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September 18, 2024

The Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors held Executive Sessions on September 16, 2024 before the Information Session for the purpose of Personnel and Contracts. September 18, 2024 before the Regular Meeting for the purpose of a Legal Matter.

The regular monthly meeting of the Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors met on September 18, 2024 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office of the Elementary Building with (8) eight members present:

Jennifer Bixby (P)	Jordan Downton (A)
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, Attorney Gaughan, Mr. Supko, Mr. Kiernan, Tom Ballard, and other Guests.

President Amanda Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance. Roll was taken by Secretary Evelyn Cottrell finding eight (8) members present.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Minutes from the Special Meeting held on August 5, 2024 and Minutes from the regular meeting held on August 7, 2024 as presented.

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

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

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

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Anne Cook, and carried unanimously to file the Activity Fund and Athletic Fund Reports as presented.

Reports of District Personnel were given.

Public Comment- Paula Stone – Books being read out loud in School.  
Amy Harcar – Handling of School Threats and Lockdowns.

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Motion was made by Miller, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for Superintendent John Rushefski, to tentatively hire for any vacancies between September 19, 2024 and October 15, 2024 pending Board Approval.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Thomas and carried by unanimous vote to grant the Business Office permission to pay bills that may occur between September 19, 2024 and October 15, 2024.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Petroleum Traders' Fixed Price Bid of \$2.30 per gallon for Heating Oil for the 2024/25 Fiscal Year.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to Cottrell, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the School Based Probation Program Agreement for the 2024/25 School Year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the New Story Schools Services Agreement.

Motion was made by Waterman, seconded by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Policies:

- a) Policy 101 – Mission Statement/Vision Statement/Shared Values
- b) Policy 249 – bullying/Cyberbullying

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

- a) Superintendent John Rushefski to attend the NEIU Superintendents Conference in Hershey, PA. October 20 – 24, 2024 at a cost of mileage reimbursement.
- b) Superintendent, John Rushefski, to attend the 2024 Pennsylvania Association of Rural and Small Schools Conference in State College, PA. At a cost a cost of \$295.00 + mileage reimbursement and lodging.
- c) Superintendent John Rushefski to attend the NEIU #19 on September 30, 2024. Cost is \$325.00 and Mileage reimbursement.

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

- a) Spencer Beamer – 7/8<sup>th</sup> Grade Basketball Coach.
- b) Shannon Bixby – Effective 9/9/2024 Personal Care Aide.

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

- a) Jill Soden for 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball for the 2024-25 season.

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

- a) Kimberly Burke
- b) Dustin Dailey
- c) Madison Dailey

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

- a) Ashlie Bryden – Substitute Personal Care Aide.
- b) Dawn Steele – Afterschool STEM Club Advisor for the Fall of 2024.
- c) Joni McDonald – Instruction in the Home Teacher from September 3, 2024- to the conclusion of the 2024/25 School Year.
- d) Brett Deakin – Game Manager for the 2024 Volleyball Season.
- e) Eileen Brady – Substitute Personal Care Aide.
- f) Raelynn Amrein – Substitute Ticket Taker for the 2024/25 Football and Basketball Season.
- g) Madison Dailey – Instruction in the home Teacher from September 3, 2024- October 2024.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Anne Cooke, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Student Teachers:

- a) Slone Chandler – Starting October 16, 2024.
- b) Jasmine Funk – Observation Hours with Ms. Conklin this Semester.
- c) Stephen Vivona – Starting September 9, 2024 – November 11, 2024.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried unanimously to approve the following requests:

- a) Elizabeth Shivoock to attend a training at NEIU#19 for Title III, English Language Consortium Training on September 9, 2024 8:30 – 11:00 A.M. Cost mileage reimbursement.
- b) Peter Supko to attend DQN (Data Quality Network) and Ed Leaders Forum at NEIU#19 during the 2024/25 school year.
- c) Dustin Daily, Kevin Davis, Dan Maurer, Tom Adornato, and Kelly McCloskey to attend OGAP (Ongoing Assessment Project) training at NEIU#19 on the following dates: 10/23 - 24, 12/11-12/24, 2/4/25, and 3/7/25. The cost for professional development is covered by a grant. Is for mileage and substitutes.
- d) Brent Soden to attend Federal Programs Workshops for the 2024/25 school year.
- e) Rachel Tyler and Cassandra Hall to attend LETRS Volume 1 (Language Essentials for Teachers of Reading and Spelling) Professional Development at NEIU #19 during the 2024/25 School Year.
- f) Susquehanna Fire Department and Thompson Hose Company to conduct Fire Prevention Assemblies for the Elementary School in October.

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- g) Lisa Carpenter and Kristi Rossi to take a group of 20 students to Lackawanna College on October 10, 2024 for the STEM and Career Exploration Day. Cost is Transportation and 2 Substitute Teachers.
- h) Susquehanna Community School District Counselors to attend 5 Endless Mountains Counselors Association Meetings beginning September 27,2024 at Green Gables with 4 more meetings to be determined during the 2024/25 School Year.
- i) Peter Supko to attend PASCDC Conference November 24-25, 2025. Cost is for Registration (\$424.00), Hotel (\$165.00), meals and mileage.
- j) Katherine Edwards to Participate in a Training Series through NEIU#19 titled Intensive Skills Training for Students with Emotional Behavioral Disorders, on October 28, 2024, and November 18, 2024. Cost mileage reimbursement.
- k) Madison Dailey, Melissa Franks, Elizabeth Shivock to participate in Mandated PA Alternate State Assessment Dynamic Learning Model Training on October 7, 2024 at Blue Ridge Elementary School Hosted by NEIU#19. Cost is mileage reimbursement.
- l) Olivia Watson to participate in TACT-2 Therapeutic Behavior Management Training on October 22-24, 2024 at Colonial NEIU#20. Cost is mileage and lodging (Hotel Reimbursement Maximum of \$250.00).
- m) Jeremy Page and Jessica Wolf to attend OpenSciEd Professional Learning Meetings at NEIU#19 on November 19, 2024 and March 31, 2025. Cost is Mileage and Substitute teachers.
- n) STEM Club to take a Field Trip to Johnson College in 'October 2024. Cost is Transportation and Substitute Teacher.
- o) Wicked Christmas Carol as the Fall Play tentatively scheduled for December 2024.
- p) School of Rock as the Spring Musical for the Drama Department in the Spring of 2025.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried unanimously to approve the use of the Elementary Gymnasium to the Susquehanna Junior Sabers on March 15, 2025 at 11:00 to hold a Purse Bingo.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the list of fundraisers (August and September).

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following tuition-waved non-resident students for the 2024/25 school year:

#07930	#07761	#07894	# 07435	#07164	#06661
#07953	#07791	#07505	#07138	#06835	#06662
#07956	#07616	#07644	#06918	#06679	#07806
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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the updated Threat Assessment Teams.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Estimates from Impact Integrated Systems in the Amounts of \$10,00.00 and \$12,018.00 for the Inspiration Lab.

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

- a) Peter Supko and three (3) other teachers to attend The Pick Your Pathway STEM Collaboration at Mohegan Sun Area on October 11, 2024. The cost is for three substitutes and mileage.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 P.M.

Respectively Submitted,



Evelyn A. Cottrell/Board Secretary