

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI room on Tuesday, April 15, 2025 at 7:30 PM with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A moment of silent meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President
Nicholas Boyle, Vice President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Melanie Dillman
Nancy Jones

Bryan Miller
Mark Rother
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Tom Bartasavage

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Stephen Toth, Assistant Superintendent; Connie Ligenza, Business Manager; Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operating Officer

Others in Attendance – member of the press, Erik Helbing, solicitor, one member of the community

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the minutes from March 18, 2025. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Ligenza indicated that all correspondences and appropriate reports relating to the agenda were available to the members of the board.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Superintendent Report – Kinder indicated that the report in its entirety was attached to the agenda.

Hearings – None

President Wittig called for an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

There was no session held.

Auxiliary Committee – Rother presented the following items as recommendations for the Auxiliary Committee.

Rother made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to approve the following for the 2024-2025 school year: Act 80 Day; Raider Band Christmas Party; Senior Citizen Discount Ticket Price; Volunteer Coaches; Coaches; Rescind Motion; Resignation; Reclassification; Full-Time Custodian; Substitute Custodians; Substitute Teacher Coordinator; Access Billing Coordinator; Band Directors; Volunteer Band Assistants; Choral Directors; Drama Club Advisor and Assistants; Auditorium, Stage and Audio Visual Manager; Advisors; Elementary Assistant Gaming Coaches; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

April 21, 2025, as an Act 80 day

Raider Band Christmas Party, December 13, 2025 at Capriotti's McAdoo, PA

Senior citizen (62+) discounted ticket price to enter athletic events,

recommendation is the cost of a student ticket (2.00)

Ryan Bamford, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Softball Coach

Brandi DeAngelo, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Cheerleading Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Jenn Balliet, Andreas, PA 18211, as a Middle School Cheerleading Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Kailee Warner, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Cheerleading Coach

Jarrett Reigel, Andreas, PA 18211, as a Junior Varsity Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Rescind the motion of December 17, 2024, approving Shane Kaufman, as an Assistant Junior High Football Coach

Shane Kaufman, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as the Junior High Football Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Resignation of David Funk, Full-Time Maintenance, with an effective date of April 6, 2025

Reclassification of Clem McCarroll 1st Shift Custodian to 1st Shift Maintenance

Justin McCarroll, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Full-Time Custodian at a rate of \$11.00 per hour

TC Conner, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$12.41 per hour

Ryan Dunkelberger, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$12.41 per hour

Mia Bamford, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$12.41 per hour

Ravin McCarroll, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian at a rate of \$12.41 per hour

2025-2026 School Year

Terri Livingston, Substitute Teacher Coordinator

Heather Metric, Access Billing Coordinator

Mark Beltz, Band Director

Marsha Rodgers, Assistant Band Director
Hannah Murphy, Volunteer Band Assistant
John (Jack) L. Buglio, Volunteer Band Assistant
Marsha Rodgers, Middle School Band Director
Marsha Rodgers, Elementary Band Director
Samantha Bubel, Band Silk Advisor
John Buglio, High School Choral Director
John Buglio, Middle School Choral Director
Samantha Bubel, Elementary Choral Director
Adriane Drum, Drama Club Advisor
Colleen Koppenhaver, Drama Club Assistant #1
(Choreographer)
Ruth Gardiner, Drama Club Assistant #2 (Scenic
Director)
Randa Ray, Drama Club Assistant #3 (Pit Band/Vocal
Director)
Johanna Ulicny, Drama Club Marketing Director
Mark Beltz, Auditorium/Stage/Audio Visual Manager
Nate Halenar, High School Freshman Advisor
Millini Skuba, High School Sophomore Class Advisor
Kristen Klingaman, High School Junior Class Advisor
Amanda Hascin, High School Senior Class Advisor
Stephen Ulicny, High School Student Government
Advisor (TASGA)
Kristen Klingaman, High School Biology Club Advisor
Kristen Klingaman, High School Environmental Club
Advisor
Lawrence Capozzelli, High School Physics and
Engineering Club Advisor
Kiersten Rivera, High School National Honor Society
Advisor
Eddie Titus, High School Math National Honor Society
Advisor
Amanda Woodring, Step Up Co-Advisor
Courtney Tamagini, Step Up Co-Advisor
Amanda Woodring, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Courtney Tamagini, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School Student Council Co-
Advisor
Nicole Evans, Middle School Student Council Co-
Advisor
Tracy Miller, Volunteer Middle School Student Council
Advisor
Michael Murphy, Middle School Math Counts Advisor

Michael Murphy, Middle School Lego Club Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School 6th Sense Co-Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School ACE Co-Advisor
Michael Murphy, Middle School Yearbook Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School National Junior Honor Society Co-Advisor
Lauren Ahner, Middle School National Junior Honor Society Co-Advisor
Megan Frantz, Middle School 8th Grade Class Co-Advisor
Taylor Stair, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Kelly Klimowitch, Aavidum Co-Advisor
Amy Walburn, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
Angela Faust, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach
Taylor Prehotsky, Elementary Assistant Gaming Coach

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Education Committee - Dillman, presented the following recommendations of the Education Committee.

Dillman made a motion seconded by Jones to approve the following for the 2024-2025 school year; 2025-2026 Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Student Driver Education Program Agreement; Resignations; Retirement; Substitute Guest Teacher; FMLA; Department Chairpersons; Liaison Teachers; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

2025-2026 Carbon Lehigh IU #21 Student Driver Education Program Agreement
Resignation of Brett Hoch, High School Mathematics Teacher, effective end of the 2024-2025 school year
Resignation of Michael Adams, Long Term Middle School Substitute Social Studies Teacher, effective March 27, 2025
Resignation of Autumn Pedron, Middle School Mathematics Teacher, effective end of the 2024-2025 school year
Retirement of Carole Blew, Part-Time Paraprofessional, effective end of the 2024-2025 school year
Derek Lankford, Mount Carmel, PA 17851, Substitute Guest Teacher
DarciJo Smarr, for FMLA, beginning on or about May 16, 2025, with a tentative return to work date of August 19, 2025, barring any medical complications
Sarah Hollenbach, for intermittent FMLA, beginning on or about May 5, 2025, with a tentative return to work date of May 30, 2025, barring any medical complications
Kim Woodward, for FMLA, beginning on or about April 7, 2025

2025-2026 School Year

John Matulevich, High School Business Education Department Chairperson
Frank Dickman, High School Extended Services Department Chairperson
Jennifer Curcio, High School Fine and Practical Arts Department Chairperson
Jillian Tuckett, High School Language Arts Department Chairperson

Robin Fink, High School Mathematics Department Chairperson
 James McCabe, High School Health and Physical Education Department Chairperson
 Kristen Klingaman, High School Science Department Chairperson
 Connie Segedy, High School Social Studies Department Chairperson
 Amanda Hascin, High School World Language Department Chairperson
 Sherri Gerber, High School Special Education Department Chairperson
 Kristine Schellhammer, Middle School Language Arts Department Chairperson
 Megan Frantz, Middle School Mathematics Department Chairperson
 Lauren Ahner, Middle School Science Department Chairperson
 Charlene Shannon, Middle School Social Studies Department Chairperson
 Jacqueline Murphy, Middle School Special Education Department Chairperson
 Andrew Michalik, Tamaqua Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison Teacher
 Alexa Hauer, Tamaqua Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher
 Dawn Walsh, Tamaqua Elementary Special Education Liaison Teacher
 Dana Barachie, West Penn Elementary Grades K-2 Liaison Teacher
 Angela Faust, West Penn Elementary Grades 3-5 Liaison Teacher
 Jennifer Kinder, West Penn Elementary Special Education Liaison Teacher
 Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Finance Committee – Schoener presented the following items as recommendations for the Finance Committee.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2024-2025 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; Life and LTD Insurance; CSIU Eservices Agreement; Penteledata Contract Ratification; Salary Adjustments; Dauphin Data Com Contract Ratification; 2025 SHINE Sponsor Agreement and Pricing; 2025 Tax Envelopes; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

Tamaqua Borough 2024 - Assessed Occupation
 West Penn Township 2022, 2023, 2024 - Assessed Occupation

Payment of Bills

Three-year contract (no change in rates) with CM Reagent Solutions and Sun Life effective 7/1/2025 as follows; Life: \$.112, ADD: \$.02, LTD: \$.224

CSIU Eservices Agreement for 2025-2026

Penteledata Contract Ratification: effective 7/1/2025-6/30/2030 at a cost of \$10,138.59 per month. This is the pre-Erate cost; 90% will be funded via Erate program

Approve listed salary adjustments

Dauphin Data Com Contract Ratification: Purchase amount of \$315,314 for connectors, switches and wireless access points (including set-up and installation). This is the pre-Erate cost; 85% funded with the Erate discount

2025 SHINE Sponsor Agreement and Pricing; \$2.50 Breakfast, \$4.25 Lunch
Purchase of Tax Envelopes 2025

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Hearing Committee – Boyle presented the following item as a recommendation for the Hearing Committee.

Boyle made a motion seconded by Jones to approve the expulsion of one High School Student to the T ASD Virtual Academy for one calendar year for a violation of the discipline code under the identified criteria. Student is banned from all T ASD properties unless permission is granted. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Communications – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to pay the monthly board invoices as presented. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Old Business – None

New Business - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Schoener to adjourn the meeting at 7:36 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/Board Secretary