DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS	Mrs. Kathy Ciaciulli
SOLICITOR	Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott, LLC
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	<p>Celebrating Families: Mr. David Archer III, High School Principal honored the Lubold Family for their contributions to fostering a positive and supportive learning environment in our school community. The family was presented with a certificate and a token of appreciation from Dr. Willis.</p> <p>Mr. Jeremy Madernach presented the STSD 23-24 FY Independent Local Audit Report. The district has received an unmodified opinion, the highest rating.</p>
REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Legislative Updates: Mr. Kalonji Johnson shared that state legislature returns tomorrow for the start of the 25-26 session. There will be a short hiatus until the Governor's budget address in February.</p> <p>School Board Committees: Mr. Rawls reminded members that they have a copy of the new committee assignments and committees will need to establish a meeting schedule for 2025.</p> <p>Superintendent's Notes: Dr. Tamara Willis shared that the district will have a 2-hour delay tomorrow due to the freezing temperatures and possible icy conditions in the morning. Dr. Willis shared that several of our student athletes have received recognition.</p> <p>Girls Soccer Mid Penn All-Stars (PennLive): Jaylynn Dorsey, defense – 2nd team and Fiona Brown, forward – Honorable Mention.</p>

Field Hockey Mid Penn All-Stars (PennLive): Peyton Campbell – Honorable Mention, Sydnee Kleckner – Honorable Mention, and Haley Lawrence – Honorable Mention.

Football Mid Penn All-Stars (PennLive): Lex Cyrus – WR 1st Team, Mason Lubold – OL 1st Team, Kaseemh Singleton Brown – LB 1st Team, Yendor Mack – OL 2nd Team, Jarrett Kern – WR Honorable Mention, and Torin Evans – QB Honorable Mention.

Football 4A All-State Team (PAFootballNews.com): Lex Cyrus – KR/PR 1st Team and Mason Lubold – Center 1st Team

Dr. Willis also gave a shout out to Lex Cyrus who has signed with University of South Carolina, graduated early and was able to practice with the team for the bowl game.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR JANUARY 6, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE

2.A. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Hatcher to approve the meeting agenda for January 6, 2025.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

2.B. Board Member Comments

Mr. K. Johnson recognized the Lubold family for their commitment to supporting the district on many levels.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION

4.A. Mr. David Archer III presented an overview of the 2025-2026 High School Course Planning Guide.

V. MINUTES

None

VI. PROGRAM

MOTION TO APPROVE

6.A. Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Ms. LeMelle to approve item 6.A.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

6.A. Approve the Susquehanna Township High School Musical for the 2024-2025 School Year, "Mamma Mia."

DISCUSSION

6.B. Discuss the STHS course planning guide for the 2025-2026 school year, as attached.

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Ms. LeMelle, to approve Items 7.A.B.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

7.A.1. Approve the resignation of Traci McAloose, as ELA Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective on or before February 13, 2025.

7.B.1. Approve the following coaches/advisors for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Stipend
Jy'Mere Rucker-Cash	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	STMS	\$0
Justin Hollenberg	Pit Conductor	STHS Musical	\$1,000.00
Natalie Taylor	Choreographer	STHS Musical	\$1,000.00
Jason McMullen	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	STHS	\$0
Michelle Jeffries	Drama Club Advisor	STHS	\$660.00 (prorated) for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year
Michelle Jeffries	Hanna Musical Production Club	STHS	\$300.00 (prorated) for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year

7.B.2. Approve the following Safe Crisis Management Trainers for the 2024-2025 school year at a stipend of \$2,000.

Kaitlyn Veronikis
Amber Jackson
Travis Leaman
Diana Smulkitis
Morgan Barksdale

7.B.3. Amend Ashleigh Heagy from mentor to sponsor for Maria Miller at the Susquehanna Township Middle School from a stipend of \$1,000.00 to \$500.00 pro-rated, for the 2024-2025 school year.

7.B.4. Approve Matthew Scharadin as Mentor for Mackenzie Unger at a stipend of \$1,000.00, pro-rated, for the 2024-2025 school year.

7.B.5. Approve Joseph Headen as the Head Football Coach at Susquehanna Township High School with a stipend of \$7,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E.F. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.F.

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 \$114.57.

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 \$12,683.61.

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 \$4,915,227.61.

8.D. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$57,560.05.

8.E. Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$6,319,051.40.

8.F. Approve the submission of the Dauphin County Gaming Grant Request for Payment.

DISCUSSION

8.G. Discuss the STSD Independent Local Audit Report for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year as presented by the district's local audit firm, Boyer & Ritter, LLC.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A.B.C.D. Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Ms. LeMelle to approve Items 9.A.B.C.D.

Motion passed 9-0 0 abstentions, 0 absent

9.A. Approve the Addendum to the agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 for Title IIA Programs and Services.

9.B. Approve the Addendum to the agreement with Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 for Title IVA Programs and Services.

9.C. Approve the Agreement with OES in the amount of \$502.00 for the fabrication and provision of signage as outlined in the proposal for installation on the exterior of the Administrative Offices Building.

9.D. Approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between Susquehanna Township School District and Dauphin County Probation Services Office.

X. POLICY

MOTION TO APPROVE

10.A.B.C.D.E.F.G. Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve Items 10.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.

Motion passed 9-0 0 abstentions, 0 absent

10.A. Approve Revised Policy 113.1: Discipline of Students with Disabilities.

10.B. Approve Revised Policy 113.2: Behavior Support.

10.C. Approve Revised Policy 113.4: Confidentiality of Special Education Student Information.

10.D. Approve Revised Policy 122: Extracurricular Activities.

10.E. Approve Policy 123: Interscholastic Athletics.

10.F. Approve Policy 123.1: Concussion Management.

10.G. Approve Policy: 123.2: Sudden Cardiac Arrest.

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.A. Moved by Ms. LeMelle, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson, to approve Item 11.A.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Nay: None

Abstain: Mr. Hedenberg, Dr. Mareno, Mr. Folks

Absent: None

Motion passed 6-0, 3 abstentions, 0 absent

11.A. The Board panel for student # 2024-25/018 recommends the Adjudication and Disposition, as discussed in executive session, be adopted by the full Board of Directors of the Susquehanna Township School District.

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.B. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson to approve Item 11.B.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

11.B. Approve the Choices Healthcare request for exemption regarding the School District Real Estate Tax Bill issued 7/1/2024 for parcel 62-074-020. The exemption request relates to property located at 1320 Linglestown Rd. utilized as the administrative offices for a hospice health care facility. This parcel was considered exempt prior to the merger between the previous property owner (Hospice of Central PA) and new owner (Choices Healthcare). In accordance with the Dauphin County Tax Claims Office internal process, at the time a previously exempt parcel is purchased by a new owner, it is automatically placed back on the district's taxable rolls for billing purposes and remains taxable unless it is classified exempt, as is the case with this property. As noted in the attached email from the Dauphin County Tax Assessment Office, the new property owner (Choices Healthcare) applied for exemption on 7/19/24 and was granted exemption effective 1/1/25. When considering the current property use continues to meet Dauphin County Tax Assessment Office taxation exemption criteria it is recommended that (Choice Healthcare) be exempt and not liable for the tax bill retroactive to 7/1/2024 and forward as long as the property owner retains this exemption status with Dauphin County. It is noted that this matter has been reviewed with the district's solicitor.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed: 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.


Elise LeMelle
Board Secretary