

CALL TO ORDER	At 7:00 p.m., the March 3, 2025, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by President Jesse Rawls, Sr.
SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT	Ms. Tameka Hatcher, Ms. Elise I. LeMelle, Mr. Jayonn Folks, Mr. Eric Hedenberg, Mr. Steven H. Johnson, Dr. Anita Mareno, Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr.
ABSENT	Mrs. Jackie Hill, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq.
DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT	Dr. Tamara Willis, Dr. Andrae Martin, Mr. Oslwen Anderson, Jr., Mrs. Kathy Ciaciulli, 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 legal advice, Title IX, property, personnel, student and real estate matters.
INTRODUCTIONS/ GUEST PRESENTATIONS	Celebrating Families: Mr. Joshua Gibson, Principal Thomas Holtzman, and Ms. Lisa Robbins, Assistant Principal, Thomas Holtzman, honored the Meck Family for their contributions to fostering a positive and supportive learning environment in our school community. The family was presented with a certificate and a token of appreciation from Dr. Willis.
REPORTS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS	<p>Board Committees: Ms. Hatcher shared that the Policy Committee met on February 19, 2025. Mr. Rawls asked that the committee review the Policy that covers employment of former board members.</p> <p>Superintendent's Notes: Dr. Tamara Willis shared several athletic highlights.</p> <p>Girls Wrestling - This was the first season for Girls Wrestling and the following athletes placed in districts: Janet Oliseh – 100lb Class, 5th Place Zoe Lonon – 124lb Class, 5th Place Crystal Regalado-Bruno –170lb Class, 4th Place, also qualified for PIAA South Central Regionals. Dahlia Mouihbi – 190lb Class, 5th Place</p> <p>The following athletes place at PTFCA Indoor Track State Championships: Jaylynn Dorsey – 200M Dash, 9th Place; Long Jump, 9th Place Zi'khere Leaks – 60M Dash, 11th Place</p>

Boys Swimming Accomplishments:

PIAA DIII AA Championships:

Leo Pitassi – 50 Yard Freestyle, 2nd Place; 100 Yard Freestyle, 3rd Place

Carson Kime – 100 Yard Backstroke, 7th Place

David Dinh, Carson Kime, Eren Ramsey, Leo Pitassi – 200 Yard Medley Relay, 3rd Place; 200 Yard Freestyle Relay, 7th Place

Mid-Penn Conference Championships:

Leo Pitassi – 50 Yard Freestyle, 3rd Place; 100 Yard Freestyle, 5th Place

David Dinh, Carson Kime, Eren Ramsey, Leo Pitassi – 200 Yard Medley Relay, 7th Place

Leo Pitassi and the relay team qualified for the PIAA State Competition.

Dr. Willis shared the High School Musical, Mamma Mia, will be March 13 – March 16. Ticket information can be found on the district website.

Dr. Martin shared that the Boys Basketball team will be playing in the first round of States on Friday, March 7 @ Danville High School starting at 7pm.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR MARCH 3, 2025

MOTION TO APPROVE

2.A. Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hedenberg to approve the meeting agenda for March 3, 2025.

Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Hill, K. Johnson)

2.B. Board Member Comments

The board had discussion on the cleaning of the roof top HVAC units. This matter will be further discussed in a future meeting.

Ms. Hatcher reminded everyone that March is Women’s History Month.

III. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

None

IV. PRESENTATIONS AND DISCUSSIONS

PRESENTATION

4.A. Thomas W. Holtzman Building Spotlight (attached to BoardDocs)

Joshua Gibson, Principal

Lisa Robbins, Assistant Principal

Jennifer Strohm, School Counselor

Brandon Popp, Teacher

Megan Blonar, Student
Axel Nguyen, Student

4.B. Dr. Tamara Willis presented EIT Voter Referendum Approach
(attached to BoardDocs)

V. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE

5.A. Moved by Mr. Hedenberg, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson, to approve Item 5.A.
Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Hill, K. Johnson)

5.A. Approve the Minutes of the February 18, 2025, Board meeting.

VI. PROGRAM

None

VII. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

7.A.B.C.D.E. Moved by Ms. LeMelle, seconded by Ms. Hatcher, to approve Items
7.A.B.C.D.E.
Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Hill, K. Johnson)

7.A.1. Approve the resignation of Celeste Francis as Assistant Food Service Manager
at the Susquehanna Township Middle School, effective date to be determined.

7.B. The administration recommends the termination of employee 101222 effective
immediately.

7.C.1. Amend Joshua Yeckley as English Teacher at the Susquehanna Township High
School from effective date to be determined to effective March 17, 2025 April 25,
2025.

7.C.2. Approve Jill Debrousse as a long-term guidance substitute effective March 4,
2025, at a rate of \$392.34 per day at a maximum of two (2) days a week for the
remainder of the 2024-25 school year.

7.C.3. Approve Karen Kipp as Special Education Teacher- Autistic Support at the
Susquehanna Township High School at a salary of \$77,710.00, pro-rated, effective
date to be determined. Karen will be filling a new position.

7.D.1. Approve the following coaches/advisors for the 2024-2025 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Stipend
Matthew Freda	AAP Facilitator	STMS	\$40.00 per hour
Callan Wendell	AAP Facilitator	STMS	\$40.00 per hour
Mackenzie Lynn	Varsity Assistant Softball Coach	STHS	\$4,000.00
Carley Furlow	Assistant Boys Tennis Coach	STHS	\$2,500.00

7.D.2. Approve the following coach for the 2025-2026 school year:

Name	Position	Location	Stipend
Jessica Weary	Girls Head Soccer Coach	STHS	\$5,500.00

7.D.3. Approve Christine Rose-Brooks as Sponsor for Joshua Yeckley at the Susquehanna Township High School at a pro-rated amount of \$100.00, effective April 25, 2025.

7.E. The administration recommends that the board approve the statement of charges and notice of hearing regarding the dismissal of employee 101416.

VIII. FINANCES

MOTION TO APPROVE

8.A.B.C. Moved by Mr. Folks, seconded by Mr. S. Johnson, to approve Items 8.A.B.C. Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Hill, K. Johnson)

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 \$2,786.00.

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 \$9,723.30.

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 \$1,937,002.70.

IX. CONTRACTS

MOTION TO APPROVE

9.A.B.C.D.E. Moved by Mr. Hedenberg, seconded by Mr. Folks to approve Items 9.A.B.C.D.E. Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Hill, K. Johnson)

9.A. Approve the Agreement for the Sale of the Walker Mill Road (Progress Avenue) Property.

9.B. Approve the MOU between Susquehanna Township School District and Susquehanna Township for the Walker Mill Road (Progress Avenue) Property.

9.C. Approve the Agreement with Panorama Education. Panorama Education is an educational technology company that provides tools and analytics to help schools and districts improve student outcomes. They specialize in collecting and analyzing data on student social-emotional learning (SEL), family engagement, and school climate to support evidence-based decision-making and foster equitable learning environments. Year 1 of this Agreement will be funded through a grant.

9.D. Approve the Administration's recommendation to reject all bids regarding the Susquehanna Township School District High School Kitchen Improvement Project as defined and disclosed in the attached bid tabulation.

9.E. Approve the NAICIR Authorization to Represent as Agent and Broker proposal as outlined in the attached document.

DISCUSSION

9.F. Discuss the Agreement with Ridgeway Church to provide unpaid work experience opportunities for learners.

DISCUSSION

9.G. Discuss the Agreement between Susquehanna Township School District and IAG to offer international teachers the opportunity to be placed in a cultural exchange program at Susquehanna Township School District.

DISCUSSION

9.H. Discuss the Agreement with Lebanon Valley College to provide facilities and learning experiences for LVC undergraduate and/or graduate health science program students.

DISCUSSION

9.I. Discuss the Letter of Agreement with The Meadows Psychiatric Center to provide educational services, in the event that a Susquehanna Township learner is hospitalized at The Meadows for the 2025-2026, 2026-2027, and 2027-2028 regular school years.

DISCUSSION

9.J. Discuss the agreement with Youth Counseling Services, LLC to provide school-based intensive behavioral health services, as needed, through 02/26/2026.

DISCUSSION

9.K. Discuss the agreement with PHASE 4 Learning Center, Inc. to provide alternative education for disruptive youth, as needed for the remainder of the 2024-2025 regular school year.

X. POLICY

- POLICY FIRST READ** **10.A.** First read of revised Policy 222: Tobacco and Vaping Products
- POLICY FIRST READ** **10.B.** First read of revised Policy 227: Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia.
- POLICY FIRST READ** **10.C.** First read of revised Policy 308: Employment Contract/Board Resolution.
- POLICY FIRST READ** **10.D.** First read of revised Policy 323: Tobacco and Vaping Products.
- POLICY FIRST READ** **10.E.** First read of revised Policy 351: Controlled Substance Abuse.
- POLICY FIRST READ** **10.F.** First Read of revised Policy 803: School Calendar.
- POLICY FIRST READ** **10.G.** First read of revised Policy 806: Child Abuse.

XI. OTHER

- MOTION TO APPROVE** **11.A.B.C.** Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks, to approve Items 11.A.B.C.
Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Hill, K. Johnson)
- 11.A.** Approve the attached Offer for Repository bid presented to the Dauphin County Office of Tax Claim by Mr. Adam Walker in the amount of \$2,000.00 as presented by Dauphin County in the attached Offer for Repository Minimum Offer document. This offer may either be approved or disapproved by the Susquehanna Township School District Board of School Directors.
- 11.B.** Approve a change in operations for the district from Monday, June 16, 2025, through Thursday, August 7, 2025. Susquehanna Township School District will close all buildings on Fridays during this period of time in order to realize energy cost savings.
- 11.C.** Approve the out-of-state field trip for the Deaf/Hard of Hearing Class to travel via a district van to Washington D.C. on May 6, 2025, to visit the National Zoo and monuments. The rain date for the trip is May 7, 2025.

XII. NEW BUSINESS

None

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mr. S. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks, to adjourn the meeting.
Motion passed 7-0, 0 abstentions, 2 absent (Hill, K. Johnson)

Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.


Elise LeMelle
Board Secretary