

- CALL TO ORDER** At 7:10 p.m., the September 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, Ms. Elise LeMelle, Mrs. Jackie Hill, Mr. Jayonn Folks, Mr. Eric Hedenberg, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Mr. Steven H. Johnson, Sr., Dr. Anita Mareno
- DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT** Dr. Tamara Willis, Dr. Andrae Martin, Mrs. Kathy Ciaciulli, Mrs. Carrie Martin, Dr. Erika Willis, Ms. Ann-Marie Rathmell, Mr. Justin Green, Mr. Jonathan Bishop
- 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 student matters.
- INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS** Erica Wible, Bond Counsel at McNees Wallace & Nurick LLC, Lou Verdelli, Raymond James, and Brad Remig of PFM presented the resolution for the General Obligation Bonds Series 2025.
- REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- Legislative Update:** Mr. K. Johnson shared that the state is approaching 90 days without a state budget and it is having an impact on school district budgets across the commonwealth. PSBA will be preparing a toolkit to assist schools. Mr. Johnson encouraged everyone to reach out to their local elected officials to share their concerns.
- Student Board Representatives:** Amare Johnson presented a report highlighting recent activities and events from district buildings (attached to BoardDocs). Amare also shared details about the upcoming Pink Out Campaign and requested that the gate proceeds from the October 17, 2025, football game be donated to support the campaign.
- Dauphin County Technical School:** Mr. S. Johnson shared that DCTS is finishing its roofing project.
- Capital Area Intermediate Unit:** Mrs. Hill shared that she will be attending a meeting this Thursday.
- Mr. Rawls** recognized Mr. Heller for providing the Physics and Engineering students with a tour of the high school kitchen renovations. He also requested photos of the recently installed rooftop hydrants.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR SEPTEMBER 22, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE

2.A. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks to approve the meeting agenda for September 22, 2025.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

2.B. Board Member Comments

Ms. Hatcher thanked the community for attending the meeting and reaffirmed the Board's commitment to the growth of the district and the success of every learner. She emphasized that all Board actions are taken in the best interest of students, parents, and the community.

Mr. K. Johnson gave a shout-out to high school students navigating the renovations to the high school cafeteria and expressed appreciation for the commitment of taxpayers and the sacrifices being made by the community. Mr. Johnson also attended a conference at Lincoln University, hosted by Senator Vincent Hughes, which focused on men in the classroom and developing pipelines for male teachers of color. He connected with the Lincoln University Graduate Program and expressed interest in nurturing a pipeline for the next generation of students to become educators. Mr. Rawls requested a presentation on this topic at the October 6th Board meeting.

Ms. Hatcher shared that she is an alumna of Lincoln University and provided a brief overview of the University's history.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

SPEAKER

L. Arnold shared his comments on transportation and the lack of bus drivers.

SPEAKER

Mr. Fricke shared his thoughts on transportation, questioning why the district contracts for services rather than maintaining transportation in-house. He also noted that there is a supply of used buses available for purchase.

SPEAKER

J. Eberly addressed the board regarding the district providing a space for the transportation company to park buses. The Solicitor, Mr. Miller, explained that the district receives a discount on the transportation contract in exchange for providing the bus lot on district property.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

None

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE

5.A.B. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks, to approve Items 5.A.B.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the August 4, 2025, Board meeting.

5.B. Approve the Minutes of the August 18, 2025, Board meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

MOTION TO APPROVE

6.A.B.C. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Hatcher, to approve Items
6.A.B.C.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

6.A. Approve the creation of the Best Buddies Club at the Susquehanna Township
High School.

6.B. Reinstate Bible Club at the Susquehanna Township High School.

6.C. Approve the creation of a Cheerleading Student Activity.

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I. Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Ms. LeMelle, to approve
Items 7.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

7.A.1. Approve the resignation of Shahara Johnson as Behavior Interventionist at
Susquehanna Township High School, effective September 12, 2025.

7.A.2. Approve the resignation of St. Clair Gurley as Part Time Food Service Worker
at Susquehanna Township High School, effective September 5, 2025.

7.A.3. Approve the resignation of Robert McDonald as Science Teacher at
Susquehanna Township High School. Mr. McDonald will be held 60 days or until a
replacement is found, whichever occurs first.

7.A.4. Approve the resignation of Patricia Green as Human Resources Manager at
Susquehanna Township School District, effective September 30, 2025.

- 7.A.5.** Approve the resignation of John Concepcion as Night Custodian at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr. Elementary School, effective September 16, 2025.
- 7.B.** Approve the transfer of Levi Moyer from Special Education Teacher (STEA) at Susquehanna Township High School to Special Education Paraprofessional (STESPA) at Susquehanna Township Middle School, at an hourly rate of \$22.23, effective September 16, 2025.
- 7.C.** Approve the transfer of Joy Bechtel from Special Education Paraprofessional to Regular Education Paraprofessional at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr. Elementary School, at an hourly rate of \$20.95 effective September 18, 2025.
- 7.D.** Approve Alice Watore Ongwenyi as Business Education Teacher at Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$56,720.00 effective date to be determined.
- 7.E.1.** Approve Clyde Osterhout as Special Education Paraprofessional at Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$20.58 per hour, effective September 23, 2025. Clyde will be replacing Deborah Napper.
- 7.E.2.** Approve Solach Martin as Special Education Paraprofessional at Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$19.08 per hour, effective September 23, 2025. Solach will be replacing Litti Rissler.
- 7.E.3.** Approve Yanira Romero as Night Custodian at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr. Elementary School at a rate of \$17.95 per hour. This is a new position.
- 7.F.1.** Approve Callan Wendell as mentor for Nathaniel Clugston at Susquehanna Township Middle School, at a stipend of \$1,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.F.2.** Rescind Judy Hodgson as Sponsor Mentor for Nina Dressler at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School.
- 7.F.3.** Approve Judy Hodgson as Mentor Sponsor for Nina Dressler at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School, at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.
- 7.F.4.** Rescind Christa Sepp as Mentor for Katie McQuate at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School.
- 7.F.5.** Approve Christa Sepp as Sponsor for Katie McQuate at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School, at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.F.6. Approve Rebecca Halvorson as AAP Facilitator at a stipend of \$40.00 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.F.7. Approve Taylor Dippery as Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Susquehanna Township High School, at a stipend of \$2,050.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.F.8. Approve the updated stipend amount for Jaylen Hawthorne, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Susquehanna Township High School, to \$4,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.F.9. Approve the updated stipend amount for Courtney Brooks, Assistant Girls Basketball Coach at Susquehanna Township High School, to \$2,050.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.F.10. Approve Dionna Reeves as Assistant Head Cheerleading Coach at Susquehanna Township High School, at a stipend of \$3,500.00, pro-rated, for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.F.11. Approve Jahaad Proctor as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach at Susquehanna Township High School, at a stipend of \$4,500.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.F.12. Approve Darron Bradley as Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach at Susquehanna Township High School for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.F.13. Approve Jeffrey Kime as Assistant Golf Coach at Susquehanna Township High School at a stipend of \$1,000.00 effective August 21, 2025.

7.F.14. Approve the following Co-Curricular Advisors at Susquehanna Township Middle School:

Name:	Position:	Stipend:
Jordan Plempel	Art Club/Mural Club	\$500.00
Nicole Thomas	Girls on the Run	\$650.00
Nicole Thomas	School Store	\$1,000.00
Trevar Scheuch	Yearbook Advisor	\$1,500.00
Shannen DeLaurentis	Math Counts Advisor	\$775.00
Shannen DeLaurentis	FBLA	\$1,000.00
Callan Wendell	Student Government Advisor	\$500.00
Erin Wright	Student Government Advisor	\$500.00
Robin Broderick	Garden Club	\$500.00
Robin Broderick	Science Fair Advisor	\$500.00
Robin Broderick	Tech Trep Club	\$1,000.00

Benjamin Wiker	National Junior Honor Society Advisor	\$1,500.00
Graham Kerick	MS Orchestra Director	\$500.00
Emily Burkhart	MS Chorus Director (Select Choir, County Choir)	\$500.00
Josamarie Stalcar	MS Jazz Band	\$1,500.00
Matthew Scharadin	Game Club	\$300.00
Matthew Scharadin	Chess Club	\$500.00 (20 hours)

7.F.15. Approve the following Susquehanna Township Middle School Musical for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name:	Position:	Stipend:
Emily Colvin	Musical Director	\$3,500.00
Emily Burkhart	Assistant Musical Director	\$500.00
Emily Burkhart	Music Director	\$1,000.00
Bethany Malykh	Choreographer	\$1,000.00
Erin Wright	Set Crew Manager	\$500.00
Lucinda Hunsberger	Producer	\$1,000.00
Sara Ulrich	Props/Tech Crew Manager	\$500.00

7.G. Approve the new position of Principal at the Deer Path property. Property to be named at a later date.

7.H. Approve a new position of Crossing Guard at Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School.

7.I. Approve the elimination of the Library Aide position, effective with the 2025–2026 school year.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H. Moved by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Hedenberg, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.
 Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

- 8.A. Approve the payment of Activity Fund bills from the First National Bank Activity Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$1,797.23.
- 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 \$11,612.35.

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 \$2,516,541.37.

8.D. Approve the payment of Food Service bill from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$50.00.

8.E. Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$3,732,155.82.

8.F. Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$5,521,699.27.

8.G. Approve the payment of New Construction Capital Projects Fund Checking bills from the New Construction Capital Projects Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$128,227.20.

8.H. Motion to approve the adoption of the Resolution for the issuance of the School District's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2025, the proceeds of which shall be used by the School District to (i) finance certain capital projects, including the design, planning, acquisition, construction and/or equipping of renovations and improvements to (a) the School District's building located at 4401 Deer Path Road, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, to be used as a 5th and 6th grade elementary school and for administrative offices; and (b) various other School District schools, buildings and facilities (collectively, the "Capital Project"); and (ii) pay the cost of issuing the Bonds or any or all of the same.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K.L.M.N.O.P.Q.R.S. Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hedenberg to approve Items 9. A.B.C.D.E.F.G.H.I.J.K.L.M.N.O.P.Q.R.S.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

9.A. Retroactively approve the Agreement with Acadience/Voyager Sopris Learning to provide K-8 Reading and Math diagnostic and benchmark testing.

9.B. Retroactively, approve the attached Commercial Refrigeration of Harrisburg sales agreement (PA COSTARS Pricing Quotation # 155007) for the repair of a walk-in freezer and walk-in refrigerator in the amount of \$52,459 as specified in the agreement. Prevailing wage rates do not apply to the required equipment repair.

9.C. Retroactively approve the agreement with Securly for Securly Pass, the electronic hall pass system for the Susquehanna Township Middle School.

9.D. Approve the MOU between the Harrisburg Alumni Kappa Foundation of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc. and the Susquehanna Township School District to implement the Guide Right Mentoring Program.

9.E. Approve the Believe Mentoring Program at the Susquehanna Township Middle School.

9.F. Approve the We Believe in Your Child Mentoring Agreement for the Susquehanna Township High School.

9.G. Approve the Agreement between Kutztown University and Susquehanna Township School District regarding student placement for field experience and student teaching.

9.H. Approve the affiliation agreement with Shippensburg University for student teaching placements and field experience.

9.I. Approve the agreement with Laurel Life to provide services with two elementary school classrooms for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years.

9.J. Approve agreement with Laurel Life to provide services for one middle school classroom for the 2025-2026 school year.

9.K. Approve the agreement with Central Penn Education Associates, Inc. to provide Psychoeducational Evaluations and Reevaluations, as needed, for the 2025-2026 school year.

9.L. Approve the agreement with Jewish Family Service of Greater Harrisburg, Inc. to provide Family Based Mental Health Services at Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School for the 2025-2026 school year.

9.M. Approve the MOU between Susquehanna Township SD and Teamsters Local 776.

9.N. Approve the addendum to the STS contract. This addendum adds two (2) categories to Appendix A of the agreement.

9.O. Approve the agreement between Scenario Learning, LLC d/b/a Vector Solutions and Susquehanna Township, effective February 1, 2026, through January 31, 2027, in the amount of \$9,232.10 for Employee Safety and Compliance Library training resources in the amount of \$9,232.10.

9.P. Approve the lease agreement with the Susquehanna Township Baseball Association (STBA) for the use of Kauffman Field, adjacent to the Susquehanna Township Middle School.

9.Q. Approve the attached Rentokil Terminix bat exclusion services proposal in the amount of \$6,980.00.

9.R. Approve the Dependent Verification Service Agreement between ClearTrack HR, LLC and Susquehanna Township as presented.

9.S. Approve INA Investigations as the District's student residency verification service provider for the 2025-2026 fiscal year as outlined in the attached agreement.

The hourly rate and mileage reimbursement for these services are provided below:

- Student Residency Investigations - \$65.00 per hour
- Static Camera Placement - \$150.00 per hour
- Court Room Testimony - \$100.00 per hour
- Mileage Reimbursement - .80 cents per mile

X. POLICY

None

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.A. Approve the confidential settlement agreement for student # 2025-26/003 as discussed in executive session.

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

11.B. Approve candidates for the PSBA Officer Elections.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson, to adjourn to executive session.

Motion passed: 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Meeting adjourned 7:48 p.m.



Elise LeMelle
Board Secretary