

SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT



AGENDA

School Board Meeting

February 12, 2025

7:00 P. M.

Administration Office Board Room

EXECUTIVE SESSION - 02/10/2025 - 6:00 P.M.

INFORMATION SESSION - 02/10/2025 - 7:00 P.M.

BOARD RETREAT - FEBRUARY 17TH AT 6:00 P.M.



Pledge of
Allegiance

Call meeting
to order:

PRESIDENT AMANDA COOK

Type of
Meeting:

MONTHLY MEETING

Secretary:

EVELYN COTTRELL

ROLL CALL
OF SCHOOL
BOARD
MEMBERS:

JENNIFER BIXBY
AMANDA COOK
ANNE COOK
EVELYN COTTRELL, SECRETARY
JORDON DOWNTON, TREASURER
KRISTEN LAWRENCE, VICE PRESIDENT
OSCAR MILLER
RACHAEL THOMAS
AUDREY WATERMAN

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AGENDA TOPICS

1. Approve the Meeting Minutes from the Regular Meeting held on January 15, 2025 as presented.

2. File the Treasurer's Report as presented.

3. Approve the General Fund Bills as presented.

4. Approve the Food Service Report as presented.

5. File the Activity Fund and Athletic Fund reports as presented.

6. Reading of correspondence.

7. Report of District Personnel:

John Rushefski:

Brent Soden:

Rich Emmons:

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Pete Supko:

Gary Kiernan:

Elizabeth Shivock:

Tom Ballard:

Lora Wright:

Union Representative:

8. Public Comment Period.
(5 minutes or less per speaker)

This is the time to address the Board of Education on Agenda Items or any other issues.

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NEW BUSINESS

9. Consider granting permission for John Rushefski, Superintendent, to tentatively hire pending Board Approval for any vacancies between February 14, 2025 and March 11, 2025.
10. Consider granting permission to the Business Office to pay bills that may occur between February 14, 2025 and March 11, 2025.
11. Consider approving creating a New Teaching Position for a K-6 STEM Teacher to begin with the 2025- 2026 School Year.
12. Considering approving the attached Resolution Concerning Intermediate Unit Budget for the Fiscal Year July 01, 2025 - June 30, 2026.
13. Consider approving a raise of \$_____ for Tax Collectors.
14. Consider approving the following hires pending all approved clearances on file:
 - a. Brittany Carter - Substitute Personal Care Aide.
 - b. Lawrence Tompkins - Track Helper for the 2025-2026 Season.
15. Consider approving the following Resignations:
 - a. Jack Downton - Assistant Coach Jr. High Baseball.
16. Consider approving the following Volunteers:
 - a. Sean Hennessey - Boys Baseball Coach
17. Consider approving the following Student Teachers:
 - b. Marissa Derrick from January 13, 2025 through March 7, 2025.
18. The following Board Requests:
 - a. SCSD Counseling Department to attend The Counselor Academy at the University of Scranton on February 7, 2025.
 - b. Recreational Cheer Competition Team to attend AmeriCheer Championship at SUNY Broome on January 25, 2025.
 - c. Recreational Cheer Competition Team to attend Cheer Competition at Elmira College on January 26, 2025.

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- d. Recreational Cheer Competition Team to attend the Millionaire Magic Competition on March 2, 2025.
- e. Olivia Watson to attend The Autism Initiative Training at PaTTAN West in Pittsburg, PA February 24 - 26, 2025. Cost is reimbursement for mileage and hotel. (Hotel Reimbursement Maximum of \$800.00).
- f. Tammy Stone to attend the Flight Meeting at NEIU on March 31, 2025.
- g. A Maximum of Four Elementary Teachers to attend Open SciEd Educator Professional Development on March 17-18, 2025. Cost to the District is Mileage and Substitutes.
- h. Dan Wolfe Memorial 5K Walk Run to start their race at the High School on July 19, 2025 from roughly 6:00 - 8:00 A.M

19. Consider approving the attached list of fundraisers.

20. All Other Agenda Items.

21. Motion to adjourn.

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**Susquehanna Community School District
Board of Education Treasurer's Report**

Month End December 2024

General Fund Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 368,966.25
Deposits	\$1,925,586.34
Debits	\$1,857,597.19
Interest	\$ 1,481.40
Ending Balance	\$ 438,436.80

Money Market Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 10,124,495.27
Deposits	\$2,129,342.38
Debits	\$1,930,000.00
Interest	\$ 28,695.30
Ending Balance	\$ 10,352,532.95

Food Service Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 618,816.03
Deposits	\$ 4,839.23
Debits	\$ 545.35
Interest	\$ 1,705.46
Ending Balance	\$ 624,815.37

Memorial Scholarship Account:

Beginning Balance	\$ 549.17
Deposits	\$ -
Debits	\$ -
Interest	\$ -
Ending Balance	\$ 549.17

Athletic/Activity Fund:

Beginning Balance	\$ 259,803.56
Deposits	\$ 20,437.72
Debits	\$ 25,809.35
Interest	\$ 706.27
Ending Balance	\$ 255,138.20

Respectfully Submitted, Jordon Downton; Treasurer: Susquehanna Community School District Board of Education.

FUND ACCOUNTING PAYMENT SUMMARY

Bank Account: GF - General Fund Payment Dates: 12/01/2024 - 12/31/2024

Payment Categories: Regular Checks, Non-negotiable Disbursements, Direct Deposits, Manual Checks, Procurement Cards, Credit Cards
Sort: Payment Number

Payment #	Paymnt Dt	Vendor Name	Description Of Purchase	Description Of Purchase	Amount
0000044399	12/03/2024	SYNCB/AMAZON	TECH SUPPLIES		36.95
0000044400	12/03/2024	BURKE MICHELLE	GENERAL SUPPLIES		136.08
0000044401	12/03/2024	CARDMEMBER SERVICE	NON CATAGORICAL	Sams Club Renewal	949.98
0000044402	12/03/2024	FRASER ADVANCED INFORMATION SYSTEMS	XEROX		50.00
0000044403	12/03/2024	FRENCH'S AUTO INC.	MISC PURCH SVCS.		47.00
0000044404	12/03/2024	FRONTIER	POSTAGE TELEPHONE		347.77
0000044405	12/03/2024	HALL JEFFREY	GENERAL SUPPLIES		0.00
0000044406	12/03/2024	NORTHERN TIER INDUSTRY & CONSORTIUM	EQUIPMENT		1,523.33
0000044407	12/03/2024	NEPA PUBLIC SCHOOLS HEALTH CARE CONSORTIUM	GROUP INSURANCE		137,724.08
0000044408	12/03/2024	PASCD	TUITION REIMB.		424.00
0000044409	12/03/2024	PSBA INSURANCE	OTHER OBJECTS		325.00
0000044410	12/03/2024	ROSSI KRISTI	GENERAL SUPPLIES		33.26
0000044411	12/04/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Safety Vest for Van	BOOK ORDER	717.40
0000044412	12/04/2024	BARNES KASSON HOSPITAL	PURCHASE SVC		4,346.25
0000044413	12/04/2024	EMPIRE INSURANCE AGENCY	WORKMANS COMP.		1,626.00
0000044414	12/04/2024	ENERSPECT	New AED Machines		5,907.23
0000044415	12/04/2024	HALLSTEAD SANITARY SERVICE	BUILDING REPAIRS		250.00
0000044416	12/04/2024	HELLER'S GAS - LAKE ARIEL	PROPANE		2,531.70
0000044417	12/04/2024	KELLY SERVICES INC	SALARIES-PROF EDUCAT.		10,743.40
0000044418	12/04/2024	PREGNAR TRAVIS	GENERAL SUPPLIES		209.53
0000044419	12/04/2024	SCHOLASTIC LIBRARY PUBLISHING	BOOKS/PERIODICALS		677.00

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0000044420	12/04/2024	SPECIALIZED EDUCATION OF PENNSYLVANIA INC	EM SUPPORT		38,157.00
0000044421	12/06/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	Easel Pads	maint. supplies	599.54
0000044422	12/06/2024	EMMONS RICHARD	MISC PURCH SVCS.		30.00
0000044423	12/06/2024	INDUSTRIAL ELECTRONICS INC.	EQUIPMENT		855.00
0000044424	12/06/2024	PETROLEUM TRADERS CORP	ENERGY (FUEL)		17,323.53
0000044425	12/06/2024	SUPKO PETE	SCHOOL BUSINESS		171.52
0000044426	12/06/2024	WEEKLY GROUP NEWSPAPER	BOOKS/PERIODICALS		52.00
0000044427	12/09/2024	BARNES KASSON HOSPITAL	PURCH PROF/TECH SVCS.		312.50
0000044428	12/09/2024	PSAT 8/9	GENERAL SUPPLIES		0.00
0000044429	12/09/2024	KELLY SERVICES INC	SALARIES-PROF EDUCAT.		2,132.29
0000044430	12/09/2024	DAVID M. MAINES ASSOC., INC.	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE		305,135.25
0000044431	12/09/2024	NEIU	GENERAL SUPPLIES		99.00
0000044432	12/09/2024	NEW MILFORD HARDWARE INC	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE		51.62
0000044433	12/09/2024	VLN PARTNERS LLP	TUITION WITHIN STATE		3,225.00
0000044434	12/10/2024	COLLEGE BOARD	GENERAL SUPPLIES		306.36
0000044435	12/10/2024	KELLY BRIAN T CPA	PURCH PROF/TECH SVCS.		6,000.00
0000044436	12/10/2024	PURELAND SUPPLY LLC	PROJECTOR LAMPS - TRUSKOLASKI/ROSSI		228.40
0000044437	12/10/2024	STANDING STONE CONSULTING INC	NON CATAGORICAL		969.00
0000044438	12/10/2024	TAMCO MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE		16,500.00
0000044439	12/10/2024	COUNTY TRANSCRIPT	BOOKS/PERIODICALS		40.00
0000044440	12/10/2024	ANDREA VENESKY	GENERAL SUPPLIES		92.74

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0000044441	12/11/2024	BURKE, KIM	GENERAL SUPPLIES		126.00
0000044442	12/11/2024	EMMONS RICHARD	MISC PURCH SVCS.		53.49
0000044443	12/11/2024	FORWARD BUSINESS SOLUTIONS	WEBSITE ANNUAL HOSTING FEE		800.00
0000044444	12/11/2024	JILL SODEN	GENERAL SUPPLIES		155.52
0000044445	12/13/2024	MILLER OSCAR OR JENNIFER BIXBY	CONTRACTED CARRIERS		21,424.52
0000044446	12/13/2024	SCEA	DED: UNION DUES - Full Payroll Pay Date: 12/13/2024		3,721.00
0000044447	12/13/2024	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES	GENERAL SUPPLIES		40.99
0000044448	12/13/2024	BARNES KASSON HOSPITAL	PURCHASE SVC		4,773.75
0000044449	12/13/2024	FREDDY BATTAGLIA SPORTING GOODS INC	FB Knee Pads		140.00
0000044450	12/13/2024	HINDS OIL CO. INC.	MISC PURCH SVCS.		324.43
0000044451	12/13/2024	PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER	WATER SEWER FIRE SERV.		279.76
0000044452	12/13/2024	SCHNEIDER'S MARKET	GENERAL SUPPLIES		469.71
0000044453	12/16/2024	ANSWER PEST CONTROL LLC	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE		195.00
0000044454	12/16/2024	BALDWIN RHONDRA	GENERAL SUPPLIES		29.20
0000044455	12/16/2024	FRASER ADVANCED INFORMATION SYSTEMS	XEROX		2,070.44
0000044456	12/16/2024	HELLER'S GAS - LAKE ARIEL	PROPANE		2,499.04
0000044457	12/16/2024	KELLY SERVICES INC	SALARIES-PROF EDUCAT.		3,664.80
0000044458	12/16/2024	MCGRAW-HILL LLC	TEACHER BOOK		208.95
0000044459	12/16/2024	PETROLEUM TRADERS CORP	ENERGY (FUEL)		17,318.93
0000044460	12/16/2024	PRECISION GLASS COMPANY	BUILDING REPAIRS		1,005.00
0000044461	12/16/2024	TAMCO MANAGEMENT GROUP LLC	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE		9,854.52

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0000044462	12/17/2024	AGIREPAIR INC	CHROMEBOOK KEYBOARDS	COMPUTER SUPPORT	59.75
0000044463	12/17/2024	J & J SPRINGS	GENERAL SUPPLIES		63.00
0000044464	12/17/2024	L.J. BOGUMIL INC.	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE		2,667.00
0000044465	12/17/2024	PENELEC	WATER SEWER FIRE SERV.		10,093.21
0000044466	12/17/2024	PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER	WATER SEWER FIRE SERV.		139.88
0000044467	12/17/2024	PENNSYLVANIA PAPER & SUPPLY CO	Maintenance Supplies-Cleaner		44.81
0000044468	12/17/2024	T.J.'S AUTO SUPPLY	GENERAL SUPPLIES	GROUNDS MAINTENANCE	300.95
0000044469	12/18/2024	DOLLAR GENERAL-REGIONS 410526	GENERAL SUPPLIES		2.75
0000044470	12/18/2024	INFRADAPT	POSTAGE TELEPHONE		2,197.67
0000044471	12/18/2024	PENNSYLVANIA AMERICAN WATER	WATER SEWER FIRE SERV.		880.31
0000044472	12/18/2024	PENNSYLVANIA PAPER & SUPPLY CO	Toilet Paper Maintenance		1,255.00
0000044473	12/18/2024	SPENCER DORI	SCHOOL BUSINESS		163.06
0000044474	12/18/2024	COUNTY TRANSCRIPT	ADVERTISING		10.00
0000044477	12/20/2024	AGIREPAIR INC	HSV LN-14 BRODY SMITH		108.90
0000044478	12/20/2024	BLUESTORM TECHNOLOGIES	XPPS PRINTER PROGRAM		599.61
0000044479	12/20/2024	DELTA DENTAL OF PENNSYLVANIA	GROUP INSURANCE		8,553.72
0000044480	12/20/2024	IMPACT INTEGRATED SYSTEMS	INSPIRATION LAB STUDIO SET INSTALLATION		11,600.00
0000044481	12/20/2024	SUSQUEHANNA FIRE DEPARTMENT INC	GENERAL SUPPLIES		1,300.00
* 122024ERSH	12/20/2024	PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES'	NON CATAGORICAL		565,075.29

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* BURGEERPO S	12/20/2024	PUBLIC SCHOOL EMPLOYEES'	GROUP INSURANCE		129.90
* CBIZ001213	12/13/2024	SECURITY BENEFIT	DED: FLEX SPENDING - Full Payroll Pay Date: 12/13/2024		342.00
D000000066	12/13/2024	LEWIS BUSSING INC	CONTRACTED CARRIERS		21,420.19 ^D
D000000067	12/13/2024	NORRIS DEBRA	CONTRACTED CARRIERS		547.84 ^D
D000000068	12/13/2024	ROBBINS, STACY	CONTRACTED CARRIERS		966.61 ^D
D000000069	12/13/2024	VAIL LISA	PURCHASE SVC		523.88 ^D
* PR12132401	12/13/2024	S.C.S.D . NET PAYROLL	Net Payroll		207,432.09
* PR12132402	12/13/2024	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	Social Security - EM		18,688.05
* PR12132403	12/13/2024	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	Medicare - EM		4,370.61
* PR12132404	12/13/2024	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	NON CATAGORICAL		23,058.66
* PR12132405	12/13/2024	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	FEDERAL - WH		27,936.92
* PR12132406	12/13/2024	PSERS	Retirement		22,107.14
* PR12132407	12/13/2024	PA DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE	State Tax		9,253.66
* PR12132408	12/13/2024	PA UC FUND	UNEMPLOYMENT COMP		1,345.04
* PR12132409	12/13/2024	BERKHEIMER	Local EIT		7,984.15
* TSA0001213	12/13/2024	TSA CONSULTING GROUP	DED: 403B ROTH - Full Payroll Pay Date: 12/13/2024	DED: 403B - Full Payroll Pay Date: 12/13/2024	4,966.99
* VADC001213	12/13/2024	VOYA	DED: Addl Retirement - Full Payroll Pay Date: 12/13/2024		77.37
* VOYA001213	12/13/2024	VOYA	Purpose: EE RETD Full Payroll Pay Date: 12/13/2024	Purpose: ER RETD Full Payroll Pay Date: 12/13/2024	2,407.55

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10 - GENERAL FUND	1,588,715.32
Grand Total All Funds	1,588,715.32
Grand Total Credit Cards	0.00
Grand Total Direct Deposits	23,458.52
Grand Total Manual Checks	(980.84)
Grand Total Other Disbursement Non-negotiables	895,175.42
Grand Total Procurement Card Other Disbursement Non-negotiables	0.00
Grand Total Regular Checks	671,062.22
Grand Total Virtual Payments	0.00
Grand Total All Payments	1,588,715.32

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SCSD ACTIVITY FUND ACCOUNT- DECEMBER 2024

	ACCOUNT	BALANCE	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
100	BOYS BASKETBALL FUND	\$ 4,107.72		\$ 1,050.38	\$ 3,057.34
101	ELEMENTARY WRESTLING	\$ 2,846.03			\$ 2,846.03
102	JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS BASKETBALL	\$ 958.24			\$ 958.24
103	JUNIOR HIGH BOYS BASKETBALL	\$ 533.53			\$ 533.53
104	GIRLS BASKETBALL FUND	\$ 3,727.02			\$ 3,727.02
105	FOOTBALL FUND	\$ 5,976.28			\$ 5,976.28
106	BASEBALL FUND	\$ 715.60	\$ 1,931.40		\$ 2,647.00
108	GIRLS SOFTBALL FUND	\$ 2,398.19			\$ 2,398.19
111	GIRLS VOLLEYBALL FUND	\$ 560.95		\$ 560.95	\$ -
112	CONSOLIDATED BASKETBALL	\$ 8,805.07	\$ 3,447.00	\$ 4,996.20	\$ 7,255.87
113	5TH & 6TH GRADE GIRLS' BASKETBALL	\$ 1,693.84			\$ 1,693.84
114	ENVIROTHON	\$ 619.15			\$ 619.15
116	TRACK	\$ 1,096.23		\$ 1,336.00	\$ (239.77)
118	5TH & 6TH GRADE BOYS BASKETBALL	\$ 2,178.39			\$ 2,178.39
199	SABERS SIGN	\$ 2,500.00			\$ 2,500.00
200	LIFE SKILLS PROM	\$ 325.48			\$ 325.48
201	ARCHERY	\$ 2,096.09			\$ 2,096.09
202	PLAYGROUND PROJECT	\$ 465.65			\$ 465.65
203	INSPIRATION LAB	\$ 25,277.88			\$ 25,277.88
204	DRAMA	\$ 15,235.09	\$ 3,286.00		\$ 18,521.09
205	ELEM. LIFE SKILLS	\$ 292.00			\$ 292.00
207	MOCHA MOOSE	\$ 137.93			\$ 137.93
209	STUDENT COUNCIL	\$ 9,599.76	\$ 95.00	\$ 284.68	\$ 9,410.08
210	COACHES VS. CANCER	\$ -	\$ 89.00		\$ 89.00
211	BAND	\$ 9,428.80			\$ 9,428.80
213	FOOTBALL CHEERLEADERS	\$ 2,530.43			\$ 2,530.43
214	BASKETBALL CHEERLEADERS	\$ 1,477.14	\$ 2,675.00	\$ 597.95	\$ 3,554.19
215	SABERS	\$ 6,015.59			\$ 6,015.59
216	YEARBOOK	\$ 1,648.27	\$ 337.75		\$ 1,986.02
222	ATHLETIC & ACTIVITY BOOSTER	\$ 37,515.99		\$ 2,610.57	\$ 34,905.42
223	ART CLUB	\$ 1,897.16			\$ 1,897.16
299	ART & SOLE TRAVEL	\$ 345.13			\$ 345.13
335	CLASS OF 2025	\$ 6,260.47			\$ 6,260.47
336	CLASS OF 2026	\$ 1,361.41			\$ 1,361.41
336 B	CLASS OF 2026 - FIELD TRIP	\$ 35,445.53	\$ 2,225.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 35,170.53
337	CLASS OF 2027	\$ 6,186.10			\$ 6,186.10
338	CLASS OF 2028	\$ 5,788.43	\$ 5,502.00		\$ 11,290.43
339	CLASS OF 2029	\$ 5,128.53			\$ 5,128.53
340	CLASS OF 2030	\$ 1,791.60			\$ 1,791.60
341	CLASS OF 2031	\$ 986.31			\$ 986.31
342	CLASS OF 2032	\$ 13,561.05	\$ 50.00	\$ 6,561.26	\$ 7,049.79
343	CLASS OF 2033	\$ 1,679.75	\$ 1,419.57	\$ 300.00	\$ 2,799.32
344	CLASS OF 2034	\$ 61.00			\$ 61.00
345	CLASS OF 2035	\$ -			\$ -
346	CLASS OF 2036	\$ -			\$ -
347	CLASS OF 2037	\$ (48.00)			\$ (48.00)
401	LIBRARY	\$ 2,236.83		\$ 337.30	\$ 1,899.53

SCSD ACTIVITY FUND ACCOUNT- DECEMBER 2024

	<i>ACCOUNT</i>	<i>BALANCE</i>	<i>RECEIPTS</i>	<i>PAYMENTS</i>	<i>BALANCE</i>
504	SPANISH CLUB	\$ 242.22			\$ 242.22
506	COFFEE CART	\$ 344.65			\$ 344.65
510	ATHLETIC IMPROVEMENT ACCT	\$ 944.01			\$ 944.01
701	SCSD CONSOLIDATED ACCTS.	\$ 18,108.66	\$ 706.27		\$ 18,814.93
TOTALS		\$ 253,083.18	\$ 21,763.99	\$ 21,135.29	\$ 253,711.88

1	GENERAL ATHLETIC ACCOUNT	\$ 1,808.86	\$ 5,672.00	\$ 4,694.40	\$ 2,786.46
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MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP FUND

BALANCES AS OF 6/30/2024

		BEGINNING BALANCE	RECEIPTS	PAYMENTS	BALANCE
601	S.C. BUTTON MEMORIAL	\$159.29			\$159.29
603	WM. NAGORNEY MEMORIAL	\$1,782.30			\$1,782.30
604	R. MAXFIELD MEMORIAL	\$139.65			\$139.65
609	C. BROWNELL MEMORIAL	\$3,660.60			\$3,660.60
610	TONY ALIANO MEMORIAL	\$7,785.75			\$7,785.75
616	WILLIAM MESS MEMORIAL	\$8,652.69			\$8,652.69
SUB-TOTAL		\$22,180.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$22,180.28
SCSD AMOUNT		\$19,000.00			\$19,000.00
TOTALS		\$41,180.28	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$41,180.28



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Board of Education Report

February 12, 2025

Brent Soden, Elementary Principal

Breakfast Math Challenge

Grades K-6 have been issued an individual math challenge that will take place within the next month. All students will attend a sit down breakfast, sponsored by the Nutrition Group, in honor of the students who met the 90% accuracy of the math challenge. Additionally, as motivation, students in grades 4-6 who meet the challenge will be given the opportunity to take part in a dance party or sport program in the gym.

INDEPTH Program

Ms. Venesky has completed training for the INDEPTH Program through the American Lung Association. INDEPTH stands for Intervention for Nicotine Dependence, Education, Prevention, Tobacco and Health. The elementary school will be offering this program to students with first time vaping/tobacco offenses in lieu of a suspension. Students who opt into this program will receive ten, fifty minute educational sessions with Ms. Venesky. This is a program we would not be able to offer without Ms. Venesky's support.

School Counseling Week

School Counseling Week is the week on February 3, 2025. Our counselors have been in classrooms and at lunch reminding students of the resources that are available to them within the school building. Our school would not run without the work of our counselors and we appreciate them.

PBIS Quarterly Blow Out

Half of the Winter Wonderland PBIS Blow Out was successfully completed. Students in grades K4-2 were able to have a great day in the snow. However, we are awaiting another snow storm to provide enough sledding snow for grades 3-6. We will get this in!

25-26 School Year Enrollment

K4 registration numbers for the 25-26 school year have rebounded from our low last year. This is a good indication. The board of education can expect to hear class size numbers and a staffing plan at the March informational meeting.

Lunch With A Saber

During the month of March, we will be piloting a program with our Kindergarten students. Quite simply, we will be opening up select days for parents of our Kindergarten class to come to the building and eat lunch with them. I believe this will be a positive for many of our students and parents. At the moment, there are no plans to expand this beyond Kindergarten for the 24-25 school year.

bFit Assembly

Students in grades K-6 will take part in the bFit Assembly on Feb 10, 2025. This assembly uses magic, comedy, music and audience participation to deliver a healthy message to students. Main points that will be touched upon in the assembly include: getting 1 hour of exercise every day, importance of a balanced diet, why fruit and veggies are magic to our bodies and how to get exercise even during screen time.

Mobile Dentist

The mobile dentist will be coming to SCES on March 3 and 4, 2025. This is an established program that has been conducted successfully in the district for many years. Participating students receive free dental care at our school.



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February 5th, 2025
Richard Emmons, HS Principal

Walking Path

After the January meeting we successfully implemented a new walking procedure for students arriving and dismissing from school. The walking path utilizes our current roadway back by the football field, as well as the walking path to Turnpike street and the crosswalk in the parking lot near the elementary school.

Scholastic Bowl

Susquehanna Community students Preston Wolf, Mason Opalka, Jeremiah Hadden, Brooke Collins, and Alex Hall secured a victory in the Scholastic Bowl held by the NEIU. The Sabers team defeated Mid Valley on a last second question answered by Mason Opalka to secure the win. According to advisor William Szili, this was the first win in quite some time. The Sabers will square off against Wayne Highlands on February 5th.

Band and Chorus

Alyssa Smith and Alex Hall recently competed in the PMEA District 9 Band Festival held at Mountain View. Alex Hall, a clarinetist, advanced to the Region IV Band Festival to be held at Williamsport High School.

Alyssa Smith, Alex Hall, Molly Griga, and Casey Doyle recently attended the Marywood Band Festival on January 31, 2025 which concluded with a concert on Saturday evening.

PSAT and SAT

Susquehanna will be conducting an SAT day on March 18, 2025. Mrs. Milos and our guidance department have organized an SAT day due to the struggles some students were having taking SAT's and utilizing laptops at other schools.

Ninth grade students will also be taking their PSAT's on March 6, 2025.

Guidance Department

Mock Interviews

- Seniors will take part in mock interviews being conducted by a panel of professionals in different fields. The mock interviews will take place 2/12.

Barnes Externship starts March 3,2025

- This is a program where students are able to go to Barnes Kasson Hospital to explore and experience careers in the medical field.

National Honor Society Banquet

- March 13, 2025.

STEM Field Trip at Wilkes

- March 21, 2025.

Parent Conferences

Our second full Parent Conference night is scheduled for February 13th from 1:00-8:00 p.m.

Our previous parent conferences in November had a better than average attendance, we hope to see even more parents at the February Parent Conferences.

Coaches vs. Cancer

The Susquehanna Community School District in conjunction with the students, staff, and community successfully raised over \$5,000.00 for Coaches vs. Cancer through fundraisers and other events. This amount surpasses our old record amount of \$3,500.00! Thank you to Joanna Soden for heading up our Coaches vs. Cancer efforts!

Upcoming Events

Semi-formal Dance- February 15, 7:00-10:00



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Pete Supko, Curriculum Coordinator

- I am working on the following PIMS submissions:
 - Civil Rights Data Collection for school year 23/24
 - I have begun pulling information from our SIS and filling out the forms for it. This report takes weeks to complete. It is due in March. Once I upload the information from Focus I then have to answer questions regarding discipline, advanced classes, when students take Algebra I, and other high-level math and science classes. I also work with Debbie Williams on employee absence data that is required for the collection. As of 2/5/25, it has been submitted with no errors.
 - PSSA Precodes ACS has been submitted
 - All student and enrollment data must be uploaded to PIMS monthly if not weekly to ensure all students are linked to PSSA/Keystones.
 - Course information will be updated this month to ensure all teachers and students are coded correctly for the May submission.
 - ESSER reporting will also begin in the next few weeks
- Budgeting
 - I am in the process of requesting quotes for all district systems we use. Some examples include our SIS, Focus, EdPuzzle, Kami, SmartFutures, aimswebPlus, Spring Math, and many more. Additionally, all of these websites require uploads of student information which I must do yearly in August and when any student enrolls or withdraws.
 - I also budget for all curricular resources from K-12 for math, ELA, Science, and SS and must reach out to obtain quotes for these resources. Once supplies are in August, I must distribute all curricular materials to teachers
- STEM VISION 2030
 - Currently, due to job responsibilities, this project is moving slower than anticipated.
 - I hope to make more progress on a timeline toward the Spring.
 - At this time, visiting schools is not feasible.
 - K-6 Library
 - The proposal is to change this position to a K-6 STEM position which sees all students weekly during their Specials rotation.
 - NEEDS- Librarian aide to monitor ISS, manage the library and library materials, help with student support, run book fairs, etc.
 - HS STEM
 - STEM 7 and STEM 8 will be added to the schedule as year-long courses replacing Communications 7 and 8. Communications 8 will become a quarter-long class.
 - STEM 7 and 8 will utilize the Defined Learning CS/STEM program.

- This also frees up an English teacher for writing support for students for a period a day.
- Principals and Administrators Team
 - I meet every two weeks with the other administrators to discuss long-term projects and our PD for the year.
 - We are currently working on our SWOT analysis for STEM and this will take up both January meetings and into February. This will serve as a springboard for developing a timeline for the STEM project.
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- Jan 29 Professional Development
 - Teachers created action plans for tested subjects on their PD day in January. The action plans are for the next 5 weeks before benchmark # 3. The action plan includes daily bell ringers based on skills in areas for growth and small group acceleration based on skills. After BM #3, we will analyze the data and redevelop our action plans.
- SPEL Grant
 - ECRI
 - K5 continues to work with the SPEL Grant Team from PaTTAN and IU19 to improve their ECRI Tier 1 instruction.
 - The admin team meets in the afternoon after the ECRI coaching session in the morning. Small group instruction has been a big topic of discussion as well as how to best utilize our Reading Specialists for next year. We are not seeing enough gains in PSSA scores in grade 3. One option is a Reading Specialist push-in for K5 at the beginning of the school year to ensure all students are getting the support that is needed.
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SUSQUEHANNA COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Special Education Board Report

February, 2025

Elizabeth Shivock, Special Education Supervisor

- **Extended School Year** will be held this summer June 23 - July 24
 - 25 students determined eligible Grades K - 12
 - Job postings will go up this month
 - 3 classroom programs
 - Paperwork to be completed by the end of February
- **Early Intervention** meetings were held to assist students with special needs transition to school age programs
 - Held on January 24, 2025
 - 7 students currently receiving/eligible for early intervention services provided by NEIU that will transition to school age for the start of the 2025 -2026 school year
 - 4 students require a classroom program
 - Will coordinate conversations with local Susquehanna County schools to discuss their incoming students and what programs or services may be available or needed
- **Autistic Support** has added two additional staff members to support academic instruction and successful inclusion opportunities for students in the classroom program.
 - Additional training requested through PaTTAN for the 2025-2026 school year that will include professional development and on-site observation and support.
 - NEIU on-site visit February 4, 2025 to provide expertise and support to staff and program
 - All classroom staff have begun TBM-Autism training and protection techniques in January 2025
 - Additional program likely for the 2025-2026 school year
- **Behavior Professional Development** is currently in development through NEIU 19
 - Training will focus on
 - Understanding Misbehavior
 - Childhood Trauma
 - Adult Anger Traps

Memorandum SCSD

To: S.C.S.D. Board Members
From: Gary Kiernan, Business Manager
Date: February, 12 2025
Re: Business Office Report

Greeting to all, hope everyone is doing well.

The Governor announced his 2025-26 proposed state budget. The impact on the district is as follows: Basic Education funding, our largest subsidy will be increasing by \$54.7K to \$8,461,307, special education funding will be increasing by \$10,256 and the Ready to Learn Block Grant will remain at \$192,774. Special Education historically is greatly underfunded. The other State subsidies are reimbursed based on our aide ratio and the amount expended. A \$54.7k increase in Basic Ed Funding is minimal.

Transportation is running smoothly.

We are early in the budget process. Things are progressing well. Departments are putting together their wish lists. Tom Ballard, and the maintenance department, will be going through the 25-26 maintenance requisitions where we determine what general maintenance supplies we will need for next school year. There will likely be an increase in most general supplies due to economic inflationary pressures.

2024-25 tax collections have come to an end. Evelyn did a great job, once again, completing the year end reconciliations. No material errors to report. The county will be implemented a credit/debit card usage option for tax payers to pay their school/county taxes online. Not many tax payers took advantage of this option. I will try to get the word out that this is an available option for the 2025-26 tax season.

Any capital projects that the school board deems necessary should be discussed and planned prior to the adoption of the 2025-26 budget in June. We want to complete big projects over the summer months to lower potential conflicts when school is in session.

As always, if you should have any questions or concerns on this or anything, stop in the office or give me a call.