

The Board of Education of the Tamaqua Area School District met in regular session in the LGI Room on July 21, 2026 at 8:01 pm with Larry Wittig presiding. President Wittig led with the "Pledge of Allegiance." A moment of silence meditation followed.

PRESENT

Larry Wittig, President  
Nicholas Boyle, Vice President  
Daniel Schoener, Treasurer

Melanie Dillman  
Curt Hartung  
Nancy Jones

ABSENT

Tom Bartsavage  
Connie Ligenza

Bryan Miller  
Trina Schellhammer

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

Hartung made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the minutes from June 16, 2026. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Hartung, Jones all voted "FOR."

Dillman 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 Boyle to ratify the transfer of funds and payment of bills. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Hartung, Jones all voted "FOR."

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the treasurer's report. Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Hartung, Jones 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 22 minute meeting was held prior to the board meeting.

President Wittig called for the recommendation of the committees.

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

Hartung made a motion seconded by Boyle to approve the following for the 2026-2027 school year; Coaches; Volunteer Coaches; Adult Game Worker and Event Security List; Substitute Custodians; Substitute Teacher Coordinator; Choral Director; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Jim Gormley, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Assistant Boys Soccer Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Tyler Steigerwalt, New Ringgold, PA 17960, as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach

Nicholas Barron, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Boys Soccer Coach

Chloe Ryan, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Tennis Coach

Jason Gerber, Schuylkill Haven, PA 17972, as a Volunteer Baseball Coach

Tony Zancofsky, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as Head Softball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Courtney Hoffman, Barnesville, PA 18214, as an Assistant Softball Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Heather Patrick, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as a Volunteer Softball Coach

Dylan Rynkiewicz, Barnesville, PA 18214, as Head Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Maria Campomizzi, Tamaqua, PA 18252, as an Assistant Junior High Track and Field Coach, at a stipend to be determined

Adult Game Worker and Event Security List

Ratify, Jon Shirvinski, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$12.78

Alivia Woodring, Tamaqua, PA 18252, Substitute Custodian, at an hourly rate of \$12.78  
2026-2027 School Year

Terri Livingston, Substitute Teacher Coordinator

Allison Kline, High School Choral Director

Allison Kline, Middle School Choral Director

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

Dillman made a motion seconded by Jones to approve the following for the 2026-2027 school year; Second Reading of Policy #237; Adopt Policy listed in letter A; First Reading of Policy #815.1; Authorization; Superintendent Contract; Assistant Superintendent Contract; Resignation; Elementary Guidance Counselor; Elementary Art Teacher; Special Education Teacher; Substitute Teacher; Mentors; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Second reading of the following policy:

Policy #237 – Electronic Devices

Schoener made a motion seconded by Boyle to forgo the first readings of the listed policies.

Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Hartung, Jones all voted “FOR.”

Adopt policy in letter A

First reading of the following policy:

Policy #815.1 – Student Chromebook Responsible Use

Authorize the Superintendent to employ staff as needed

Approve contract, Dr. Stephen Toth, Superintendent, for a term of 5 years, beginning August 26, 2026

Approve contract, Mr. Thomas McCabe, Assistant Superintendent, for a term of 5 years, beginning August 26, 2026

Resignation of Abby Schoffstall, Special Education Teacher, effective August 24, 2026

Cara Sanfilippo, Frackville, PA 17931, Elementary Guidance Counselor, Master’s Step 6, at a salary of \$63,573

Brynn Merkel, Kunkeltown, PA 18058, Elementary Art Teacher, Bachelor’s Step 1, at a salary of \$50,221

Laila Alvarez, Pottsville, PA 17901, Special Education Teacher, Bachelor’s Step 1, at a salary of \$50,221

Approve Kelly Reaman, Brockton, PA 179285, Substitute Teacher

Approve Jillian Tuckett, certified teacher, mentor to Jennifer Novotney, certified teacher

Approve Tracy Miller, certified teacher, mentor to Hailee Levonas, certified teacher

Approve Charlene Shannon, certified teacher, mentor to Jaclyn Guth, certified teacher

Approve Erin Groody, certified teacher, mentor to Zoe Seltzer, certified teacher

Approve Scott Schalles, certified teacher, mentor to Rylee Wenzel, certified teacher

Approve Krista Martin, certified teacher, mentor to Sophia Boyle, certified teacher

Approve Andrew Michalik, certified teacher, mentor to Ashley Hepler, certified teacher

Approve Michele Bittner, certified teacher, mentor to Gianna Granick, certified teacher

Approve Lauren Klevis, certified teacher, mentor to Corrine Morris, certified teacher  
Approve Angela Faust, certified teacher, mentor to Brynn Merkel, certified teacher  
Approve Kristin Tubbs, certified teacher, mentor to Sara Kulp, certified teacher  
Approve Briona Spotts, certified teacher, mentor to Laila Alvarez, certified teacher

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

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 2026-2027 school year as presented; Tax Refunds; Payment of Bills; 2026-2027 Tuition Rates; Donations; Affirmative Vote Resolution; Use of School Property; School Uniform Stipend; LCCC Shine Afterschool Program Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement; St. Jerome's Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement; 2026-2027 Breakfast and Lunch Prices; Waste Management Services Contract; Carpet Tile Purchase; Purchase of a Replacement SMA Solar Inverter; Stadium Bleacher Repairs; contingent upon the submission of the necessary documentation.

Tax Refunds:

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|---------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Rush Township       | 2024, 2025       | - Assessed Occupation |
| Schuylkill Township | 2023, 2024, 2025 | - Assessed Occupation |
| Tamaqua Boro.       | 2025             | - Real Estate         |

Payment of Bills

Approve the following tuition rates

Elementary \$13,471.38

Secondary \$14,888.96

Approve the following donations:

ESRC \$2,500

Tamaqua Library \$3,500

Affirmative Vote Resolution

Matt Hope, Tamaqua, permission to use the triangular piece of property on Stadium Hill for the 2026-2027 school year

School uniform stipend, at \$25.00, with a cutoff for financial assistance relative to the dress code for household income less than 130% of the poverty guideline

LCCC Shine Afterschool Program Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement at \$4.25 per meal

St. Jerome's Sponsor to Sponsor Agreement for school lunch at \$3.25 per student lunch  
2026-2027 Breakfast and Lunch Prices

Elementary \$2.45

Secondary \$2.70

Breakfast: \$1.25

Adult \$4.75

Adult Breakfast \$2.50

Waste Management Services, Casella Waste Systems, 3 year contract; effective  
8/1/2026 (pro-rated) through 6/30/2029

Purchase of Carpet Tile from JK Flooring and Renovations, LLC, Luzerne, PA 18704, in the  
amount of \$23,900.00

Purchase of a Replacement SMA Solar inverter for inverter #4 at Tamaqua Elementary  
Solar field from, Costar vendor, McClure Company; not to exceed \$22,000 for parts and  
installation

Inspection, repair and replacement of damaged bleachers at the Stadium, Costar vendor  
Keystone Sports Construction, Phoenixville, PA 19460; not to exceed \$15,000.

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

Communications – None

Schoener made a motion seconded by Jones to pay the monthly board invoices as presented.  
Wittig, Boyle, Schoener, Dillman, Hartung, Jones all voted "FOR."

Old Business – None

New Business – None

Hartung made a motion seconded by Boyle to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 PM. Wittig, Boyle,  
Schoener, Dillman, Hartung, Jones all voted "FOR."

Regular School Board Meeting

July 21, 2026

Attest:

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Melanie Dillman  
Temporary Board Secretary

