

# **SHAMOKIN AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

February 18, 2025

The regular monthly meeting of the Board of Directors of the Shamokin Area School District was held Tuesday, February 18, 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, Treasurer Edward M. Griffiths, Stephen J. Cook, Jeffrey L. Kashner, Bernadette Miller, Tammy Rhodes and Charles H. Shuey.

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 March 18, 2025, beginning at 7:30pm in the Board Conference Room.

Mr. Hockenbroch introduced Abigail Leitzel, the middle school student of the month for January. She shared she enjoys hiking, swimming, fishing, listening to music and playing computer games.

During work session agenda, Mr. Hockenbroch announced upcoming events at the middle/high school. The Alumni Exam is scheduled for February 25<sup>th</sup> and they are getting ready for state testing.

Next, Mrs. Neary also shared some announcements. Read Across America was scheduled for the week of the last week in February, the students are rehearsing for the elementary musical School House Rock Junior and they are preparing for PSSA state testing.

During citizens' comments, Robert Getchey, citizen and part-time grounds security, stated the need for an arc light down by the stadium and signage for handicapped parking on district grounds.

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

Regular Monthly Meeting: January 21, 2025

On roll call:

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

It was moved by Mr. Griffiths, Mr. Krieger that the Treasurer's Report for the month of January 2025 be accepted as presented. On roll call:

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

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Cook that the bills for the month of January 2025 be authorized paid as presented. (Gen. Fund, Capital Reserve, Athletic Fund, and Cafeteria Fund). On roll call:

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

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

Students of the Month – January

Abigail Leitzel – 7th Grade

Gabriel Jamieson – 9th Grade

And Elementary/Intermediate School Students of the Month January:

3rd Grade-	Brantley Pauling
4th Grade-	Elyanna Swank
5th Grade-	Brianna Pagan
6th Grade-	Tommy Sholly-Rice

Congratulations to Chase Pensyl for capturing his 100th win in wrestling.

Congratulations to the Bocce Ball Team for finishing their season 7-3.

Congratulations to the Boys' Basketball Team for winning the PHAC Championship.

On roll call:

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

It was moved by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Kashner that the Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit #16 Preliminary General Operating Budget for the fiscal year July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$855,322.00 be approved as presented. On roll call:

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

It was moved by Mr. Shuey, seconded by Mr. Kashner to acknowledge the 1st reading of the following new/revised policies, attachments and administrative regulations, as presented:

005	Organization
113.1	Discipline of Students with Disabilities
113.3	Behavior Support
236.1	Threat Assessment
202	Eligibility of Nonresident Students
202-AR-0	Nonresident Students
202-AR-3	Information to Substantiate Sworn Statement by Resident
254	Educational Opportunities for Military Children
308	Employment Contract/Board Resolution
308-AR-1	Employee Resignations
607	Tuition Income
607-AR-0	Nonresident Tuition
607-AR-1	Notice of Tuition Past Due
610	Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation
611	Purchases Budgeted
626-AR	Procurement – Federal Programs
801-AR-1	Disclosure/Production of Certain Records
803	School Calendar
803-AR-0	School Calendar
805	Emergency Preparedness and Response
805.1	Relations with Law Enforcement Agencies
805.1-AR-0	Incident Report – Immediate Notification
805.1-AR-1	Incident Report – Discretionary Notification
805.1-AR-2	Record of Law Enforcement Officers in School
805.3	School Security Personnel
806	Child Abuse
807	Opening Exercises/Moment of Silence/Flag Displays
823	Opioid Antagonist
824	Maintaining Professional Adult/Student Boundaries
904	Public Attendance at School Events
909	Municipal Government Relations

On roll call:

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

It was moved by Mr. Krieger, seconded by Mrs. Rhodes to adopt the 2025-2026 school calendar, as presented. On roll call:

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

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

- MOU with Central Susquehanna Intermediate Unit to provide Behind-the-Wheel Instruction and End of Course Skills Test to Shamokin Area School District Students for the 2025-26 school year. The student is responsible for any costs.
- School Nurse Observational Experience Agreement with Central Susquehanna LPN Career Center to cooperate in providing observational experiences to their students as a part of their educational program, effective August 1, 2025-July 31, 2026, at no cost to the district.
- Agreement with Segun Mallard to provide Strength and Conditioning instruction to all middle and high school athletes for Shamokin Area sports programs, with compensation set at \$865.38 bi-weekly, ratified February 1, 2025, effective through June 30, 2025 and automatic annual renewal for a one-year extension, unless terminated by either party.

On roll call:

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

It was moved by Mr. Shuey, seconded by Mr. Krieger to accept the final reports from Shamokin City, East Cameron Township, Shamokin Township and Coal Township elected district tax collectors for the year 2024, be accepted as presented and that Keystone Collections Group and Northumberland County be directed to proceed with the collection of all delinquent taxes in accordance with the law. On roll call:

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

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Cook that permission be granted for Nelson Rodriguez-Parada, to accompany students on a field trip to J.R. Judd Violins to learn how the instruments are made on Thursday, March 27, 2025. The tour is free and transportation will be paid for through orchestra funds. On roll call:

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

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

Charles E. Wilk, 1320 Pulaski Ave., Coal Township, effective December 30, 2025  
Brian P. Hull, 1500 Old Reading Rd., Paxinos, effective January 15, 2025

On roll call:

Voting Yes: Mr. Anderson, Mr. Cook, Mr. Griffiths  
Mr. Kashner, Mr. Krieger, Mrs. Miller,

Mr. Persing, Mrs. Rhodes and Mr. Shuey.  
Voting No: None

It was moved by Mrs. Rhodes, seconded by Mr. Griffiths to approve the following requests for the exemption of Act 511 and Section 679 taxes submitted by tax collectors as follows:

	YEAR	AMOUNT	REASON
Robert Ferrick, 921 N. Shamokin St., Shamokin	2022	\$176.00	Deceased
Charles Stone, Milton, PA	2019-2024	\$726.00	Non-resident
Ernest R. Stone, Vineland, NJ	2014-2024	\$1,936.00	Non-resident

On roll call:

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

It was moved by Mr. Anderson, seconded by Mr. Griffiths to authorize the exoneration of the property tax bill 00A-00453 for a portion of Northumberland County Tax Parcel 00A-00-077013-B, effective July 1, 2024. A portion of this parcel was previously leased by the County of Northumberland to a for-profit entity, but this lease expired as of June 30, 2024, and the property, which is owned by the County, is currently not under lease, and is therefore exempt. On roll call:

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

It was moved by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mrs. Rhodes to adopt the following Resolution as presented authorizing the Solicitor to petition the Northumberland County Court of Common Pleas for the appointment of Jarrod J. Scandle as a Shamokin Area School District School Police Officer, with all powers ancillary thereto, effective upon approval of the Northumberland County Court of Common Pleas.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Shamokin Area School District, hereinafter, “the District”, recognizes the need for a school police officer to enforce the school laws and other laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, as well as aspects of the District’s Code of Student Conduct, such as where disciplinary offenses may be criminal in nature; and,

WHEREAS, the District recognizes there is a need for school police officers to patrol the various school buildings and to provide a visible presence of law enforcement on school grounds; and,

WHEREAS, Jarrod J. Scandle has expressed his willingness and availability to serve as a school police officer for the District; and,

WHEREAS, on February 18, 2025, the District resolved to approve the appointment of Jarrod J. Scandle, as a school police officer for the District, effective upon the approval of this Court and, pending solicitor’s approval and receipt of all mandated clearances and documentation; and,

WHEREAS, the District is informed that Jarrod J. Scandle has obtained the requisite Act 120 Pennsylvania Municipal Police Training, firearms qualifications, and any other training mandated by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, to serve as a school police officer in the Commonwealth and to carry a firearm in the course of his duties; and,

WHEREAS, Jarrod J. Scandle has successfully completed the Basic School Resource Officer Course of Instruction; and,

WHEREAS, the District desires to employ Jarrod J. Scandle as a school police officer, to exercise all powers and duties permitted by 24 P.S. § 13-1302.C, including the powers as are now, or may hereafter be exercised, under authority of law or ordinance by the police of the municipalities where the District's property is located; the power to arrest; the power to issue citations for summary offenses; the power to detain students until the arrival of local law enforcement; and the power to carry a firearm in the course of his duties as a police officer, provided the District authorizes or directs Jarrod J. Scandle to carry a firearm in the course of his duties; and,

WHEREAS, the District recognizes that, in order for Jarrod J. Scandle to serve as a school police officer for the District, he must, pursuant to 24 P.S. § 13-1302-C, be appointed school police officer for the District by the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

Frank W. Garrigan, Esq., Solicitor for the District, is authorized to initiate and file a petition, pursuant to 24 P.S. § 13-1302-C et seq., in the name of the District, seeking the appointment by the Court of Common Pleas of Northumberland County, Pennsylvania, of Jarrod J. Scandle, as school police officer for the District, whereby Jarrod J. Scandle will be authorized to exercise the above-described powers and duties, and carry a firearm in the course of his duties as a school police officer, provided the District authorizes or directs him to carry a firearm in the course of his duties.

Adopted by the Board of Directors of the Shamokin Area School District this 18th day of February, 2025.

On roll call:

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

- 8.01 Rescind Segun Mallard's appointment as a Weight Room Monitor for the 2024-25 school year.
- 8.02 Accept resignation from Mikayla Seedor, part-time personal care assistant, with regret, effective January 3, 2025.
- 8.03 Approve request #2025-2 from employee for medical leave beginning on January 28, 2025, and continuing through on or about February 28, 2025, using sick days, personal days, birthday and uncompensated days in conformance with FMLA and the AFSCME Agreement.

- 8.04 Approve request #2025-2 from employee for medical leave beginning on or about May 1, 2025, and continuing through the last day of the 2024-25 school year, currently set for June 4, 2025, using compensated and uncompensated days in conformance with FMLA and the SAEA Agreement.
- 8.05 Approve request from Kevin Styer, Band Director, to accompany qualifying students to PMEA Region Band in Williamsport on March 5-7, 2025, at a cost of \$368.90, to be paid through musical department funds.
- 8.06 Approve request from Jarrod Scandle, Armed Security Guard, to attend the Comprehensive School Threat Assessment Guidelines training at CSIU 16 on February 18, 2025, retroactively, at a cost of \$95.00, to be paid through the general fund.
- 8.07 Approve request from Sherry Glosek, Supervisor of Special Education, to attend the PDE Conference in Hershey, PA on February 5-7, 2025, at a cost of 690.00, to be paid through the general fund.
- 8.08 Approve request from Karen Colangelo, Business Manager, to attend the PAFPC Annual Conference in Hershey, PA on May 11-14, 2025, at a cost of \$1,230.00, to be paid through the general fund.
- 8.09 On the recommendation of the administration that Crystal Wolfe be appointed to the position of part-time personal care assistant, 180 days per year, 6.5 hours per day, Grade 1 of the AFSCME Agreement, at the rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective February 11, 2025, pending receipt of current clearances and completed employment paperwork.
- 8.10 On the recommendation of the Special Education Supervisor that Brittany Bowen be appointed as part-time personal care assistant, 180 days per year, 6.5 hours per day, Grade 1 of the AFSCME Agreement, at a rate of \$12.00 per hour, effective February 11, 2025, pending receipt of current clearances and completed employment paperwork.
- 8.11 On the recommendation of the Athletic Director, Head Coaches and Principal that the following be appointed to serve as spring sports coaches for the 2024-2025 school year, with compensation as listed on the salary schedule and pending receipt of current clearances if not already on file:

Paul Long – Junior High Girls’ Soccer Coach - \$1,980.00  
 Brooke Ennis – Assistant Girls’ Track & Field Coach - \$3,060.00  
 Bob Stone – Volunteer Junior High Girls’ Soccer Coach  
 Joe Masser – Volunteer Basketball Coach

- 8.12 On the recommendation of the Athletic Director, Head Coaches and Principal that the following be (re)appointed to serve as spring sports coaches for the 2024-2025 school year with compensation as listed on the salary schedule and pending receipt of current clearances if not already on file:

Baseball	Jim Burns	Head Coach	\$4,300.00
	Mike Karlovich	Assistant	\$3,060.00
	Shawn Waugh	Assistant	\$3,060.00
	Dan Neary	Assistant	\$2,730.00
Softball	Rick Kashner	Head Coach	\$5,550.00

	Jim Campbell	Assistant	\$4,560.00
	Andrea Segura	JV Coach	\$2,810.00
	Christin Hughes	JV Assistant	\$2,480.00
Boys Track	Mike Rogers	Head Coach	\$5,550.00
	Bill Delbaugh Sr.	Assistant	\$4,560.00
	Matt Gass	Assistant	\$3,310.00
	Mike Farronato	Assistant	\$4,560.00
Girls Track	David Kopitsky, Jr.	Head Coach	\$5,550.00
	Robert Cowder	Assistant	\$4,560.00
	Todd Nye	Assistant	\$3,310.00
	Brooke Ennis	Assistant	\$3,060.00
JH Boys Soccer	Dennis Cole	Head Coach	\$2,980.00
JH Girls Soccer	Paul Long	Head Coach	\$1,980.00

- 8.13 Increase the rate for student custodians from \$10.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour, effective March 3, 2025.
- 8.14 Approve an increase to Jack Dabulis's rate of compensation from \$11.00 per hour to \$20.00 per hour for pool maintenance services, effective February 24, 2025.
- 8.15 Approve to add the following to the 2024-2025 professional substitute list as indicated, pending receipt of clearances if not already on file:

Makenzie Flynn – Guest Teacher

- 8.16 Approve to add the following to the 2024-2025 non-instructional substitute list as indicated, pending receipt of clearances if not already on file:

Desiree Michaels – Personal Care Assistant  
Denisses Camacho – Custodian  
Josiah Williams – Custodian  
Kathy Gaydos – Custodian

On roll call:

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

During Board Member Reports, Mr. Krieger congratulated Chase Pensyl and the Boys' Basketball teams.

Mr. Anderson also congratulated Pensyl and Bobby Witmer, who both advanced to the District IV AA wrestling tournament.



Mr. Persing announced an executive session was held for personnel issues on Tuesday, February 11, 2025, from 5:15 pm to 7:25 pm and Tuesday, February 18, 2025, from 5:30 pm to 7:30pm prior to the regular monthly board meeting.

On a motion by Mr. Griffiths, seconded by Mr. Anderson that the meeting was unanimously adjourned at 7:52pm.

RECORDER: \_\_\_\_\_  
Tonya M. Searls, Recording Secretary

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
Erik S. Anderson, Board Secretary