

March 13, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors met on March 13, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gymnasium with al nine (9) members present:

Jennifer Bixby (p)	Jordon Downton (P)
Amanda Cook (P)	Kristen Lawrence (P)
Anne Cook (P)	Oscar Miller (P)
Evelyn Cottrell(P)	Rachael Thomas (P)

Audrey Waterman (P)

Others present: Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Kiernan, and other Guests.

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

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Lawrence, and approved by unanimous vote to approve the Minutes of the February 21, 2014 meeting as presented.

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

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Miller, and carried unanimously to approve the General Fund Bills as presented.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Food Service Report as presented.

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

Reports was given by District Personnel.

Public Comment: Paula Stone – Our Math Program.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to renew the 2024/2025 Portrait Renewal Contract with the Barksdale Group.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for John Rusheski, Superintendent, to tentatively hire pending Board Approval for any vacancies between March 14, 2024 and April 16, 2024.

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Motion was made by Bixby, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission to the Business Office to pay bills that may occur between March 14, 2024, and April 16, 2024.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the 2024/2025 school calendar.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the exoneration of the District Tax Collectors from the collections of unpaid School Taxes for the year 2023.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the modified summer work schedule for 235/260-day employees.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve retiring Policy #225 – Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies as it is an older duplicate of the current Active Policy #805.1 – Relations With Law Enforcement Agencies.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman and carried by unanimous vote to approve Homebound Instructions for Students: ID #06960 and #10920.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the facility use request; Windwood Hill Dance Academy to use the High School Auditorium on Sunday May 19, 2024, and additional days the week before for practice.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Ms. Julie Gallo's retirement effective June 30, 2024.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Jillian Rink as a bus aide for Lewis Bussing.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Bixby, and carried by eight (8) yes votes to one (1) no vote to approve Head Varsity Football Coach Mr. Mose Perry's request to decline payment of salary for his position and instead hire two Varsity Assistant Coaches for 2024 season. Amanda Cook was the one who voted no.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following volunteer pending approved clearances on file:

- a) Jacob Johnson – Varsity Baseball Coach – 2024.

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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to hire the following positions pending approved clearances on file:

- A) Patricia Cottrell – Varsity Softball Bookkeeper – 2024/2025 seasons. Evelyn Cottrell abstained from vote- Relative.
- B) Kim Ott – JH Baseball Bookkeeper – 2024/2025 seasons.

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

- a) Andrea Venesky to attend “Using a Health Equity Approach to Address Domestic Violence, Sexual Assault and Human Trafficking conference at Marywood University on April 18, 2024.
- b) Fourth Grade trip to Susquehanna County Courthouse – April 11, 2024.
- c) Third Grade – Hooked On Fishing/Camp Wayne – May 30, 2024.
- d) K4 – trip to Animal Adventure Park – May 15, 2024.
- e) Second Grade – trip to Roberson Museum – May 16, 2024.
- f) Kindergarten – trip to Discovery Center – May 17, 2024.

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

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Katy Matis as a drama volunteer pending all approved clearances on file.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to hire the following personnel pending all approved clearances on file:

- a) Kaylee Rooney – JH Assistant Softball Coach – 2024/2025 seasons.
- b) Kyle Cook – JH Substitute Baseball Scorekeeper. Anne Cook and Amanda Cook abstained from this vote – Relative.
- c) Carrie butts – JH Softball Scorekeeper – 2024/2025 seasons.
- d) Laura Beach – Permanent Part Time Maintenance/Custodial per Non-Instructional Agreement.
- e) Chesley Detwiler – Business/District Office Administrative Assistant – per Management Team Agreement - \$31,000.00 prorated.

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

- a) Karyn Grasgruber, Jessica Wolf and Jeremy Page to attend OpenSciEd training at IU#19 on March 25, and 26. Cost Substitute and Mileage.
- b) Sabers Football Booster Club to offer students in JH & Varsity Football programs, Pep Band, and Football Cheerleaders, a trip to a NY Jets Football game – date and time TBD.
- c) First Grade field trip to Anderson Center and Ross Park Zoo – April 9, 2024.
- d) Fourth Grade Camp – Camp Tuscarora – May 21- May 24, 2024.

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e) Sixth Grade – field trip – Hershey Park – May 17, 2024.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Lanesboro Gymnasium as an approved back up practice facility to the school district campus.

There being no other business to act on this meeting; a motion was made by Waterman, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Evelyn A. Cottrell/Board Secretary