

CALL TO ORDER At 7:12 p.m., the October 6, 2025, meeting of the Susquehanna Township Board of School Directors was called to order by President Jesse Rawls, Sr.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT Mr. Jesse Rawls, Sr., Ms. Tameka Hatcher, Ms. Elise I. LeMelle, Mrs. Jackie Hill, Mr. Jayonn Folks, Mr. Eric Hedenberg, Keita Kalonji Johnson, Esq., Mr. Steven H. Johnson, Sr., Dr. Anita Mareno

DISTRICT OFFICE PRESENT Dr. Tamara Willis, Dr. Andrae Martin, Kathy Ciaciulli, Dr. Erika Willis, Carrie Martin, Lance Deane, Ann-Marie Rathmell, Justin Green, 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 discussing student matters and a contract. An executive session was also held after the September 22, 2025, board meeting to discuss personnel matters.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA ITEMS FOR OCTOBER 6, 2025

MOTION TO AMEND THE AGENDA 2.A. Moved by Ms. Hatcher, seconded by Mr. K. Johnson to amend the meeting agenda for October 6, 2025, to move item 13, Board Comments, to item 3.B.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye:	Mr. Hedenberg, Dr. Mareno, Mr. Folks, Ms. Hatcher, Ms. LeMelle, Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. K. Johnson, Mr. Rawls
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

III.A. HEARING OF THE PUBLIC

Ms. Hatcher read a statement outlining the guidelines for public comment.

SPEAKER A. Murphy expressed concerns regarding bullying involving her child.

SPEAKER D. Screven expressed concerns about safety and security within the district and inquired whether the district has considered implementing a weapons detection system.

III.B. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS

T. Hatcher thanked the public speakers, assuring them that the board hears their concerns. She recognized Latino Heritage Month and expressed pride in the district's diversity. Hatcher emphasized that student safety is a top priority for the board and that their responsibility to the community is taken seriously.

K. Johnson echoed Hatcher's comments and concerns, noting the budget impasse at both the state and federal levels. He emphasized that the district never wants any parent to feel that their child's safety is compromised. Johnson explained that the purpose of the referendum is not only to build a new school but also to provide equitable education and access to programs for all students. He highlighted that the current tax structure is unfair to residents and homeowners, and the proposed plan aims to be more equitable by distributing the burden across all working taxpayers. He encouraged residents to review the information, ask questions, attend board meetings, and seek answers.

J. Hill addressed A. Murphy regarding her child being bullied, stating that the district does not tolerate bullying and thanking her for speaking up.

IV. GUEST AND SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS

4.A. Celebrating Families SLAC - Ms. Amanda Pressley, Principal and Nicole Stewart, Assistant Principal recognized the Thomas 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.

4.B. HANNA's Pantry - Lori Shienvold, Executive Director, presented (attached to BoardDocs)

V. FINANCE

MOTION TO APPROVE

5.A.B.C.D.E. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks, to approve Items 5.A.B.C.D.E.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

5.A. Approve the payment of Activity Fund bill from the First National Bank Activity Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$105.00.

5.B. 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 \$2,706,413.14.

5.C. Approve the payment of Food Service bills from the Food Service Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$103,137.06.

5.D. Approve the payments of New Construction Capital Projects Fund Checking bills from the New Construction Capital Projects Fund Checking, as listed on the Computer Check Summary, totaling \$106,672.19.

5.E. Approve the following personal tax refunds:

1. Taxpayer Name: Jaimarie Hiraldo

Bill #: 021308

Year: 2024

Refund Amount: \$270.00

Reason: Jaimarie Hiraldo is a full-time student; paid the taxes in error.

2. Taxpayer Name: Joyce Hollinger

Bill #: 004841

Year: 2024

Refund Amount: \$297.00

Reason: Joyce Hollinger is a senior citizen; paid the incorrect amount for her taxes in error.

3. Taxpayer Name: Rebecca Boisvert

Bill #: 582

Year: 2024

Refund Amount: \$343.00

Reason: Rebecca Boisvert paid taxes twice in error.

MOTION TO APPROVE

5.F. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks, to approve Item 5.F.
Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

5.F. Approve that the proceeds from the gate sales of the October 17, 2025, football game be given to the Pink Out Committee with the intention of subsequently donating them to local charities assisting breast cancer efforts.

MOTION TO APPROVE

5.G. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks, to approve Item 5.G.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye:	Mr. Hedenberg, Dr. Mareno, Mr. Folks, Ms. Hatcher, Ms. LeMelle, Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. K. Johnson, Mr. Rawls
Nay:	None
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Approve the Transportation Agreement with Krise Transportation to provide pupil transportation.

VI. PERSONNEL

MOTION TO APPROVE

6.A.B.C.E. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Folks to approve Items 6.A.B.C.D.E.

Motion passed 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

6.A.1. Approve the resignation of Jason Berry as Physical Education Teacher at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School effective October 8, 2025.

6.A.2. Approve the resignation of Breann Fleming as School Counselor at Susquehanna Township Middle School. Ms. Fleming will be held 60 days or until a replacement is found, whichever occurs first.

6.B.1. Approve the transfer of Ryan Evans from Principal at the Susquehanna Township Middle School to Principal at the Deer Path property effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

6.B.2. Approve the transfer of David Stack from Assistant Principal to Principal of Susquehanna Township Middle School, at a salary of \$105,000.00, effective for the 2026-2027 school year.

6.C.1. Approve the employment of Bridget Derr as Special Education Teacher-Autistic Support at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr. Elementary School at a salary of \$83,430.00, effective date to be determined. Bridget Derr will be replacing Shakeia Jackson-Tate.

6.C.2. Approve the employment of Kody Schriner as Physical Education Teacher at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School at a salary of \$60,830.00, effective date to be determined. Kody Shriner will be replacing Jason Berry.

6.C.3. Approve the employment of Alicia Galasso as 3-5 Teacher at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr. Elementary School at a salary of \$59,919.00, effective date to be determined. Alicia Galasso will be replacing Taylor Reed.

6.D. Approve Theresa Turnbaugh as Lunch Monitor at Sara Lindemuth / Anna Carter Primary School at a rate of \$17.00 per hour, effective September 29, 2025. Theresa is replacing Patria Cruz de Aybar.

6.E.1. Rescind Jennifer Nolt as mentor for Levi Moyer at Susquehanna Township High School.

6.E.3. Rescind Ashleigh Heagy as mentor for Caitlin Jodoin at Susquehanna Township Middle School.

6.E.4. Rescind Rebekah Batz as mentor for Nathaniel Clugston at Susquehanna Township Middle School.

6.E.5. Approve Jamie McNeal Earley as a Hanna Cyber Academy Teacher of Record, on an as-needed basis, for up to 10 hours per week at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr. Elementary School, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.

6.E.6. Approve Amber Jackson as a Hanna Cyber Academy Teacher of Record, on an as-needed basis, for up to 10 hours per week at Susquehanna Township High School, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.

6.E.7. Approve Monica Beasley as mentor for Alicia Galasso at the Thomas W. Holtzman Jr., Elementary School at a stipend of \$1,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.E.8. Approve Sara Martin as sponsor for Bridget Derr at Thomas W. Holtzman Jr., Elementary School at a stipend of \$500.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.E.9. Approve Judy Hodgson as mentor for Kody Schriener at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School at a stipend of \$1,000.00 for the 2025-2026 school year.

6.E.10. Approve Rebekah Batz as mentor for Alexandra Bennett at Susquehanna Township Middle School, at a stipend of \$1,000.00.

6.E.11. Approve Rebekah Batz as Volleyball Club Advisor at Susquehanna Township Middle School, at a stipend of \$1,200.00.

6.E.12. Approve Nathaniel Clugston as AAP Facilitator at Susquehanna Township Middle School, at a rate of \$40.00 per hour.

6.E.13. Approve Felicia Rivera as classroom monitor at Sara Lindemuth Anna Carter Primary School at a daily stipend of \$108.93, effective October 1, 2025.

6.E.14. Approve Marie Rutherford as volunteer for the Musical at Susquehanna Township Middle School.

6.E.15. Approve the following Winter Coach positions and stipends:

Coach:	Sport:	Stipend:
Kemal Pegram	High School Head Wrestling Coach	\$6,700.00
James Braderman	High School Girls Wrestling Coach	\$6,700.00
Jayden Johnson	High School Assistant Boys Wrestling Coach	\$4,700.00

Jy'Mere Rucker Cash	High School Volunteer Wrestling Coach	
Cameron Demby	Middle School Head Wrestling Coach	\$2,700.00
Daron Dickerson	High School Head Girls Basketball Coach	\$6,700.00
Jecon Alphonso	Middle School Head Girls Basketball Coach	\$3,700.00
Casey Hayth	Middle School Assistant Girls Basketball Coach	\$2,700.00
Jordan Rexroth	High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,500.00
Zion Patterson	High School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,500.00
Dyllon Hudson	High School Boys Basketball Volunteer	
Alvin Kyle	Middle School Head Boys Basketball Coach	\$3,700.00
Timothy Hume	Middle School Assistant Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,700.00
Darron Bradley	Middle School Boys Basketball Volunteer	
LuAnn Hetherington	High School Head Swimming Coach	\$4,700.00
Evelyn Lambert	High School Assistant Swimming Coach	\$2,700.00
Kristen Kenyon	High School Swimming Volunteer	
Rhyce Hammaker	High School Swimming Volunteer	
Matt Ward	High School Swimming Volunteer	
Dwayne McCarthur	High School Head Indoor Track Coach	\$2,700.00
Brianna Tutuska	High School Assistant Indoor Track Coach	\$1,200.00
Cecelia Pharris	High School Head Cheerleading Coach (Winter)	\$4,700.00
Dionna Reeves	High School Assistant Cheerleading Coach (Winter)	\$3,500.00

VII. EDUCATION AND ATHLETICS COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER

At 7:55 p.m., the Education and Athletics Committee was called to order by Mr. Rawls.

PRESENTATION

7.A. Communities in Schools – Angelica DeSantiago, Director of Central PA Programs presented. (attached to BoardDocs)

ATHLETIC DIRECTOR'S REPORT

7.B. Lance Deane reported that the district is reviewing end-of-year academic eligibility rules, noting that currently students failing two or more classes must sit out the first 15 school days of the following year, which can penalize students who fail a half-year class. He highlighted the "Alert Your Athletes" protocol, where coaches contact students who are failing. Deane also recognized athletic achievements: Girls Tennis Mid-Penn qualifiers—Sopia Fields, Suha Rockwell, Savannah Morris, Tuba Noor, Miranda Jiang, Presus Tamang, and Natalie Pickering; Cross Country Mid-Penn qualifiers—Anthony Do, Aidan Faulkner, and Nevin Claudio; Girls Soccer—Reading High School Tournament Champions; and the football team, currently 7-0 and ranked first in the district. He noted successful youth nights for Field Hockey and Football, the first edition of the first Athletic Newsletter, and that the BSN apparel store is now active.

The board had discussion on PIAA academic eligibility requirements.

**CONTRACTS/ ITEMS
DISCUSSED**

7.C. New High School Course: Spanish IA MC (modified curriculum)

7.D. Infinite Campus License Agreement

7.E. New Story Schools Harrisburg Agreement 2025-2026

7.F. Title 1 Nonpublic Programs and Services

VIII. DISCIPLINE COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:46 p.m., the Discipline Committee was called to order by Mr. Rawls.

SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

8.A. Dr. Willis provided an update on state reportable incidents. (attached to BoardDocs)

IX. PERSONNEL UPDATES

None

X. FINANCE AND FACILITIES COMMITTEE

CALL TO ORDER

At 8:56 p.m., the Finance and Facilities Committee was called to order by Mr. Rawls.

FINANCE REPORT

10.A. Mrs. Ciaciulli gave a Financial Report and shared that the district has received a credit rating of Aa2 or Outstanding. (attached to BoardDocs)

Ms. Hatcher commended Mr. Anderson, Dr. Willis, Mrs. Ciaciulli, and the Board for their commitment to maintaining strong fiscal standards.

CONTRACTS DISCUSSED

10.B. Wired and Wireless Networking Infrastructure for Deer Path

10.C. Pennsylvania Association of School Business Officials (PASBO) Contract – Facility Department Study

XI. POLICY COMMITTEE

None

XII. OTHER

MOTION TO APPROVE

12.A. Moved by Mr. K. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Hedenberg to approve Item 12.A.

The board recessed to executive session at 9:26 p.m.
The board returned at 9:42 p.m.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Aye:	Mr. Hedenberg, Dr. Mareno, Mr. Folks, Mrs. Hill, Mr. S. Johnson, Mr. K. Johnson, Mr. Rawls
Nay:	Ms. Hatcher, Ms. LeMelle
Abstain:	None
Absent:	None

Motion passed 7-2, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

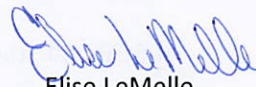
12.A. Adjudication of Student #2025-26/005 as discussed in executive session.

XIII. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION TO ADJOURN

Moved by Mrs. Hill, seconded by Mr. Folks the meeting.
Motion passed: 9-0, 0 abstentions, 0 absent

Meeting adjourned 9:45 p.m.


Elise LeMelle
Board Secretary