

CALL TO ORDER	At 7:00 p.m., the April 22, 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, Mrs. Jackie Hill, Mr. Jayonn Folks, Mr. Eric Hedenberg, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Mr. Steven H. Johnson, Dr. Anita Mareno
ABSENT	Ms. Elise I. LeMelle
DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT	Dr. Andrae Martin, Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mrs. Kathy Ciaciulli, Mrs. Carrie Martin, Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop
ABSENT	Dr. Tamara Willis
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 student, personnel and real estate matters.
INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS	Celebrating Families: Mr. Ryan Evans, Middle School Principal honored the Hunsberger 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. Martin.
REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS	Education and Athletics Committee: Mr. K. Johnson shared that the committee met on April 8, 2025. During the Committee meeting, Dr. Martin provided updates on efforts to revive the NuPaths program, dual enrollment agreements with PA institutions of higher learning, and the summer learning academy curriculum. Athletic Director Dean provided updates from the Athletic Department including plans to have an open gym for those interested in volleyball, bolstering athletic programs at fall open houses, reviewing the turf maintenance contract, personnel changes, painting the main gym, and possible virtual ticketing options for football games. Student Board Representatives: Nicholas Mabry and Suha Rockwell presented a report highlighting recent activities and events from district buildings. (attached to BoardDocs) Dauphin County Technical School: Mr. S. Johnson reported that STSD has 2 students on the honor roll for April. A. Miller, Culinary Arts program and R. Hohney for Collision Repair Technology program. Hired a new assistant director, Claire Dacko. Rawls added that they are negotiating a new teacher contract at DCTS.

Capital Area Intermediate Unit: Mrs. Hill reported that she will be attending next Thursday and reminded members to complete their annual election ballot.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Andrae Martin reminded everyone that the high school orchestra concert is April 30 and that the middle school production of Willy Wonka, Jr. will be May 3 and 4. He also shared that Thomas Holtzman and middle school learners are currently doing PSSA testing and high school learners are completing AP testing. He reminded families

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II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR APRIL 22, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE

2.A. Moved by Mr. Hedenberg, seconded by Mr. Folks to approve the meeting agenda for April 22, 2025.

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

2.B. Board Member Comments

Mr. K. Johnson spoke about the recent public hearing regarding the proposed tax shift. He expressed appreciation for community member attendance and engagement, addressed concerns about the timing of the proposal following a prior failed vote, and emphasized their responsibility to make informed decisions for the benefit of current and future students. He encouraged the public to consult the district website for a detailed FAQ and individual impact calculations. Mr. Johnson Board reiterated board member willingness to engage with the community and highlighted the shared responsibility to stay informed.

Ms. Hatcher noted that today is Earth day and this year's global theme is "Our Power, Our Planet" This campaign emphasizes the collective responsibility to transition to renewable energy sources and create a sustainable future. She shared that this is something that is discussed in Long Term Facilities Planning Committee

meetings. S. Hatcher also shared that May is Asian American Pacific Islander and well as Jewish Heritage Month.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Hatcher read a statement outlining the guidelines for public comment.

SPEAKER

C. Shortlidge shared his thoughts on school and county taxes.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION

4.A. Student Serviced Update: Carrie Martin, Director of Special Education and Student Services, and Bethany Peters, Assistant Director of Special Education and Student Services presented. (attached to BoardDocs)

V. MINUTES

None

VI. PROGRAM

None

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C.D.F.G. Moved by Mr. Hedenberg, seconded by Mr. Folks, to approve Items 7.A.B.C.D.F.G.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

7.A. Approve the transfer of Maria Castillo as Night Custodian at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School to the Susquehanna Township High School, effective March 31, 2025. Maria will be replacing Randatta Subedi.

7.B. Approve the termination of Patricia Swingle as PT Food Service Worker at the Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective April 17, 2025.

7.C.1. Approve Breann Fleming as School Counselor at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a salary of \$63,380.00, effective August 12, 2025. Breann will be replacing Patrick Leister.

7.C.2. Approve Jason Anglada as Physical Education Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$82,430.00, effective August 12, 2025. Jason will be replacing William Pappalardo.

7.D. Approve Herson Romero as Night Custodian at the Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$17.70 per hour, effective April 22, 2025. Herson will be replacing Ganesh Subedi.

7.F.1. Approve Diana Smulkis as sponsor for Sara Martin for the 2024-2025 school year, effective March 31, 2025, at a prorated stipend of \$371.00.

7.F.2. Approve the following Summer School Teachers at a rate of \$40.00 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year:

Tramayne Hawthorne	Jaylen Hawthorne
Amy Vaughn	Mark Billante
Arlene Fabre-Soto	Michelle Shields
Callan Wendell	Jolene Connelly
Ashleigh Heagy	Matthew Sheradin
Amber Jackson	Madison Blieler (Pentz)
Nathaniel Clugston	Olupcia Joseph
Tamaura Woodson	Shannen DeLaurentis
Casey Hayth	John Williams
Dhuhan Abdullah	

7.F.3. Approve the following Summer School Paraprofessionals at their hourly rate for the 2024-2025 school year:

Alvin Kyle

7.F.4. Approve the following ESY Paraprofessionals at their hourly rate for the 2024-2025 school year:

Donnie Johnson

7.F.5. Approve the following ESY Teachers at a rate of \$40.00 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year:

Alia McNeil	Kaitlin Putric
Victoria Rutherford	

7.G. Approve the current list of Active STS Guest Teachers for the 24-25 school year. (attached to BoardDocs)

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.E. Moved by Mr. Hedenberg, seconded by Ms. Hatcher, to approve Item 7.E.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye: Mr. Hedenberg, Dr. Mareno, Mr. Folks, Ms. Hatcher,
Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. K. Johnson, Mr. Rawls
Nay: None
Abstain: None
Absent: Ms. LeMelle

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

7.E. Approve the appointment of Kathy Ciaciulli as Business Manager, effective August 11, 2025, with a contract to be finalized prior to her start date.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G. Moved by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Folks to approve Items

8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

8.A. Approve the payment of Capital Reserve PSDLAF checking bills from the Capital Reserve PSDLAF Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$37,496.31.

8.B. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$53,564.57.

8.C. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$53,564.57.

8.D. Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$2,964,418.27.

8.E. Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$5,528,331.15.

8.F. Approve the following Personal Tax Refunds:

1. Taxpayer Name: Michelle McLaughlin
Bill #: 013153
Year: 2023
Refund Amount: \$294.00

Reason: Michelle McLaughlin is not a resident of Susquehanna Township; paid the taxes in error.

2. Taxpayer Name: Lorna V. Travitz
Bill #: 017892
Year: 2023
Refund Amount: \$9.80

Reason: Lorna V. Travitz is disabled; paid the taxes in error.

3. Taxpayer Name: Laird Basehoar
Bill #: 6649
Year: 2023
Refund Amount: \$264.60

Bill #: 5691
Year: 2024
Refund Amount: \$283.50

Total amount of refund \$548.10
Reason: Laird Basehoar made less than \$5,000.00 paid; the taxes in error.

8.G. Approve the Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU # 15) Operating Budget for the 2025-2026 Fiscal Year.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A. Moved by Mr. Hedenberg, seconded by Ms. Hatcher to approve Item 9.A.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

9.A. Approve the COSTARS contracts with OAE Systems, LLC totaling \$381,000.00 to purchase new HVAC Controls for the High School. This includes all controllers for Roof Top Units (RTUs), Variable Air Volume (VAVs) that serve classrooms, air handling units, exhaust fans, boilers/circulator pumps, and domestic hot water. These controllers and ancillary equipment are then integrated into the district's Building Automation System.

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.B. Moved by Mr. Folks, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson, to approve Item 9.B.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye:	Mr. Hedenberg, Dr. Mareno, Mr. Folks, Ms. Hatcher, Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. K. Johnson, Mr. Rawls
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	Ms. LeMelle

Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

9.B. Approve the attached Garden Spot Mechanical, Inc. and Tremco, Inc. proposals collectively totaling \$51,612.35 for the provision of water access on the roofs of all district school buildings so that RTU's can be appropriately cleaned in-house to extend the life of each district RTU and maintain applicable warranties. Each of the above referenced proposals are available via state contracts. (Garden Spot Mechanical, Inc. – COSTARS and Tremco, Inc. – KPN).

DISCUSSION

9.C. Discuss the service agreement with Access VG, L.L.C. (Access Perks), effective July 1, 2025, to provide full-time and part-time employees with access to discounted products and services.

DISCUSSION

9.D. Discuss the Dual Enrollment Agreement between PennWest University and Susquehanna Township School District for dual enrollment of STHS students.

X. POLICY

None

XI. OTHER

DISCUSSION

11.A. Discuss the appointment of Elise LeMelle and Jayonn Folks as the Voting Delegates for the Pennsylvania School Boards Association (PSBA) Delegate Assembly Meeting to be held on Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at the Kalahari Resorts and Conventions. The Delegate Assembly will be held after the conclusion of the PASA-PSBA School Leadership Conference. (appoint up to 2 delegates)

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Meeting adjourned 8:10 p.m.


Elise LeMelle
Board Secretary