

SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

January 21, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shamokin Area School District was held Tuesday, January 21, 2025, in the board conference room in the Shamokin Area Middle/High School, with President Mr. Brian Persing presiding. The meeting was open to the public, as well as broadcast live over YouTube. Mr. Persing called the meeting to order at 7:30pm and led the assembly in the recitation of The Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag.

On roll call the following board members were present: President Brian G. Persing, Vice President William H. Krieger III, Secretary Erik S. Anderson, Stephen J. Cook, Jeffrey L. Kashner, Bernadette Miller, Tammy Rhodes and Charles H. Shuey. Absent: Treasurer Edward M. Griffiths.

Others present included Frank W. Garrigan, School Solicitor; Chris J. Venna, Superintendent; Karen Colangelo, Business Manager/Federal Programs Coordinator; Tonya Searls, Recording Secretary; Todd Hockenbroch, Middle/High School Principal; Jennifer Neary, Elementary Principal, and Sherry Eichelberger, Food Service Director (Nutrition, Inc.).

Mr. Persing announced the next scheduled meeting of the Board of Directors is set for February 18, 2025, beginning at 7:30pm in the Board Conference Room.

Mr. Venna then recognized the Board for School Director Recognition Month by reading a statement and passing out certificates.

Next, Mr. Hockenbroch recognized the student of the month that was present. Olivia Oakes, an eighth-grade student was middle school student of the month for November. She thanked everyone and shared her favorite teacher is Miss Hashuga, is a member of National Junior Honor Society and plays junior high basketball and softball.

During work session agenda, Mr. Hockenbroch shared updates such as the end of the second marking period is over with grades due by the end of the week. Report cards will be distributed as well as failure letters. Also, the vo-tech tour was rescheduled to January 29th. Registration is open for the Alumni Exam which is scheduled for February 25th.

Mrs. Neary brought some Elementary Student Council members with her to show appreciation to the Board. They passed out treats to everyone. Afterwards, she spoke about bringing back the Science Fair and incorporating a short musical and art display to make it a Science and arts night sometime in April.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Shuey that the following minutes of the Board of Directors be approved as presented:

Regular Monthly Meeting: November 19, 2024
Reorganization Meeting Minutes: December 4, 2024

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mrs. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Krieger that the Treasurer's Report for the months of revised October, November and December 2024 be accepted, as presented. On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mr. Shuey, seconded by Mr. Krieger that the bills for the months of November and December 2024 be authorized paid as presented. (Gen. Fund, Capital Reserve, Athletic Fund, and Cafeteria Fund). On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mr. Krieger, seconded by Mr. Anderson to acknowledge the following student accomplishments, at Middle/High School:

Students of the Month November
Olivia Oakes - 8th Daniel Hornberger - 9th

Students of the Month December
Jose Agosto Declet - 7th Susan Kurtz - 12th

At Elementary/Intermediate School:

	<u>Students of the Month November</u>	<u>Students of the Month December</u>
3rd Grade-	Tristan Campbell	Aryiana Velez
4th Grade-	Crue McElwee	Lucas Worgen
5th Grade-	Emillee Stevens	Roger (Max) Blevins
6th Grade-	Brody Martin	Layne Danilowicz

Also congratulations to Delilah Nazih, Jenssyn Shuey and Case Lichty for reaching 1000 points scored in Basketball.

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Krieger that the 2nd reading is waived, and the revised policy 215. Promotion and Retention and new job description 504.38 Strength and Conditioning Coordinator be adopted, as presented. On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mr. Kashner, seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the Mathematics for Kindergarten & Grade 1 curriculum, as presented. On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Krieger to approve the establishment of the Aavidum student activity fund, a peer support program. Autumn Breslin is the advisor. There is no stipend attached to this activity. On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mr. Sook, seconded by Mrs. Rhodes to revise the district's 2025 mileage reimbursement rate to \$.70 per mile as per IRS Revenue. On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Cook to approve the following contracts/agreements:

- Standard counsel services agreement with Sweet, Stevens, Katz, Williams for the 2025-2026 fiscal year, effective July 1, 2025.
- BerkOne to perform Act 80 Comparison Services, supplying two printed copies of report, mailing labels for school districts and one flash drive of information, at a cost of \$878.00 per run.
- The master services agreement with New Story - Selinsgrove to provide required special education services as set forth in the student IEPs, at the following costs for the 2024-2025 school year:

Low Rate: \$312.00/day
Medium Rate: \$366.00/day
High Rate: \$421.00/day
Extra High Rate: \$536.00/day

And student tuition agreements for the following students:

An.Ca. - \$536.00/day	Na.Sc. - \$421/day
Al.Wa. - \$421.00/day	Br.Bo. - \$366/day
Ir.Lo. - \$421/day	Na.Sl. - \$421/day
Na.Cr. - \$536.00/day	Ai.Ca. - \$421/day
Ni.Sl. - \$536/day	

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mr. Krieger, seconded by Mr. Anderson to approve the following student teacher assignments from Western Governors University for the 2025 Winter Semester:

<u>Student Teacher</u>	<u>Cooperating Teacher</u>	<u>Building</u>
Conor Elio	Mrs. Kline – 1st Grade	Elementary

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mr. Cook, seconded by Mr. Krieger to approve the request from the following individuals for exemption from Real Estate Tax for disabled veterans, retroactively:

Charles L. Wetzel, 614 W. Pine St., Shamokin, effective November 21, 2024
David A. Permar Jr., 1035 State Route 901, Coal Township, effective October 22, 2024

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Kashner to authorize the settlement of a tax assessment appeal, captioned to CV-20-1786. with WalMart Real Estate Business Trust, setting the assessed value of Northumberland County Tax Parcel 00A-00-068-020-H as follows: \$1,260,000 for tax year 2021; \$1,225,000 for tax year 2022; \$1,067,500 for tax year 2023; \$953,750 for tax year 2024; and \$962,500 for tax year 2025 and thereafter. On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Kashner,
Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller, Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

Mr. Venna changed the Personnel Agenda by removing the job posting for Strength and Conditioning Coordinator.

It was moved by Mr. Kashner, seconded by Mr. Shuey to approve all personnel items in motions 8.01 through 8.16 as amended:

- 8.01 Accept retirement/resignation from Debra Bamford, FT Teacher Aide, with regret, effective June 30, 2025.
- 8.02 Accept resignation from Amber Kelly, part-time personal care assistant, effective November 20, 2024, retroactively.
- 8.03 Accept resignation from Rachel Schaner, part-time personal care assistant, effective December 20, 2024, retroactively.
- 8.04 Accept resignation from Desiree Michaels, part-time personal care assistant, effective December 20, 2024, retroactively.
- 8.05 Terminate Theresa Shepherd, part-time Personal Care Assistant, effective immediately, in conformance with Article 4 – Probation Period, Section 2 of the AFSCME Agreement due to job abandonment.
- 8.06 Accept resignation from Taylor Kashner as cheer coach for JH football, varsity football and varsity basketball, with regret, effective the end of the 2024-2025 season.
- 8.07 Approve request #2025-1 from employee for medical leave beginning February 3, 2025 through May 1, 2025, using sick and uncompensated days in conformance with FMLA and the SAEA agreement.
- 8.08 Approve request from Amanda Rowlett for uncompensated leave for a vacation scheduled March 31 through April 4, 2025.
- 8.09 On the recommendation of the administration that Joseph B. Haddock be appointed to the position of part-time School Monitor, 180 days per year, 6½ hours, on grade 1 of the non-instructional salary schedule at a rate of \$14.00 per hour, effective January 13, 2025, retroactively.
- 8.10 On the recommendation of the administration that the following be appointed to serve as Weight Room Monitors at the stipend listed:

Segun Mallard - \$2,500
Dante Picarelli - \$1,250

- 8.11 Approve to add Angela Forney to the 2024-2025 professional substitute list as a Guest Teacher, effective January 15, 2025, retroactively.
- 8.12 Demote Theresa Shephard from full-time custodian, due to unsuccessfully completing the job competency review required by the AFSCME Bargaining Agreement and return her to the part-time custodian position previously held, effective November 4, 2024, retroactively.
- 8.13 On the recommendation of the Supervisor of Facilities and Maintenance that Joseph Shepard be approved to serve as student custodian, as needed, during the 2024-2025 school year at a salary of \$10.00 per hour, limited to 3 hours per day during the school year, and contingent upon maintaining scholarship requirements for the position.
- 8.14 Approve to add the following as drivers for Marvin E. Klinger, Inc. for the remainder of the 2024-2025 school year, pending receipt of current clearances:

Susan Fritz, 201 W. Mulberry St., Shamokin
Wendy Lawrence, 37 State St., Mt. Carmel

- 8.15 Approve to add Deborah Schickley and Robert Stancavage to the 2024-2025 non-instructional substitute list as custodians.
- 8.16 Permission to post/advertise for the following positions:

Head Cheerleading Coaches
REMOVED ~~Strength and Conditioning Coordinator~~
FT Custodian
FT Teacher Aide/Personal Care Assistant

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson
Mr. Cook
Mr. Kashner
Mr. Krieger
Mrs. Miller
Mr. Persing
Mrs. Rhodes, yes to all but abstain from 8.15
Mr. Shuey
Voting No: None
Absent: Mr. Griffiths

During Board Member Reports, Mr. Anderson recognized Makayla Eyster, Nick Amato, and Aiden Santor for making it to the PMEA District 8 Orchestra Festival and Marion Ulrich, Nick Amato, Liam Montgomery and Bennet Elio for making it to the PMEA District 9 Modern Band Festival.

Mr. Kriger congratulated again the 1000-point scoring basketball players. He also mentioned Joey Hile who scored 1000 points last year.

Mr. Persing added that he believes Joey Hile is 7 points away from being the 3rd all-time leading scorer in the history of Shamokin Basketball.

Mr. Persing announced an executive session was held for personnel issues on Monday, January 13, 2025, from 6:00 pm to 9:26 pm and Tuesday, January 21, 2025, from 5:30 pm to 7:21pm prior to the regular monthly board meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Shuey that the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:50pm.

RECORDER: _____
Tonya M. Searls, Recording Secretary

ATTEST: _____
Erik S. Anderson, Board Secretary