

TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

March 8, 2022

MINUTES

Members Present: Mollie Bakhsheshe, Rose Black, Bill Lash, Matthew Germino, Kris Laird, Jeff Long, Randy Miles, Jim Raabe, Gunter Volders

Members Absent:

Student Representatives Present: None

Media Present: Meredith Peachey, *Tyrone Daily Herald*, Andrew Mollenauer, *Altoona Mirror*

Administration Present: Leslie Estep, Jess Anderson, Shane Cowher, Glen Drager, Jordan Good, Kourtney Klock, Kristin Musselman, Chad Packer, Kristen Pinter, Faith Swanson

Others Present: Maggie Thompson of the Beard Legal Group

Public Present: Valerie & Chris Morroni, Danielle Posnett

SECTION A – OPENING EXERCISES AND PRESENTATIONS

OPENING EXERCISES

President Rose Black called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American flag, followed by a moment of silent meditation. President Black announced that the meeting was being audio taped and welcomed everyone present.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In the form of a motion, Mr. Bill Lash recommended board approval to the proposed agenda for the March 8, 2022 regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunter Volders, and it carried by a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to the minutes of the February 8, 2022 Regular Session meeting. Mr. Matthew Germino seconded the motion and it carried by a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

PUBLIC INPUT

Valerie Morrone spoke about Covid mitigation measures.

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Board met in executive session following the regular session to discuss personnel.

ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Christina Patton and Kristy Brennan presented the purpose of the Sensory Classroom which is a therapeutic space with a variety of equipment that helps students to calm and focus so they can succeed within the academic classroom setting.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #1 - Treasurer's Financial Report for period ending February 28, 2022. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #2 – Food Service Operating Report for the period ending January 31, 2022. Mr. James Raabe seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #3 – Tax Collection Report for the period ending February 28, 2022. Mrs. Mollie Bakhsheshe seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #4 – Monthly Expenditures for February 2022. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #5 – Investment Analysis Report for the period ending January 31, 2022. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #6 – Student Activities Fund for the period ending February 28, 2022. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles requested board approval to commit to Soccer Field Renovation Project with commitment to go out for bids and/or engage in the RFP process with tentative date to receive same no later than September 30, 2022. Mr. Matthew Germino seconded the motion and it failed with a roll call vote of 1-8-0. (Bill Lash, no; Mollie Bakhsheshe, no; Matthew Germino, no; Kris Laird, no; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, no; James Raabe, no; Gunter Volders, no; Rose Black, no)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Gunter Volders requested board approval to commit to Soccer Field Renovation Project with commitment to go out for bids and/or engage in the RFP process with tentative date to receive same no later than September 30, 2022 not to exceed \$1,500,000. Mr. Matthew Germino seconded the motion and it carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles requested board approval of the following resolution: The Board of School Directors of the Tyrone Area School District does hereby authorize the Administration to work with PFM Financial Advisors LLC, as Financial Advisor, Dinsmore & Shohl LLP as Bond Counsel, and the local solicitor in conjunction with the issuance of the District's General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2022, for the purpose of providing a construction fund deposit in the approximate amount of \$5,000,000. Mr. James Raabe seconded the motion and it carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

CONSENSUS VOTE

In the form of a motion, Mr. James Raabe recommended board approval to the following items under Section B - Consensus Vote of the March 8, 2022 Regular Session Agenda. Mr. Randy Miles seconded the motion and it carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Matthew Germino, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

A. Pending and Current Committee Reports, as called by the Board President.

1. Student Activities and Services Committee - Chairperson James Raabe

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Mike Walk	JH Assistant Baseball Coach	Resignation to remain as a volunteer	March 9, 2022

B. Elections

Name & Address	Position	Salary	Benefits	Effective Date
Lindsey Kanuch	Assistant Track Coach	\$1,350.00	N/A	March 9, 2022

- C. Class of 2022: Request board approval to tentative list of seniors eligible for graduation.
- D. Request board approval to listing of Field Trip Requests, previously approved by the Building Principal; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Business Administrator; and Superintendent. The administration will assess the health and safety protocols of all approved/scheduled field trips and may make adjustments based on the changing conditions of the pandemic.

2. Human Resources Committee - Chairperson Gunter Volders

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Danielle Clark	Biology Teacher-to remain as cyber teacher for remainder of 2021-22 school year	Resignation	March 4, 2022
Brooke McCready	Daycare Paraprofessional	Resignation	March 16, 2022

B. Elections

Name	Position	Assignment	Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Sierah Bogel	Paraprofessional	5 Days/Week 6.5 Hours/Day	\$9.40/Hour	10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days No Other Benefits	March 9, 2022
Lauren Garda	After-School Special Education Intervention Support	Up to 4 days/wk Up to 2 hrs/day	\$26.37/Hour	No Change in Current Benefits	March 9, 2022
Tracy Miller	Mentor for Elementary School Nurse Molly Mills Remainder of 2021-22 School Year	N/A	\$200.37	No Change in Current Benefits	Retroactive to February 21, 2022
Cody Schneider Grade 12	High School Café Student Worker	Maximum of 15 hrs/week School Year	\$7.25/Hour	No Benefits	March 9, 2022

- C. Request board approval to 2021-2022 Substitutes and Volunteers Lists.
- D. Request board approval to add Alek Silverman as van driver for Raystown Transit.
- E. Request board approval to TASD Event Worker List.

3. Financial Operations Committee – Chairperson Randy Miles

- A. Request board approval to 2 year Agreement with Franklin and Marshall College for Pennsylvania College Advising Corps – Counseling Advisor at the annual cost \$30,000 for the 2022-2023 and 2023-24 school years, representing a \$3,500 increase in annual fee. Funding source: Title IV and ARP ESSER grants.
- B. Request board approval to the agreement with G.H. Harris Associates Inc. of Dallas, PA for delinquent student debt collections.
- C. Request board approval to authorize administration to enter into electric and Natural gas supply agreements with the supplier providing the lowest most responsible price.
- D. Request board approval of the following IDEA Agreements with IU8:
 - 1. Special Education IDEA Section 611 for the grant period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 in the allocation amount of \$319,599.62 and \$43,513 American Rescue Plan (ARP) IDEA Supplemental Section 611 for the grant period of July 1, 2021 through September 30, 2022 in the allocation amount of \$64,596.50.
 - 2. Special Education IDEA Section 619 for the grant period of July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 in the allocation amounts of \$4,485 and \$24,172.

4. Educational Programs and Materials – Chairperson Kris Laird

- A. Request board approval to the following course addition to the 2022-23 Tyrone Area High School Course Description Booklet: Health and Resiliency.

5. Physical Plant and Operations Committee – Chairperson Jeff Long

- A. Request board approval to advertise for sealed bids and disposition of items as detailed on the attached listing.

6. Board Regulatory and Activities Committee – Chairperson William Lash

- A. Request final adoption of the following policies previously presented at the Regular Board Meeting of February 8, 2022.
 - 1. Policy 805 Emergency Preparedness and Response – NEW
 - 2. Policy 805.2 School Security Personnel – NEW
- B. Request board approval for the revision to the Pre-K Flexible Instruction Plan for the 2021-22 school year.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

No Report.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Gunter Volders motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kris Laird. The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Faith M Swanson".

Faith M. Swanson
Board Secretary