

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on November 18, 2025 at 7:32 pm with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the “Pledge of Allegiance.” A moment of silence meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President

Daniel Schoener, Treasurer

Tom Bartasavage

Melanie Dillman

Nancy Jones

Bryan Miller

Mark Rother

Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Nicholas Boyle, Vice President

Administrative Staff in Attendance – Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Stephen Toth, Assistant Superintendent; Kenny Dunkelberger, Chief Operating Officer

Others in Attendance – members of the press, and Erik Helbing, Solicitor

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the minutes from October 21, 2025. Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Miller indicated that all correspondences and appropriate reports relating to the agenda were available to the members of the board.

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to approve the treasurer’s report. Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Superintendent Report – Kinder indicated that the report in its entirety was attached to the agenda.

Hearings – None

President Wittig called for an executive session to discuss legal and personnel matters.

A 6 minute meeting was held.

President Wittig called for the recommendation of the committees.

Auxiliary Committee – Rother presented the following items as recommendations for the Auxiliary Committee.

Rother made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to approve the following for the 2025-2026 school year: Second Reading of Policy #202; Adopt policy listed in letter A; Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Retirement; Gaming Coach; Advisor; Access Billing Coordinator; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Second Reading of the following policy:
Policy #202-Eligibility of Nonresident Students

Schoener made a motion seconded by Miller to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Adopt Policy # 202- Eligibility of Nonresident Students

Jay Daubert, Pottsville, PA 17901, as a 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined.

Joe Tamagini, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a JV Boys Basketball Coach, at a stipend to be determined.

Nicko Bolletino, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach.

Gabe Erbe, Tamaqua, Pa 18252, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Kyle Nothangel, Tamaqua, Pa 18252, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Aiden Schlier, Tamaqua, Pa 18252, as a Volunteer Wrestling Coach

Jamie Hartz, Tamaqua, Pa 18252, as a Volunteer Softball Coach

Jennifer Schock, Tamaqua, Pa 18252, as a Volunteer Softball Coach

Marie Schock, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as Head Volleyball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Amanda Hascin, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Cross Country Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Clem McCarroll, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Girls Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Jim McCabe, Brockton, PA 17925, as Head Boys Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Kathy Odorizzi, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Tennis Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Matt Stine, Orwigsburg, PA 17961, as Head Golf Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Retirement of Julie Farber, Full-Time Custodian, effective January 16, 2026 2025-2026 School Year

Ratify Aaron Knepp, Gaming Coach

Ratify Dana Ayers, Yearbook Advisor

Mackenzie Habel, Access Billing Coordinator

Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Education Committee – Dillman presented the following items as recommendations for the Education Committee.

Dillman made a motion seconded by Rother to approve the following for the 2025-2026 school year: First Reading of Policies #102 and #105; Memorandum of Understandings with Allegheny Intermediate Unit and TransPerfect Interpreting; Resignation; Part-Time Paraprofessional; Substitute Guest Teacher; Occupational Therapist; Salary Adjustment; Retirement; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

First reading of the following policies:

Policy #102 — Academic Standards

Policy #105 — Curriculum

Schoener made a motion seconded by Schellhammer to forgo the reading of the listed policies. Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Allegheny Intermediate Unit and TransPerfect Remote Interpreting to provide access to written translation services through an AI-based portal for K-12 ESL students, annual participating fee of \$500.

Approve Memorandum of Understanding with Allegheny Intermediate Unit and TransPerfect Remote Interpreting to provide telephone interpretation services for non-English-speaking parents and families, with an annual fee of \$120, standard usage rate not to exceed \$0.95 per minute for all languages. Effective February 10, 2026 through February 9, 2027.

Resignation of Carla Keller, as the Middle School Language Arts Dept. Chairperson
Rose Charlien, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Part-Time Paraprofessional at a rate of \$13.50 per hour
Delaney Renn, Quakake, PA 18245, Substitute Guest Teacher
Jillian Saltz, Occupational Therapist, at a salary of \$58,000

Approve the immediate salary adjustment for Heather Bleiler, Occupational Therapist, to a prorated \$65,000, along with the mutual dissolution of her current contract and inclusion in the Act 93 plan

Approve the retirement of Raymond J. Kinder, District Superintendent, effective the day following the final day of his current contract.

Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Finance Committee – Schoener presented the following items as recommendations for the Finance Committee.

It is recommended that the Board approve the following for the 2025-2026 school year as presented; Tax Report and Tax Exemptions; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; SREC Sales; SolarArray Buyout; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Report and Tax Exemptions, presented by the Business Manager

Tax Refunds:

Rush Twp.	2024	Assessed Occupation
West Penn Twp.	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024,	Assessed Occupation
	2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025	Per Capita

Payment of Bills

Authorize the sale of approximately 3,453 SRECs at the approximate price of \$23

Authorize the SolarArray buyout at a cost of \$2,664,437 on January 2, 2026 including the assignment of solar assets and assignment of lease and access easement

Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Communications – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to pay the monthly board invoices as presented. Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Rother to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Wittig, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Jones, Miller, Rother and Schellhammer all voted “FOR.”

Regular School Board Meeting

November 18, 2025

Attest:

Bryan Miller
Board Secretary