

February 21, 2024

The regular monthly meeting of the Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors met on February 21, 2024, at 7:00 p.m. in the Elementary Gymnasium with eight (8) 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 (A)
Audrey Waterman (P)	

Other present: Mr. Rushefski, Mr. Soden, Mrs. Gallo, Mr. Kiernan, Mrs. Shivock, 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 present. Roll call was taken by Secretary Evelyn Cottrell, finding eight (8) members present. Absent was Rachael Thomas.

Motion was by Bixby, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Minutes of the January 17, 2024 meeting as presented.

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

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

Reports of District Personnel was given.

Public comment:

Valarie Senese – Better Discipline in the Elementary School.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Bixby, and carried unanimously to grant permission for John Rusheski, Superintendent, to tentatively hire pending Board Approval for any vacancies between February 22, 2024, and March 12, 2024.

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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission to the Business Office to pay bills that may occur between February 22, 2024, and March 12, 2024.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for the Business Office to solicit for the general maintenance, technology education, sports, and computer supplies for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for John Rusheski, Superintendent of Schools, to file federal and state program applications for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to appoint Mr. John Rusheski, Superintendent of Schools, as the District Coordinator for Title IX and updating Policy 104 to reflect change in contract information. Revised February 21, 2024.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried unanimously by roll call vote to approve the proposed NEIU Budget of \$6,105,584 for the year 2024-2025 school year. Estimated SCSD contribution - \$7,533.84. Eight (8) yes votes were Bixby, Amanda Cook, Anne Cook, Cottrell, Downton, Lawrence, Miller, Waterman. Thomas was absent.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to table the 2024-2025 Portrait Renewal with The Barksdale Group, until more information is given.

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

- a) 217 – Graduation
- b) 254 – Educational Opportunity for Military Children

Motion was made by Miller, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to posting for a Full Time Administrative Assistant Business/District Office Management Team position.

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

- a) John Creamer – Varsity Softball
- c) Tristan Tarbox – JH Football
- d) Sean Hennessey – Varsity Baseball

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

- a) Chris Maybe – JH Head Baseball Coach – 2024 & 2025 seasons.

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- a) Jack Downton – JH Assistant Baseball Coach – 2024 & 2025 seasons. Jordon Downton abstained from vote. (Relative)
- b) Paeten Swanson – JH Head Softball Coach – 2024 & 2025 seasons.
- c) Brett Deakin – Scorekeeper – Varsity Baseball – 2024 & 2025 seasons.
- d) Kyle Cook – Substitute Bookkeeper/Clock – JH B/G Basketball. Anne Cook abstained from vote. (Relative). Amanda Cook abstained from vote. (Relative)
- e) Will Szili – Substitute Bookkeeper – JH B/G Basketball

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

- a) Blue ridge Youth Soccer – Elementary LGI Room/Flowers Distribution – April 3, 2024.
- b) PA Game Commission – HS Cafeteria – Hunter Education Course – April 20, 2024.

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

- a) Peter Supko to attend a STEELS lunch and learn at IU#19 on March 7, 2024 – No Cost.
- b) Mr. Wowk and Ms. Sussman to host field trip at Slanted Art Gallery on March 8, 2024.
- c) Susquehanna County Life Skills Prom at SCHS on May17, 2024.
- d) Basketball Cheerleaders to compete in Millionaire Magic Cheer Festival on March 3, 2024.
- e) Mrs. McCloskey and students to attend the Friend to Fiend workshop at the NEIU on February 21, 2024. Cost – Substitute.
- f) Class of 2025 to hold Prom at Montdale Country Club on May 11, 2024.
- g) Ms. Draim to take students to the Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 9 Chorus Fest on March 15, 2024 at Honesdale High School, and Pennsylvania Music Educators Association District 9 Band Fest on May 3, 2024 at Tunkhannock Area. Coat - \$50.00/per student and transportation.
- h) Ms. Elizabeth Shivock to attend a training at NEIU #19 for Gifted Network Training.
- i) Student Council to host a Blood Drive on April 2, 2024.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Downton, and carried unanimously to approve the list of fundraisers.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve PIC to hold Enchanted Forest Prom in the Elementary Gym on March23, 2024.

Motion was made by Miller, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Jeff Hall as a volunteer for Track for the 2024 season.

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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Superintendent, John Rusheski, to attend the 2024 Pennsylvania Association of Rural and small Schools Conference in State College, Pa – April 24 – 26, 2024. Cost - \$295.00 +mileage and lodging.

There being no more Business to be taken care of at this time a motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted,


Evelyn A. Cottrell/Board Secretary