September 21, 2026

The Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors held an executive Session on 9/14/2026 at 6:00 P.M. and again on 9/16/26 at 7:00 P.M. purpose to discuss personnel issues. An information meeting was held on 9/14/2026 at 7:00 P.M. Meetings were held in the Administration Office of the Elementary Building.

The regular meeting of the Susquehanna community School board was held on September 21, 2026 at 7:00 P.M. in the Administration Office of the Elementary School Building with 8 members present:

Jennifer Boerner(A)
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. Soden, Mr. Emmons, Mrs. Shivock, Mr. Ballard, Mrs. Wright, Student Representative, Mitchell Lesser and other Guests.

The meeting was called to order by President Amanda Cook, at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present.
Roll call was taken by Secretary Evelyn Cottrell, finding (8) members present. Jennifer Boerner was absent.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Minutes of the regular meeting held on August 5, 2026 as presented.

Motion was by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to file the Treasurer's Report as presented.

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

Motion was made by Miller, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the food Service Report as presented.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to file the Activity Fund and Athletic Fund Reports as presented.

At this time certificates for 5 yrs. of service on the school board was presented to Jordon Downton, and Audrey Waterman.

Reports was given by District Personnel.

Public Comments:
Paula Stone -Guiding Principles

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for Superintendent, John Rushefski, to tentatively hire pending Board approval for any vacancies between September 22,2026 and October 27, 2026, pending board approval.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission to the Business Office to pay bills that may occur between September 22, 2026 and October 27, 2026.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Petroleum Traders' fixed price bid of $4.3684 per gallon for the 2026/2027 fiscal year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and d carried by unanimous vote to approve a school building assessment at the Elementary and High School by McClure Company at no cost to the district.

Motion was made by Thomas, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the contract between the Susquehanna Community School District and the Western Pennsylvania School for the Deaf for off campus interpreting services at a cost of $26,000.00.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 3-year contract between Susquehanna Community School District and Walsworth Yearbooks beginning with the 2027/2028 school year.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to the third reading of Policy 249 – Bullying/Cyberbullying. (Updated language including bystander instigation).

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by 6 yes votes, 1 abstained, 1 opposed vote to approve a 45 day of Expulsion for Student ID#308271. Anne Cook abstained – She was not present for the discussion in executive session. Thomas voted no.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Staff for the Elementary and High School Threat Assessment Teams:

Tammy Stone	Bridget Milos
Elizabeth Shivock	Elizabeth Matis
Richard Emmons	Andrea Venesky
Timothy Borick	Beth Davis
Kristy Pavelski	Brent Soden

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

A) Lisa Vail – Truancy Officer beginning 2026/2027 school year.
B) Shannon Oropallo – Football Ticket Taker.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Tenured Teachers:

a) Sarah Carpenetti
b) Kassandra Baker
c) Megan Soden
d) Stacey Ryerson
e) Rachel Tyler

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following hires pending all clearances on file:

a) Slone Chandler – Retractive Long Term Substitute, HS English – 93 Days beginning March of 2025/2026 school year through October 14, 2026.
b) Michelle Oakley – Permanent Full-Time Nurse (Non- Instructional Agreement) 183 Days.
c) Gina Dibble – Instructional Aide.
d) Mina Shay – Football Ticket Taker.
e) Mins Shay – Soccer Driver.
f) Stacey Foley – Substitute Personal Care Aide.
g) Jake Johnson – Boys 5/6 Grade Basketball Coach for the 2025/26 season.
h) Kristy Pavelski – Girls 5/6/ Grade Basketball Coach for the 2025/26 season.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following volunteers pending all clearances on file:

a) Alison Marshman – Volunteer Volleyball Coach for the 2026 season.
b) Aries Noel – Volunteer Junior High Football Coach for the 2026 season. Anne Cook opposed.
c) Spencer Beamer – JH Football Volunteer for the 2026 season.
d) Jeff Baldwin – Volleyball Volunteer for the 2026 season.
e) Dave Jenkins – Drama Set Builder for the Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 productions.

Motion was made by Anne Cook, second by Downton, and carried unanimously to approve the following Requests:

a) Surplusing the old elementary gym sound system and allowing the elementary principal to accept closed bids for the sale of such.
b) Student Council to hold the Homecoming Dance on Saturday, October 10, 2026 at the High School from 7:00 P.M. until 10:00 P.M.
c) Student Council to hold a Free Community Trunk or Treat on the campus parking lot on Saturday, Oct. 24, 2026 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.
d) Student Council to hold a Haunted House at the High School on Saturday, October 24, 2026 from 5:30 P.M. until 7:00 P.M.

e) Student Council to host a Blood Drive in coordination with the Red Cross on Monday November 2, 2026 from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M. Donors would be limited to students and staff.
f) Student Council to send a delegation of students and advisor to the PASC State Conference held at Mt. View High School on Friday, November 13,2026 and Saturday, November 14,2026.
g) Kayle Gerchman to attend the National Conference of Student Activities in Pittsburg, PA from Friday, December 4, 2026 through Sunday, December 6, 2026.
h) Environmental Science Field Trip to Lucina Park on Friday, September 18 and Monday, September 28, 2026. The cost to district is Transportation.
i) Environmental Science Field Trip to the Pleasant Mt. Fish Hatchery on Thursday September 10, 2026. The Cost to the district is Transportation.
j) Envirothon Team Field Trip to Salt Springs State Park on Thursday, October 8, 2026.
k) Drama Department to hold the Fall Play on Friday, November 20, 206 and Saturday, November 21, 2026.
l) Peter Supko to attend the NEIU Literacy Network Meeting at NEIU#19 on Thursday, October 8, 2026. There is no cost to the district.
m) Guidance Department Field Trip to DT Midstream on Wednesday, October 21, 2026.
n) Elementary and High School Life Skills Field trip to Lakeland Orchard on Thursday, October 10, 2026.
o) Sofia Muta and Patricia Cottrell to attend Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling Training at NEIU#19 during the 2026/27 school year. Cost is $675.00 and mileage reimbursement per adult.
p) Elementary School to hold Fire Prevention on Friday, October 9, 2026.
q) Elementary School to hold their annual 6Grade Flag Football Game during the week of October 5, 2026.
r) Elementary School to hold After School Art and STEM Clubs during the 2026/27 school year. The cost is estimated to be $3,500.00.
s) Elizabeth Shivock to attend a one-day Special Education Law Conference at Leigh University on Friday, October 23, 2026. The cost to the district is registration fee of $250.00.
t) The Research Team at SUNY Oneonta to conduct a leadership course in the fall of 2026.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following requests:

a) Susquehanna Junior Sabers to use the Elementary Gym on Saturday, September 12, 2026 from 8:00 A.M. until 12:00 P.M. for a fundraiser pick-up.
b) The Stone Bridge Lions Club to host the Cole All-Star Circus in the High School Gymnasium on April 14, 2027.

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

Motion was made by Anne Cook, second by Miller, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,

Evelyn A. Cottrell

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