

April 17, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors met on April 17, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gymnasium with nine (9) members present:

Jennifer Bixby(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. Soden, Mr. Kiernan, and other Guests.

Executive meeting was called before the meeting for the purpose of discussing Personnel and a Legal matter beginning at 6:55 p.m. and adjourned at 7:07 pm. Also, executive sessions have occurred on March 21, 2024, April 3, 2024, and April 15, 2024 involving personnel and Legal matters.

Meeting was called to order by President Amanda Cook, at 7:10 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all. Roll call was taken by Secretary Evelyn Cottrell, finding all nine (9) Board Members present.

Mrs. Ellen Holdredge and Robert McNamara from the Susquehanna Chapter of Pennsylvania Association of School Retirees (PSAR) was introduced at this time to present the Woodson Award to Ellen Rockwell, Elementary Teacher and Diane Terpstra, District Office Secretary.

Motion was made by Anne Cook, second by Lawrence, and carried unanimously to approve the minutes of March 17, 2024 meeting as presented.

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

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

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

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

District Personnel Reports were presented.

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Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for Superintendent, John Rushefski to tentatively hire for any vacancies occurring between April 17, 2024 and May 15, 2024, pending Board approval.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission to the Business Office to pay bills that may occur between April 17, 2024 and May 15, 2024.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Lawrence, and carried unanimously to grant the Business Office permission to tabulate and award bids and to order supplies for the 2024/25 school year, subject to board approval in May.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve May 7, 2024 as Teacher Recognition and sponsoring a light breakfast.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Nutrition Groups' Fixed Price renewal for the 2024/25 school year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Anne Cook, and carried unanimously to approve the amended New Story agreements.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Data Package from IU 19.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Policy 903 – Public Comment in Board meetings.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Miller, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Megan Beny's request for an unpaid maternity leave beginning with the 2024/25 school year and ending December 3, 2024.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, to approve the following sub drivers for Lewis Bussing: a) Barry Heller, b) Kimberly Keyes.

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

- a) Shannon Bixby – Substitute Custodial/Maintenance.
- b) Valerie Faigle – Substitute Custodial/Maintenance.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Downton, and carried unanimously to approve the following Staff for the ESY:

- a) Rachael Wargo – Professional Staff

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- b) Richard Emmons – Professional Staff
- c) Laurie Frye – Instructional Paraprofessional Staff

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

- a) PIC to hold a Free Family Event (Candy Bar bingo) on April 18, 2024.
- b) Trooper Ryan Gilleran to hold an accident reconstruction seminar on campus for interested students in grades 11-12. To be scheduled for May.
- c) The Guidance Department to host a therapy dog for one day during Mental Health Week in May.
- d) SCDA to host a History seminar in the HS Auditorium on June 22, 2024 open to the public.
- e) Permission for SCDA to utilize the campus on July 20, 2024 for Dan Wolf Memorial 5k.
- f) Permission to host a Cornell College Application Workshop on May 24, 2024 for grade 11 students.

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

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby and carried by unanimous vote to approve the amended school calendar for the 2023/24 school year.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Resolution for a Public-School Facility Improvement grant of \$500,00.00 to be used for HS Chiller Replacement and Exhaust Fan for Elementary Kitchen.

Motion was made by Miller. Second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the quote of \$8,840.00 from L. J. Bogumil, Inc. for Elementary Pressure Release Valve Installation.

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

- a) The PA STEELS (Science, Technology, Engineering, Environmental Literacy and Sustainability) standards for the 2024/25 school year and beyond.
- b) Released Time Class for religious instruction to be permitted for the 2024/25 school year on behalf of the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Susquehanna County, Inc.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Miller, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following request: a) Susquehanna Area Little League the use of the High School Gym on April 28, 2024 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. for photos.

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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Downton, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Ruth Benedict as volunteer for JH Softball pending all clearances on file.

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

Mr. Brent Soden to transfer to the Elementary School Principal effective July 1, 2024 as part of the Management Team Agreement.

Business being complete for this month's meeting; motion was made by Anne Cook, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,


Evelyn A. Cottrell/Board Secretary