

CALL TO ORDER	At 7:01 p.m., the October 20, 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, Sr., Dr. Anita Mareno
ABSENT	Ms. Elise LeMelle
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, student, and real estate matters.
INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS	Hanna Foundation Check Presentation - HANNA Foundation: John Fabian, President and Dwayne DeFoor, Vice-President presented a \$12,000 check to the school district. The money will fund 10 dual enrollment scholarships for STSD students.
REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Legislative Updates: Mr. Kalonji Johnson shared that it has been over 100 days without a state budget.</p> <p>Student Board Representatives: Suha Rockwell presented a report highlighting recent activities and events from district buildings. (attached to BoardDocs)</p> <p>Hanna Education Foundation: Mr. John Fabian shared that the HANNA Pantry was originally part of the Foundation and is now its own 501c3 non-profit.</p> <p>Dauphin County Technical School (DCTS): Mr. S. Johnson shared a newsclip from abc27 News highlighting the donation from Faulkner Nissan of a 2024 Nissan Rogue to the automotive technology program. Mr. Johnson also shared that October is the 80th anniversary of Americans with Disabilities Act, which marks a significant milestone in promoting equal opportunities and inclusivity for individuals with disabilities in the workplace.</p> <p>Mr. Rawls reminded residents that they can take their vehicles to DCTS for automotive work and repairs. Mr. S. Johnson shared that the students also do small engine repairs.</p>

Capital Area Intermediate Unit (CAIU): Mrs. Hill shared that she will be attending a board meeting this Thursday.

Superintendent's Report: Dr. Tamara Willis shared that October is Fire Prevention Month and thanked the Progress Fire Company for visiting students, demonstrating equipment, and providing fire hats. She noted that the district's Community Partnership Liaison has coordinated several workforce development opportunities for high school students. Recently, students attended the Level Up event at Shippensburg University, where they learned about interviewing skills and workforce readiness.

Dr. Willis announced that Trunk or Treat will be held Thursday, October 30, from 5:30–8:30 p.m. at the State Police Headquarters. She also highlighted recent athletic achievements, noting that fall sports have celebrated their Senior Nights and the football team was named the 2025 Mid Penn Colonial Division Champion.

She reminded everyone that Election Day is November 4 and reviewed the referendum question that will appear on the ballot. The final public informational meeting will be held Thursday, October 30, at 6:00 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Residents who cannot attend are encouraged to visit the district website for additional information.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 20, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE

2.A. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson to approve the meeting agenda for October 20, 2025.

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

2.B. Board Member Comments

Ms. Hatcher congratulated Coach Headen and the players on their championship win. She also reminded everyone that October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month and Breast Cancer Awareness Month and acknowledged the passing of Pinata Henry of Steelton. Ms. Hatcher encouraged the community to remain vigilant and mindful of ongoing safety measures.

Mrs. Hill noted that October is Sickle Cell Awareness Month.

Mr. Rawls shared that Dr. Willis has been named Administrator of the Year by Kappa Omega Phi and announced that he has been nominated for a Lifetime Achievement Award, which will be presented on November 22.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

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

SPEAKER **R. Davis** expressed concern about rising property taxes, recent district property purchases, and conflicting information from public sessions. He questioned enrollment and tax base trends. Dr. Willis offered to speak with him directly.

SPEAKER **M. Cherry** addressed the board regarding concerns about the location of his daughters' bus stop and requested that it be changed.

SPEAKER **R.J. LeMelle** asked the board to care about the kids of Susquehanna Township.

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

None

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE **5.A.B.** Moved by Mr. Folks, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson, to approve Items 5.A.B. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the September 8, 2025, Board Work Session.

5.B. Approve the Minutes of the September 22, 2025, Board Meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

MOTION TO APPROVE **6.A.B.** Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Ms. Hatcher, to approve Items 6.A.B. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

6.A. Approve the new high school course, Spanish IA MC (modified curriculum), for the 2026-2027 school year.

6.B. Approve the Susquehanna Township High School Musical for the 2025-2026 School Year, "The Addams Family Musical."

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE **7.A.B.D.E.F.** Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. Hedenberg to approve Items 7.A.B.D.E.F. Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

7.A.1. Approve the resignation of Trael Seegars as Mathematics Teacher at Susquehanna Township High School, effective October 24, 2025.

7.A.2. Approve the resignation of Yvette Keys as Learning Support (ELA/Math) Teacher at Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective December 19, 2025.

7.A.3. Approve the resignation of Kaitlyn Beachy as Paraprofessional at Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective October 22, 2025.

7.A.4. Approve the resignation of Theresa Turnbaugh as Lunch Monitor at Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective October 7, 2025.

7.B. Approve the transfer of Caitlin Jodoin from Paraprofessional to LTS Music Teacher at the Susquehanna Township Middle School at a pro-rated salary of \$62,380.00, effective October 15, 2025.

7.D. Approve Adam McQuaid as Technology Education Teacher at Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$56,720.00, effective date TBD. Adam McQuaid is replacing Fred Rodgers.

7.E.1. Approve Leticia Navarrete Rosas as Part-Time Food Service Worker at Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, effective October 21, 2025.

7.E.2. Approve Putvatey Seng as Substitute Part-Time Food Service Worker at Susquehanna Township High School at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, effective October 21, 2025.

7.F.1. Approve the following Hanna Cyber Academy Teachers of Record, on an as-needed basis, for up to 10 hours per week at a rate of \$40.00 per hour at Susquehanna Township High School for the 2025–2026 school year:

Name	Subject
Amber Jackson	Special Education

7.F.2. Approve the following as mentors for the 2025-2026 school year:

Erica Dickerson	Mentor for Jordan Lynch-Rexroth	STHS	\$1,000.00 (prorated)
Mary Graham	Mentor for Tramayne Hawthorne	STHS	\$1,000.00 (prorated)
Wendy Sweigart	Mentor for Lauren Pettis (until 12/23/25)	STHS	\$1,000.00 (prorated)
Wendy Sweigart	Mentor for Alice Watore-Ongwenyi	STHS	\$1,000.00 (prorated)
Wendy Sweigart	Mentor for Adam McQuaig	STHS	\$1,000.00 (prorated)
Morgan Barksdale	Mentor for Ahkee Cox-Cowan	STMS	\$1,000.00 (prorated)
Morgan Barksdale	Sponsor for Kemal Pegram	STMS	\$500.00 (prorated)

7.F.3. Rescind Kennedi Welsh as sponsor for Kemal Pegram at Susquehanna Township Middle School.

7.F.4. Approve Olupcia Joseph as AAP Facilitator at Susquehanna Township Middle School at a rate of \$40.00 per hour for the 2025-2026 school year.

7.F.5. Approve Michelle Jeffries as Director for the Susquehanna Township Fall Play for the 2025-2026 school year, at a stipend of \$3,500.00

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.C.G.H. Moved by Mr. Folks, seconded by Mrs. Hill to approve Items 7.C.G.H.

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.C. Approve Lauren Edelson as Human Resource and Benefits Manager at the Susquehanna Township District office at a salary of \$93,000.00, effective October 21, 2025. Lauren Edelson is replacing Patricia Green.

7.G. Approve the newly created ACT 93 position of Student Services Supervisor at Susquehanna Township School District.

7.H. Approve the elimination of the Autistic Support Teacher at Sara Lindemuth/Anna Carter Primary School, effective with the 2025-2026 school year.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C.D.E.F. Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Ms. Hill, to approve Items 8.A.B.C.D.E.F.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

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 \$2,289.09.

8.B. 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 \$2,381,151.36.

8.C. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$277,015.91.

8.D. Approve the Food Service Cash Balance of \$3,584,501.12.

8.E. Approve the General Fund Cash Balance of \$5,049,407.76.

8.F. 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 \$16,951.00.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A.B.C.D.E. Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mr. E. Hedenberg to approve Items 9.A.B.C.D.E.

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

9.A. Approve the updated Infinite Campus User License Agreement. Infinite Campus provides our Student Information System (SIS).

9.B. Approve the contract with New Story Schools Harrisburg Campus, and individual student contract, for student ID 2025-26/004, to provide educational services, as needed, during the 2025-2026 school year.

9.C. Approve the agreement between Susquehanna Township School District (STSD) and Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO).

9.D. Approve the agreement with the Capital Area Intermediate Unit #15 for Title 1 Programs and Services.

9.E. Approve networking equipment to provide necessary wired and wireless infrastructure to Deer Path School. Equipment is being procured via the COSTARS: 199069; SW: 006-E22-234; HW #: 003-E22-596; ITQ #: 4400026253 contracts.

X. POLICY

None

XI. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

11.A. Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mrs. Hill, to approve Item 11.A.
Motion passed 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

11.A. Approve the proposed 2026 School Board Meeting dates as attached.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. Hedenberg, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed: 8-0, 0 abstentions, 1 absent (Ms. LeMelle)

Meeting adjourned 7:55 p.m.


Elise LeMelle
Board Secretary