

May 14, 2025

The Susquehanna Community School Board Directors held an executive session on May 12, 2025, at 6:00 pm before the Information Session was held that was held at 7:00 p.m. An Executive Session was held before the regular monthly meeting on May 14, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office of the Elementary School. The executive sessions were held for the purpose of Personnel/contracts. The regular monthly meeting was held at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Office in the Elementary School on May 14, 2025 with eight (8) members present:

Jennifer Bixby (A)	Jordon Downton (P)
Amanda Cook (P)	Kristen Lawrence (P)
Anne Cook (PO)	Oscar Miller (P)
Evelyn Cottrell (P)	Rachael Thomas (P)
Audrey Waterman (P)	

Others present: Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Emmons, and Mr. Ballard.

The meeting was called to order at 7:10 p.m. by President Amanda Cook with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present. Roll Call by Secretary Evelyn Cottrell was taken finding eight (8) members present. Jennifer Bixby was absent.

Motion was made by Thomas, second by Lawrence, and carried by 7 yes votes and 1 abstained vote to approve the meeting minutes from the regular meeting held on April 6, 2025 as presented. Anne Cook abstained from vote because of being absent for that meeting.

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

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Anne Cook and carried by unanimous vote to approve the General Fund bills as presented.

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

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

Motion was made by Thomas, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for Superintendent, John Rushefski, to tentatively hire for any vacancies between May15, 2025 and June 17, 2025, pending Board approval.

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Motion was made by Thomas, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission to the Business Office to pay bliss that may occur between May 15, 2025 and June 17, 2025.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution.

Motion was made by Anne Cook, second by Thomas to approve the tentative District Budget of \$19,809,913.00 for the 2025/26 school year and setting the district millage at 56.29 in Susquehanna County, and 11.48 in Wayne County for the 2025/26 fiscal year. This with 1 mill increase.

Motion was made by Thomas, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Child Evangelism Fellowship of Susquehanna, Inc. request for Release Time Class for Religious Instruction for the 2025/26 school year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Title 1 Parent Involvement Policy for the 2025/26 school year.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the contracted Nursing Service through Susquehanna Family Health Clinic for field trips and nursing coverage as needed for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Cottrell, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Peoples Security Bank and Trust as the Depository of District Funds for the 2025-2026 school year.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the appointment of Joseph Gaughan as the District Solicitor for the 2025/26 school year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, to appoint Jordon Downton for the Susquehanna Community School Board Treasurer for the 2025/26 school year. Motion was made by Miller, second by Anne Cook to close nominations. Jordon Downton was appointed the Susquehanna Community School Board Treasurer for the 2025/26 school Year by seven (7) yes vote to 1 abstained vote. Downton abstained.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Lifetouch Photography for photography service for the 2025/26 and 2026/27 school years.

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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Downton, and carried by seven (7) yes votes to one (1) no vote to approve the TamCo Elementary/High School Storefront Replacement Project for a sum of \$132,540.00, along with Summit Fire and Security entry for an additional \$5,744.00, and Spectrum Electrical Service work in the amount of \$3,996.00. Anne Cook was the No vote.

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

- a) Carl Oropallo – Evening Security effective April 29, 2025.
- b) Ashlie Bryden – Permanent Part-Time Personal Care Aide effective May 9, 2025.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following hires for the 2025 Extended School Year:

- a) Rachel Wargo – Professional Staff.
- b) Olivia Watson – Professional Staff
- c) Madison Dailey – Professional Staff
- d) Joanna Soden – Instructional Aide
- e) Rachel Benson- Instructional Aide
- f) Melanie Seidel – Personal Care Aide
- g) Eileen Brady - Personal Care Aide
- h) Raelynn Amrein – Personal Care Aide
- i) Lia Davis – Personal Care Aide
- j) Audree Harris – Personal Care Aide
- k) Kimberly Ott – Substitute
- l) Rachel Miroslaw – Speech Pathologist

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote with the exception of (b) Lawrence abstained- relative. To hire the following hires pending all approved clearances and certifications on file:

- a) Joseph Zabielski – Secondary Mathematics Step 13/Bachelors +24.
- b) Andrea Venesky – 1-year contract for 2025 – 2026 school year as part of the Meritorious PCCD School Mental Health Grant with a salary of \$68,000.00, (193 days, 10 Sick days, 2 Personal days) plus benefits.
- c) Amanda Bishop – Summer 2025 Custodial
- d) Susan Day – Summer 2025 Custodial
- e) Shannon Oropallo – Summer 2025 Custodial.
- f) Lia Davis – Substitute Personal Care Aide for the 2024/ 25
- g) Dori Spencer – Yearbook – Yearbook Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/ 27 school years.
- h) Kayle Gerchman – Student Council Advisor for 2025/26, 2026/27 school years.
- i) Marissa Drait – Elementary Chorus Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/2027 school years.
- j) Bridget Milos – Honor Society Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/27 school years.
- k) Lawrence Tompkins – Senior Class Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/27 school years.

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- l) Carly Batzel – Senior Class Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/27 school years.
- m) Carmen Megivern – Junior Class Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/27 school years.
- n) Tammy Stone – Junior Class Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/27 school years.
- o) Megan Beny – Title Coordinator for the 2025/26, 2026/27 school years.
- p) Michael Wowk – Summer Band, Marching Band and Chorus Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/27 school years.
- q) Hannah Taylor – Drama Advisor Fall 2025 Production only.
- r) Daniel Maurer – Junior High Baseball Scorekeeper for 2025 season only.
- s) Lawrence Tompkins – Varsity Basketball Head Coach for the 2025/26, 2026/27 seasons.

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

- a) Tammy Stone – attend the NEIU Flight Team Meeting on May 27, 2025. Cost to the district will be mileage reimbursement.
- b) Mobile Ag Lab to visit the Elementary School on November 10 -14, 2025. No cost to the District.
- c) District run, Co-Ed Flag Football Camp to be held July 28-30, 2025. Cost to the district will be \$1,500.00 plus transportation.
- d) SCES to run an Eco-Explorers Summer Camp in conjunction with the Susquehanna County Conservation District on July 31, 2025. Cost to the district is \$1,400.00 plus Transportation.
- e) Varsity Football Cheerleaders to attend Pine Forest Cheer Camp from June 16 – June 19, 2025. No cost to the district.

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

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Cottrell, and carried by 5 yes votes to 3 no votes to approve the following hires pending all clearances on file:

- a) Jeff Baldwin – Girls Varsity Basketball Head Coach for the 2025/26, 2026/27 seasons.
- b) Gina Felice – Basketball Cheer Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/27 seasons.
- c) Brittany Belk – Junior High Cheer Assistant Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/27 seasons.
- d) Maddy Baker – Varsity Basketball Assistant Cheer Advisor for the 2025/26, 2026/27 seasons.
- e) Jack Beamer – Boys Varsity Basketball Assistant Coach for the 2025/26, 2026/27 seasons.

The no votes were Anne Cook, Amanda Cook, and Thomas.

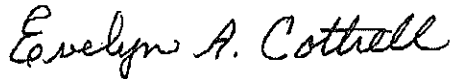
Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the quote for two LED signs from Signs Plus for \$28,844.00.

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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Richard Emmons to attend the Skillup Program at NEIU on May 19, 2025. Cost to the district will be mileage.

There being no other business for the May 14, 2025 meeting, a motion was made by Miller, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote for adjournment. Meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Evelyn A. Cottrell".

Evelyn A. Cottrell/Board Secretary