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The Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors held an executive meeting on June 16, 2025, at 6:00 p.m. before the Information Session to go over the Annual School Safety Report. The Information Session was held at 7:00 p.m. Both meetings were held in the Administration Office of the Elementary School.

The regular monthly meeting of the Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors was held on June 18, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office of the Elementary School with seven (7) members present:

Jennifer Bixby (P)

Amanda Cook (P)

Anne Cook (A)

Evelyn Cottrell (P)

Jordon Downton (P)

Kristen Lawrence (A)

Oscar Miller (P)

Rachael Thomas (P) arrived 7:15 p.m.

Audrey Waterman (P)

Others present: Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Supko, and Tom Ballard.

The meeting was called to order by President Amanda Cook at 7:00 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by all present. Roll call was taken by Secretary Evelyn Cottrell finding six (6) members present. Rachael Thomas arrived at 7:15 p.m. Anne Cook, and Kristen Lawrence was absent.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Minutes from the regular meeting held May 14, 2025 as presented.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to file the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Downton, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the General Fund Bills as presented.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Food Service Report as presented.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried unanimously to file the Activity Fund and Athletic Fund Reports as presented.

Reports were given by District Personnel.

Public Comment: Jeffery Keyes – ask about using the facilities for a Comedian

Motion was made by Thomas, second by Bixby, and carried unanimously to grant permission for John Rushefski, Superintendent, to tentatively hire pending Board Approval for any vacancies between June 19, 2025 and August 5, 2025.

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Motion was made by Miller, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission to the Business Office to pay bills that may occur between June 19, 2025 and August 5, 2025.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote on roll call to approve the Final District Budget of \$19,809,795.00 for the 2025/2026 fiscal year and setting the District millage at 56.29, a 1 mill increase in Susquehanna County and 11.58, 1 mill increase in Wayne County for the 2025/2026 fiscal year. Bixby, Amanda Cook, Cottrell, Downton, Miller, Thomas, and Waterman all voted yes.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote, on roll call, to approve The Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Susquehanna Community School District and the Susquehanna Community Education Association, effective date of July 1, 2025, for school years 2025/2026 through 2029/2030. The agreement shall expire on June 30, 2030. Amanda Cook, Bixby, Cottrell, Downton, Miller, Thomas, and Waterman all voted yes.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2025/2026 Intergovernmental Agreement for Special Education Services with NEIU#19.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Downton, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the updates to the Elementary and High School Student Handbooks.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Cottrell, and carried by unanimous vote to approve under district personnel a report from Student Representatives for Regular Board Meetings.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried by six (6) yes votes and one (1) abstained votes to approve the 2025 ESY Transportation Rates for Miller Transportation and Lewis Busing as follows: Bus rate of \$260.00 per day and van rate of \$1.43 per mile. Oscar Miller abstained from the vote.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Miller, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the purchase of 23 Junior High Football Cheerleading uniforms every five (5) years beginning with the 2025/2026 school year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Miller, and carried by unanimous vote to approve The Critical Response Group Proposal for Collaborative Response Graphics to be used for first responders and law enforcement at a cost of \$7,543.50.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Downton, and carried by unanimous vote to approve quotes from Andre & Son Inc. for Spray (\$2,750.00) and Fertilizer Application (\$2,444.00).

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Motion was made by Miller, second by Cottrell, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the quote of \$10,748.00 from Marshall Machinery for the purchase of a new Zero Turn Lawn Mower.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Downton, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the quote of \$5,800.00 from Vincent's Sealcoating for the pothole filling and patching.

Motion was made by Downton, second by Cottrell, and carried by unanimous vote with the exception of (d) Amanda Cook abstained) to approve the following Hires pending all clearances and certifications on file:

- a) John Ord – Archery Advisor for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- b) Teara Neau – Permanent Part-Time School Nurse beginning with the 2025/26 school year.
- c) Nicole Selitto – Transfer from Permanent Part-time Guanidine Clerical Aide to Full-Time Guidance Clerical Aide per the Non-Instructional Agreement at a salary of \$26,000.00, 204 days 10 sick days, 2 personal days effective July 1, 2025.
- d) Kyle Cook – Flag Football Summer Camp Teacher from July 28 – 30, 2025 (Amanda Cook Abstained from vote)
- e) Dustin Dailey – Flag Football Summer Camp Teacher from July 28-30, 2025.
- f) Olivia Watson – Flag Football Summer Camp Teacher from July 28-30, 2025
- g) Gina Baker – Flag Football Summer Camp Aide from July 28-30, 2025.
- h) Alyssa Hobart – Flag Football Summer Camp Side from July 28-30, 2025.
- i) Dawn Steele – Eco-Explorers Nature Camp Teacher on July 31, 2025.
- j) Leanne Woodruff – Eco-Explorers Nature Camp Teacher on July 21, 2025.
- k) Daniel Maurer – Eco-Explorers Nature Camp Teacher on July 31, 2025.
- l) Lauren Soden – Junior Varsity Girls Basketball Coach for the 2025/26 – 2026/27 seasons.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Downton, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Volunteers pending all approved clearances on file:

- a) Colton Stone – Varsity Football.
- b) Dave Holbart – Junior High/Varsity Football for the 2025/26 season only.
- c) Tristan Tarbox – Junior High/Varsity Football for 2025/26 season only.
- d) Brad Allen – Junior High/Varsity Football for 2025/26 season only.
- e) Kyle Donovan – Junior High/Varsity Football for 2025/26 season only.
- f) Kaleb Shimer – Junior High/Varsity Football for the 2025/26 season only.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following requests:

- a) Class of 2026 to hold Prom at the Hotel Anthracite in Carbondale, Pa on May 16, 2026 from 6:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.
- b) Student Council to sponsor a Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 11, 2025 at the High School from 7:00 p.m. -10:00p.m. Date tentative to change.

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- c) Student Council to send a delegation of students and advisor to the PASC State Conference at Union Area High School in New Castle, PA, November 6-8, 2025. Transportation and Conference Fees to be provided by Student Council and Individual Council Members' Families.
- d) Approve Bridget Milos and Carley Batzel to organize and pursue funding for a College & Career Readiness/STEM field trip to the 2026 Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg, PA from January 11, 2026 – January 12, 2026. To support cost of trips Mrs. Milos and Mrs. Batzel will be reaching out to potential sponsors and grant sources.
- e) Fifth Grade field trip to Gettysburg, PA on May 23, 2026.
- f) And Then There Were None by Agatha Christie as the Fall 2025 school play.

Motion was made by Downton, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Facilities use requests pending all clearances and Insurance on file:

- a) Sabers Competition Cheer – Guys and Gals bingo November 1, 2025 8:00 a.m. -5:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gym.
- b) Susquehanna Dance Company to use the High School Audition for a dance rehearsal on Thursday June 5, 2025 from 3:00 P.M. – 8:00 P.M. and on Sunday, June 8, 2025 from 10:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. for a dance recital.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Cottrell, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the list of fundraisers.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Miller, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2025 – 2027 MOU between the Susquehanna Community School District and the Pennsylvania State Police-Gibson & Lanesboro Police Department.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby and carried by unanimous vote to approve the MOU for the NEIU Title III Consortium for English Language Funds for the 2025/26 school year.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the MOU between Susquehanna Community School District and agency for Community Empowerment of NEPA (ACE of NEPA).

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Downton, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Kristen Lawrence and Audrey Waterman as the PSBA Delegates for the 2025/2026 school year.

Motion was made by Downton, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Alison Marshman – Volleyball for the 2025/26 season pending all clearances on file.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following requests:

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- A) Dori Spencer to attend the PATTAN Cybersecurity Pathway for 7 – 12/CTE in Harrisburg, Pa June 25 – 26, 2025. No charge to the district.
- B) Peter Supko to attend The Advancing Education Together Summit on July 10, 2025 in Harrisburg, PA. Cost to the District is mileage and parking reimbursement.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourn 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn A. Cottrell

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