

April 15, 2026

The Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors held an Executive Session on April 13, 2026, at 6:00 p.m. in the Administration Office of the Elementary School; purpose was legal and personnel issues. The Information Session followed the Executive Session at 7:00 p.m.

The regular meeting of the Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors was held on April 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office of the Elementary School with nine (9) members present. An Executive Meeting was held at 6:30 p.m. for personnel issues.

Jennifer Boerner (P)
Amanda Cook (P)
Anne Cook (P)
Evelyn Cottrell (P)

Jordon Downton (P)
Kristen Lawrence (P)
Oscar Miller (P)
Rachael Thomas (P)

Audrey Waterman (P)

Others present: Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Supko, Mrs. Shivock, Mr. Ballard, Mrs. Wright, and Molly (Student Representative).

The meeting was called to order by President Amanda Cook, 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present. Roll call was taken by Board Secretary Evelyn Cottrell finding all nine (9) members present.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Minutes from the March 11, 2026 regular meeting as presented.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Thomas, and carried unanimously to file the Treasurer's Report as presented.

Motion was made by Lawrence, seconded by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the General Fund Bills as presented.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the food service report as presented.

Motion was made by Anne Cook, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to file the Activity Fund and Athletic Fund reports as presented.

Reports were given by District Personnel.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for Superintendent, John Rushefski, to tentatively hire pending Board Approval for any vacancies between April 16, 2026 and May 12, 2026.

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Motion was made by Miller, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the intent of retirement of Robert Goodrich – High School Social Studies Teacher effective at the end of the 2025/2026 school year.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following resignations:

- a) Kyle Cook – Girls 5th/6th Grade Basketball Head Coach effective immediately.
- b) Stephanie Devlin – Personal Care Aid effective April 10, 2026.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Hires pending all clearances on file with the exception of (a) Sophia Muta – Elementary Teacher Step 2/Bachelors. Anne Cook voted NO.

- a) Sophia Muta – Elementary Teacher Step 2/Bachelors. (8) yes votes.
- b) Shannon Oropallo – Track Helper for the 2026 season.
- c) Julie Hargett-Wakins – Registered Nurse for the Kindergarten Field Trip.
- d) Phyllis O'Keeffe – Substitute Personal Care Aide.
- e) Christen Beamer – Elementary Classroom Aide, Replacement.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Anne Cook, and carried unanimously approving the following Volunteers pending all clearances on file:

- a) Chris Maby – Varsity Baseball for the 2026 season.
- b) Brad Allen – Football Volunteer for the 2026 season.

Motion was made by Downton, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following requests:

- a) First Grade Field Trip to Ross Park Zoo on Thursday, May 7, 2026.
- b) Varsity Football Cheerleading to attend Cheer Camp from Saturday, August 15 – Tuesday, August 18, 2026.
- c) Peter Supko to attend an AI Summit at NEIU#18 on Wednesday, April 8, 2026. Cost to the district is mileage reimbursement.
- d) Second Grade Field Trip to Roberson's Museum on Thursday, May 14, 2026.
- e) Elementary School to run the Let Grow Play Club for Students in grade 1 – 6 during the summer of 2026. Cost \$1,500.00.
- f) Elementary School to run a Sports/STEM Summer Camp for students in grades 3-6 during the summer of 2026. Cost to the district is \$2,300.00.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Facility Use requests:

- a) NextGen Hoops use of the Elementary and High School Gymnasiums to hold practices.
- b) Dan Wolfe 5K to use the School Grounds for the start of the race on July 18, 2026 from approximately 6:30 until 8:30 A.M.

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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission to the Business Office to pay bills that may occur between April 16, 2026 and May 12, 2026.

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Motion was made by Boerner, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to grant the Business Office permission to Tabulate and Award Bids and to Order Supplies for the 2026/2027 school year, subject to Board approval in May.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Nutrition Groups' Fixed Price renewal for the 2026/27 school year.

Motion was made by Thomas, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Tuesday May 5, 2026 as Teacher Appreciation Day and sponsoring a light breakfast.

Motion was made by Thomas, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Wednesday, April 22, 2026 as Administrative Professionals Day and sponsoring a light lunch.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Agreement between the Center for Independent Living and Susquehanna Community SD for Transition Services for students in out of District placements in Lackawanna County.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Partnership Agreement between Keystone/Red Rock Job Corps and the Susquehanna Community SD to provide drop out alternative programming for recommended eligible students.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the First Read for the following Policies:

- a.) 619 – District Audit
- b.) 810 – Transportation

Motion was made by Anne Cook, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Retirement of John Ord – Technology Assistant effective April 10, 2026.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the intent of retirement of Barbara Edwards – Title I Aide effective at the end of the 2025/26 school year.

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Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the list of fundraisers.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Proposal for the Elementary School Roof Repairs at a cost of \$30,520.00.

Motion was made by Thomas, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Resignation of John Ord as Archery Advisor effective April 13, 2026.

Motion was made by Boerner, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the hiring of Lea Ann Emmons for track helper for the 2026 season.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Boerner, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the April meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Evelyn A. Cottrell/board Secretary