

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in special session in the LGI room on Tuesday, December 2, 2025 at 7:00 PM with Larry Wittig presiding. Mr. Wittig led in the "Pledge of Allegiance." A moment of silent meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President
Nicholas Boyle, Vice President
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer
Tom Bartasavage
Melanie Dillman

Curt Hartung
Nancy Jones
Trina Schellhammer

ABSENT

Bryan Miller
Mark Rother

Administrative Staff in Attendance — Raymond Kinder, Superintendent; Connie Ligenza, Business Manager.

Others in Attendance — member of the press

Schoener nominated Boyle as Temporary President. Shellhammer made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to close the nominations. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Hartung, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Secretary's Report on Confirmation of Election and Expiration of Term of Office of Board Members Nancy Jones, Nicholas Boyle, Curt Hartung, and Bryan Miller was presented.

Mr. Kinder administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected Board members.

Temporary President Boyle asked for the names for the office of President for one year.

Schoener nominated Larry Wittig.

Bartasavage made a motion seconded by Shellhammer to close the nominations. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Hartung, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Wittig was declared President by acclamation.

Temporary President Boyle asked for names for the Vice President for one year.

Schoener nominated Nicholas Boyle.

Bartasavage made a motion seconded by Shellhammer to close the nominations. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Hartung, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Boyle was declared Vice President by acclamation.

Temporary President Boyle asked for names for the Office of Secretary for two years.

Schoener nominated Ligenza

Shellhammer made a motion seconded by Bartasavage to close the nominations. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Hartung, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Elected President Wittig took charge of the meeting.

President Wittig established the second Tuesday at 7:00 PM as the Board Committee Meeting and the third Tuesday at 7:30 PM for the regular Board Meeting; including a summer compressed schedule and that all meetings will take place in the Large Group Instruction Room at the Tamaqua Middle School.

President Wittig appointed the following Committees.

Auxiliary Committee

Mark Rother, Chairman
Thomas Bartasavage
Trina Schellhammer

Finance Committee

Daniel Schoener, Chairman
Larry Wittig
Nicholas Boyle

Hearing Committee

Nicholas Boyle, Chairman
Bryan Miller
Thomas Bartasavage
Nancy Jones
Larry Wittig, Alternate

Security Committee

Nicholas Boyle, Chairman
Trina Schellhammer
Larry Wittig

Education Committee

Melanie Dillman, Chairman

Nancy Jones

Bryan Miller

Health & Welfare

Trina Schellhammer

Melanie Dillman, Alternate

Uniform Committee

Daniel Schoener, Chairman

Larry Wittig

Thomas Bartasavage

PSBA Representative

Larry Wittig

Legislative Awareness

Larry Wittig

I.U. Representative

Larry Wittig

STC Representative

Larry Wittig

EIT Representative

Connie Ligenza, Business Administrator/Board Secretary

Larry Wittig, Alternate

John Hurst (Mahanoy Area SD Business Administrator), Alternate

E.S.R.C. Representative

Thomas Bartasavage

Tamaqua Library Representative

Melanie Dillman

President Wittig called for the recommendations of the committees.

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

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2025-2026 school year; Solicitor Appointment; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Erik M. Helbing, Esquire, Bowe & Odorizzi Law, LLC for the 2026 calendar year; retainer at \$5,200 and an hourly rate of \$175.00

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Hartung, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Old Business - None

New Business - None

Hearings - None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 7:15 PM. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Bartasavage, Dillman, Hartung, Jones, and Schellhammer all voted "FOR."

Attest:

Connie Ligenza
Business Administrator/ Board Secretary