

August 7, 2024

Susquehanna Community School Board of Directors held an Executive Session on August 5, 2024 after the Information Session for the purpose of Personnel/Contracts.

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

Jennifer Bixby (P)	Jordan Downton (P)
Amanda Cook (P)	Kristen Lawrence (P)
Anne Cook (P)	Oscar Miller(P)
Evelyn Cottrell (P)	Rachael Thomas (P) 7:05 p.m.
Audrey Waterman (P)	

Other present: Mr. Rushefski, Mrs. Shivock, and other Guests.

President Amanda Cook called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance recited by all present. Roll call was taken by Secretary Evelyn A. Cottrell finding nine (9) Board Members present.

Motion was made by Anne Cook, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Minutes of June 19, 2024 meeting 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 Anne Cook, second by Lawrence, and carried unanimously 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 Anne Cook, to file the Activity Fund and Athletic Fund reports as presented.

Reports of District Personnel was given.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission for John Rushefski, Superintendent, to tentatively hire pending Board Approval for any vacancies, between August 8, 2024, and September 17,2024.

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Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to grant permission to the Business Office to pay bills that may occur between August 8, 2024, and September 17, 2024.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Head Start MOU for the 2024-2025 school year between the Susquehanna **Community** School District and the Agency for Community EmPOWERment of NEPA.

Motion was made by Cottrell, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the contract with New Story for the Summer 2024 Extended School Year Services.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the contract between Susquehanna Community School District and Barnes-Kasson Hospital to provide First Aid Services for Student Athletic events for the 2024-2025 school year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Contracted Service Agreement between the Susquehanna Community School District and Barnes-Kasson Hospital.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Susquehanna Community School District Planned Maintenance Agreement from L J Bogumil, Inc. for 2024 through 2027.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Thomas, and carried by unanimous vote to **table** the contract with Arbiter Sports for District Athletic Officials Payments effective January 1, 2025 at a cost of \$1,445.00 for the 2025 calendar year.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried on unanimous vote to **table** Hudl for Streaming Services and Athletic Film Management at a cost of \$8,500.00 with Football, Boys and Girls Basketball, and Volleyball contributing approximately 50% of the cost.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following changes to the Teacher Induction Plan:

- a) Adding a stipend for year two (2) mentor teachers.
- b) Removing Act 48 Credit.

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

- a) 222 Volume II 2024 -Tobacco and Vaping Products.
- b) 227 Volume II 2024 – Controlled Substances/Paraphernalia
- c) 323 Volume II 2024 Tobacco and Vaping Products

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- d) 351 Volume II 2024 – Controlled Substance Abuse
- e) 707 Volume II 2024 – Use of School Facilities
- f) 146.1 Volume III 2024 – Trauma-Informed Approached
- g) 218 Volume III 2024 – Student Discipline
- h) 218.1 Volume III 2024 – Weapons
- i) 218.2 Volume III 2024 – Terroristic Threats
- j) 801 Volume III 2024- Public Records
- k) 803 Volume III 2024- School Calendar
- l) 805 Volume III 2024 – Emergency Preparedness and Response
- m) 805.1 Volume III 2024 – Relations with Law Enforcement agencies
- n) 805.2 Volume III 2024 – School Security Personnel
- o) 806 Volume III 2024- Child Abuse
- p) 904 Volume III 2024 – Public Attendance at School Events
- q) 909 Volume III 2024- Municipal Government Relations

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

- a) Trent Patterson- Junior High and Varsity Football for summer workouts retroactive beginning Jun 24, 2024.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous to hire the following with the exception of (E) Bixby abstained the vote.

- a) Dawn Steele – Year 1 Mentor Teacher for Amanda Williams.
- b) Madison Daily – Year 1 Mentor Teacher for Olivia Watson.
- c) Lawrence Tompkins – Year 2 Mentor Teacher for Sarah Carpenetti.
- d) Wendy Cuevas – Full Time Maintenance.
- e) Joni MacDonald – Homebound Instruction for the 2024/2025 School Year. Bixby abstained – relative.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Anne Cook, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the following Students Teachers:

- a) Valerie Lewis – Student Teacher – High School effective September 3, 2024 through December 9, 2024.
- b) Isabelle Edwards – Student Teacher – High School effective August 27, 2024 through October 17, 2024.

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

- a) Peter Supko to attend the LinkIt! Data Forward Summer Institute at Dallas High School on August 6 and 7, 2024 at the cost of \$350.00.
- b) Elizabeth Shivoock to attend monthly Local Educational Agency meetings at the NEIU #19 for the 2024/25 school year at zero cost to the district.

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

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to hire the following pending clearances:

- a) Melanie Seidel - Personal Care Aide.
- b) Alyssa Hobart – Personal Care Aide
- c) Shannon Bixby – Personal Care Aide
- d) Raelynn Amerin – Personal Care Aide

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

- a) Frank Benacuisto – Football 2024/25 Season.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Substitute Teacher Rate for 2024/25 School Year Per \$160.00/Day.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Cottrell, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Superintendent, Mr. Rushefski to attend the Professional Advisory Council Meetings at the NEIU #19 on the following dates at no cost to the district:
September 11, 2024, November 6, 2024, January 8, 2025, March 5, 2025, May 7, 2024.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve Superintendent, Joh Rushefski, to attend Title IX Annual Training at the NEIU #19 on September 12, 2024 at a cost of \$160.00 to the district.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried by eight (8) yes votes and (1) no vote to approve the Fellowship of Christian Athletes of Northeast PA to use the High School Track as a backup option depending on weather conditions. Amanda Cook voted no.

Motion was made by Waterman, second by Lawrence, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Changes to the Elementary Student Handbook.

Motion was made by Bixby, second by Waterman, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the SAP Agreement between Trehab and the Susquehanna Community School District for the 2024/25 school year.

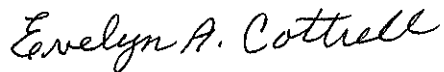
Motion was made by Lawrence, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to approve the Title I Plan for the 2024/25 school year.

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Motion was made by Waterman, second by Bixby, and carried by unanimous vote to support Superintendent, Mr. John Rushefski, and the Leadership Team's Vision of a Science and Technology Implementation Initiative consisting of a five (5) year plan, and beyond.

There being no other business to be acted on this meeting, a motion was made by Miller , 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