

August 6, 2025

The Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors held an Executive Session on August 4, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss a legal matter, personal, and security Guards. The Information Session followed the Executive Meeting at 7:00 p.m. Both meeting was held in the Administration Office of the Elementary School.

The regular monthly meeting of the Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors was held on August 6, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office of the Elementary School With eight (8) board members present:

Jennifer Boerner (P)

Jordon Downton (P)

Amanda Cook (P)

Kristen Lawrence (P)

Anne Cook (P)

Oscar Miller (P)

Evelyn Cottrell (P)

Rachael Thomas (A)

Audrey Waterman (P)

Others present: Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Soden, Mr. Emmons, Mrs. Shivock, Mr. 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 eight (8) Board Members present. Rachael Thomas was absent.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the meeting minutes from the regular meeting held on June 18, 2025.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to file the Treasurer's Report (May and June) as presented.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the General Fund bills (May and June) as presented.

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

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to file the Activity Fund and Athletic Fund Reports (May and June) as presented.

Reports of District Personnel were given.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for John Rushefski, Superintendent, to tentatively hire pending Board Approval for any Vacancies between August 5, 2025 and September 14, 2025.

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Motion was made by Boerner, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission to the Business Office to pay bills that may occur between August 5, 2025 and September 14, 2025.

Motion was made by Waterman, second Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the tax exoneration for Lynn L. Gow as approved by the Pennsylvania State Veterans' Commission for real estate Tax exemption.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Schoolwide Title 1 Plan for the 2025/26 school year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the SAP Agreement between Trehab and the Susquehanna Community District for the 2025/26 school year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the SAP Agreement between Scranton Counseling and the Susquehanna Community School District for the 2025/26 school year.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the contract between Susquehanna Community School District and Barnes-Kasson Hospital to provide First Aid Services for Student Athletic events for the 2025/26 school year.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Contracted Service Agreement between the Susquehanna Community School District and Barnes-Kasson Hospital for OT/PT services.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the continuation of the School Armed Security Services through Standing Stone Consulting, Inc. for the 2025/26 school year at a rate of \$39.14 per hour utilizing the Meritorious PCCD Security Grant Funding.

Motion was made by Lawrence, Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to accept the resignation of Kathryn DeVivo – Speech Language Pathologist effective July 17, 2025.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Hires pending all clearances and certifications on file:

- a) Kelsey Arvonio – Speech Language Teacher Step 4 Masters =42.
- b) Bob Wade – Permanent part-time Maintenance effective August 1, 2025.
- c) Susan Day – Drama Assistant for the 2025/2026 and 2026/2027 school years.
- d) Kim Burke – Year 1 Mentor Teacher for Sophia Muta.

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- e) Katie Edwards – Year 1 Mentor Teacher for Elizabeth Stewart.
- f) Madison Dailey – Year 2 Mentor Teacher for Olivia Watson.
- g) Dawn Steele – Year 2 Mentor Teacher for Amanda Williams.
- h) Melissa Avila – Permanent part-time Personal Aide.
- i) Eileen Brady – Permanent part-time Personal Care Aide.
- j) Janessa Arsenault – Permanent part-time Personal Care Aide.
- k) Vivian Espina – Permanent part-time Personal Care Aide.
- l) Dustin Dailey – Varsity Baseball Head Coach for 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- m) Lauren Soden – Boys Varsity Track Head Coach for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- n) Bryce Baldwin – Junior High Boys Basketball Head Coach for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- o) Chris Fleetwood – Football Announcer for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- p) Jeremy Wayman – Clock Operator for Junior High/Varsity football for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- q) Olivia Watson – Assistant Football Cheer Advisor with a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- r) Carmen Megivern – JH Girls Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- s) Rachel Wargo – Varsity Football Ticket Taker for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- t) Caitlin Tonkin – Varsity Football Ticket taker for the 2025/26 and 2026.27 seasons.
- u) Megan Koziol – Varsity Football Ticket Taker for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- v) Megan Koziol – Boys Junior Varsity Varsity Basketball Ticket taker.
- w) Kim Ott- Varsity Football Substitute Ticket Taker for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- x) Kim Ott – Junior Varsity/Basketball Substitute Ticker for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- y) Shannon Oropallo – Football Ticket Taker for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- z) Shannon Oropallo – Girls Junior Varsity/Varsity basketball Ticket Taker for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- aa) Laurie Frye – Girls Volleyball Bookkeeper for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- bb) Monique Baldwin – Girls Volleyball Substitute Bookkeeper for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- cc) Monique Baldwin – Girls Basketball Junior Varsity/Varsity Bookkeeper for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- dd) Dori Spencer – Clock Operator for Girls Junior Varsity/Varsity Basketball for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.

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

- a) Jeff Baldwin – Girls Volleyball for the 2025/2026 season only.
- b) David Bell – Junior Varsity/Varsity Boys Basketball for the 2025/26 season only.

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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote (with the exception of (a) which passed with 7 votes yes and 1 vote no to approve the following requests:

- a) Class of 2026 Senior Trip Cruise to Nova Scotia, Canada. The no vote was Anne Cook.
- b) PIC to hold three free All Grades Candy Bar Bingo on September 12, 2025, October 10, 2025, and November 14, 2025.
- c) PIC to hold a free Spooktacular Dance on October 25, 2025.
- d) PIC to have a 6th Grade T-shirt design contest from March 2026-April 2026.
- e) PIC to hold a free Spring Dance in April from 2-4 in the Elementary Gym.
- f) Elizabeth Shivock to attend monthly Local Education Agency (LEA) meetings at NEIU#19 for the 2025/26 school year. Topics include: Special Education Compliance, Legal Considerations for Special Education Programming, and collaborative discussions regarding program implementation. There is no cost to the District.
- g) Superintendent John Rushefski to attend the monthly Professional Advisory Council Meetings at the NEIU#19 for the 2025/2026 school year.
- h) Superintendent John Rusheski to attend the NEIU Superintendents Conference in Annapolis, MD from October 15-17, 2025 at a cost of \$0.00, only mileage reimbursement.
- i) Superintendent John Rushefski to attend the 2026 Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools Conference in State College, PA from April 30- May 2, 2026 at a cost of \$295.00 plus mileage and lodging.

Motion was made by Anne Cook, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Facilities use requests pending all clearances and insurance on file:

- a) Susquehanna Junior Sabers to use the campus beginning July 28, 2025 for practices and games.

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

Motion was made by Miller, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Hires pending all clearances and certifications on file:

- a) Stephanie Devlin – Permanent part-time Personal Care Aide.
- b) Madison Dailey – Varsity Softball Head Coach for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- c) Bethany Maby – Junior High Girls Basketball Head Coach for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- d) Anthony Decker – Junior High Boys Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- e) Richard Emmons – 5th/6th Grade Boys Basketball Head Coach for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- f) Jill Soden – Girls Track Assistant Coach for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.
- g) Austin Gow – Boys Track Assistant Coach for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 seasons.

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Motion was made by Boerner, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Stillwater Resources, LLC to provide Armed Security Services at After School Events for the 2025/26 school year as needed.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve County Security Police, LLC to provide Armed Security Services at After School Events for the 2025/26 school year as needed.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn Cottrell".

Evelyn Cottrell/Board Secretary