

TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

June 14, 2022

MINUTES

Members Present: Mollie Bakhsheshe (via phone), Rose Black, Bill Lash (via phone), Kris Laird, Randy Miles, Jim Raabe (via phone at 7:22 p.m.), Gunter Volders

Members Absent: Matthew Germino, Jeff Long

Student Representatives Present: None

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

Administration Present: Danielle Dempsie, Leslie Estep, Shane Cowher, Glen Drager, Jordan Good, Chad Packer, Kristin Pinter, Faith Swanson

Others Present: None

Public Present: Kermit Foor, IV

SECTION A – OPENING EXERCISES AND PRESENTATIONS

OPENING EXERCISES

President Rose Black called the meeting to order at 7:05 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. Gunter Volders recommended board approval to the proposed agenda for the June 14, 2022 regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kris Laird, and it carried by a roll call vote of 6-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Kris Laird, yes, Randy Miles, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In the form of a motion, Mr. Kris Laird recommended board approval to the minutes of the May 10, 2022 Regular Session and May 19, 2022 Special Session. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and it carried by a roll call vote of 6-0-0. (Gunter Volders, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ANNOUNCEMENT

The board met in executive session following the voting session for the presentation of the School Safety and Security Coordinator report for 2022-23.

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 May 31, 2022. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Kris Laird, yes, Randy Miles, 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 April 30, 2022. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0-0. (Gunter Volders, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, 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 May 31, 2022. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Kris Laird, yes, Randy Miles, 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 May 2022. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0-0. (Gunter Volders, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, 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 April 30, 2022. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Kris Laird, yes, Randy Miles, 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 April 30, 2022. Mrs. Mollie Bakhsheshe seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0-0. . (Gunter Volders, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval of the 2022-23 Final General Fund Budget for the Tyrone Area School District reflecting revenues in the amount of \$29,411,549, and total expenditures in the amount of \$30,315,584 with a 4.8% increase in millage. Projected overall budget deficit is (\$904,035). Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Kris Laird, yes, Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to the 2022 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

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In the form of a motion Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval for business office to make budget transfers due to audit reclassifications after June 30, 2022 for the 2021-22 fiscal year, with a subsequent report to the board. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Kris Laird, yes, Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval of the Settlement and Release Agreement with Mid-State Construction, Inc. as presented and authorize the Board President and Secretary to execute the Settlement and Release Agreement on behalf of the District. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval of Change Order with Myco Mechanical, Inc. resulting in an increase of \$306,218.05. The additional work includes relocation of the ERU-1, additional ductwork, additional piping, additional duct insulation, related labor costs and miscellaneous equipment costs. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Kris Laird, yes, Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval for the superintendent or designee to authorize change orders up to \$25,000 for the auditorium renovation project. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

BOARD OPERATIONS

In the form of a motion Ms. Rose Black recommended board approval to accept the resignation of Board Member Matthew Germino, effective June 14, 2022. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Kris Laird, yes, Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion Ms. Rose Black recommended board approval for authorization of the Administration to advertise for candidates to fill the Board vacancy, which will run through the first Monday of December 2023. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

CONSENSUS VOTE

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to the following items under Section B - Consensus Vote of the June 14, 2022 Regular Session Agenda. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and it carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Kris Laird, yes, Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, Gunter Volders, 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

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A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Doug Myers	Girls Varsity Head Softball Coach	Resignation	June 2, 2022
Jacob Krupa	Assistant Jr. High Wrestling Coach	Resignation	June 2, 2022

- B. Request board approval to the Mental Health Letter of Agreement with Blair County Department of Social Services through the Student Assistance Program.
- C. Request board approval to the Letter of Agreement with Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol counseling services through the Student Assistance Program.
- D. Request board approval to open the position of Varsity Head Girls Volleyball Coach to accept applications.

2. Financial Operations Committee – Treasurer Randy Miles

- A. Request board approval to 2022-23 insurance policies through the Teeter Group, in the total amount of \$125,775 (represents an increase of \$5,974).
- B. Request board approval to 2022-23 Worker's Compensation Insurance Policy through the Teeter Group in the total amount of \$40,485. (represents an increase of \$1,345).
- C. Request board approval of the proposal from transFinder for map updates, software upgrade and remote hosting services at a cost of \$19,450.
- D. Request board approval to enter into a contract with Jade Biesinger as Licensed Social Worker at the rate of \$43.75 per hour for a maximum total of 550 hours with no benefits, covering the period of July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2023. Ms. Biesinger will function as a third-party contractor and will be required to provide proof of professional liability coverage.
- E. Pursuant to public advertising, request board approval for the award of the 2022-23 school year RFP for Computer Equipment totaling \$317,389.70 to the following companies based on minimum order quantities and category awards.

Company	Categories Awarded	Cost
AmCom (Coraopolis, PA)	Chromeboxes, Displays	\$ 28,255.95
Bluum USA (Phoenix, AZ)	GoGuardian Licenses	\$ 35,244.00
GDC IT (Chambersburg, PA)	Chromebooks 13"/14"	\$ 7,282.00
STS Education (SIMI Valley, CA)	Chromebooks Shell	\$ 8,941.15
Y&S (Brooklyn, NY)	Chromebook 11", Desktops, Laptops, Laptop & Chromebook Cases	\$237,190.00

3. Human Resources Committee – Chairperson Gunter Volders

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Sarah Lauder	First Grade Teacher	Resignation	June 2, 2022
Abby Ettinger	Title I Reading & Special Education Teacher	Resignation	June 2, 2022
Philip Rossi	Special Education Teacher	Resignation	June 2, 2022
Donna Glunt	Daycare Lead Teacher	Resignation	June 2, 2022
Joan Bilotto	Elementary Teacher	Retirement	June 2, 2022
Brooke Yaudes	High School Main Office Secretary	Resignation	June 23, 2022

B. Elections

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary, Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Amy Fleck	Middle School Dean	N/A	\$7,500 Stipend	No Change in Current Benefits	August 18, 2022
Megan Hartman	PE Summer School Substitute	2 Hours/Day 5 days/week as needed	\$26.37/Hr; \$27.16 after 6/30/22 Time Sheet	No Change in Current Benefits	June 6, 2022
Tom Coleman	PE Summer School Instructor	2 Hours/Day 5 days/week	\$26.37/Hr; \$27.16 after 6/30/22 Time Sheet	No Change in Current Benefits	June 6, 2022
William Wiser III	Crew Custodian	8 Hours/Day 5 days/week	\$11.90/hour	Full Benefits	July 11, 2022

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary, Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Kathy Beigle Dustin Elder Steve Everhart Mike Funicelli Jessica Hetrick Jonathan Holmes Lindsay Miksich Beth Cannistraci Ronda Dodson Bryan Gruber Ron Wilson	Cyber School Teachers		\$150 per Student per Semester	No Change in Current Benefits	August 18, 2022
Robert McEwen	Crew Custodian	8 Hours/Day 5 days/week	\$10.42 per hr thru 6/30/22 \$11.90/hour effective 7/1/22	Full Benefits	TBD Pending Paperwork
Derrick Soellner	HS Business Teacher Intern	7.5 Hours/Day 5 days/week 187 Contract Days	\$46,779.00 Master's Step 2	Full Benefits	August 18, 2022
Annette Iddings	EI Paraprofessional	6 Hours/Day 5 days/week	\$10.95/hour	10 sick days 2 personal days No Other Benefits	August 18, 2022
Gary Aharrah Suzanne Burket Steve Everhart Sean Harker Curtis Neff Teresa Myers Julia Prudhoe	Summer School Teachers	3 Hours/Day 4 days/week	\$26.37/Hr; \$27.16 after 6/30/22 Time Sheet up to 3 hours per day; 4 days per week	No Change in Current Benefits	June 13, 2022 through no later than July 15, 2022
Kermit Foor, IV	Technology Education Teacher	7.5 Hours/Day 5 days/week 187 Contract Days	\$45,549.00 Bachelor's Step 1	Full Benefits	August 18, 2022
Rebecca Sellers	Middle School Science Teacher	7.5 Hours/Day 5 days/week 187 Contract Days	\$50,484.00 Bachelor's Step 5	Full Benefits	August 18, 2022

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary, Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Lindsey Kanuch	MS/HS Physical Education Teacher	7.5 Hours/Day 5 days/week 187 Contract Days	\$47,538.00 Bachelor's Step 3	Full Benefits	August 18, 2022
Chad Packer	High School Principal	260 Contract Days	\$89,000.00	Full Benefits as Act 93 Agreement	July 1, 2022
Amanda Burega	Summer Bookmobile Teacher/Driver	8 Hours/Day 1 day/week	\$26.37/Hr; \$27.16 after 6/30/22	No Change in Current Benefits	June 15, 2022
Angelina Myers	Elementary Special Education Teacher	7.5 Hours/Day 5 days/week 187 Contract Days	\$48,338 Masters Step 3	Full Benefits	August 18, 2022

- C. Request board approval to transfer Amber Morrissey from EI Paraprofessional to Special Education Paraprofessional (6.5 hours/day; 5 days/week; 10 sick days; 2 personal days.)
- D. Request board approval for unpaid leave for Employee #11082 for the period of September 13, 2022 through November 15, 2022.
- E. Request board approval to additions to the 2021-22 Substitute and Long-Term Volunteer List.
- F. 2022-23 Football/Extra-Curricular Activities/Event Staff & Substitutes

Name	
Shelly Carper	Mort Snider
Faith Everhart	Ronald Iddings, Jr.
Jamie Ewell Irvin	Steve Hanczar
Tracy Miller	Patrick Voyzey
Sherri Hartsock	Tammy Wills
Bill Wiser	Randy Wilson
Randy Zitterbart	Michelle Miller

4. Physical Plant and Operations Committee – Chairperson Jeff Long

- A. Request board approval to awarding 2022-23 Janitorial Bids in the total amount of \$17,003.47, representing a decrease of \$5,607.98 from the 2021-22 school year.
- B. Request board approval of a one-year Engine Monitor Service Agreement with Cleveland Brothers Equipment Company, Inc in the amount of \$1,738.

- C. Request board approval of the Performance Bond Release and Partial Assignment with FCCI Insurance Company, surety for JT Masonry Construction, LLC contingent on the release being modified to exclude the release of any payment bond claims.
- D. Request board approval to donate or dispose of remaining items from the excess item sale.
- E. Request board approval of the proposal from Schultheis Electric to install LED lighting in the Pre-K wing in the amount of \$19,500 utilizing Pre-K Counts Funds, and local funds.
- F. Request board approval of the proposal from Schultheis Electric to install LED lighting in the Daycare wing in the amount of \$19,500 ELRC Daycare Funds.
- G. Request board approval of the proposal from Schultheis Electric to install LED lighting in the Daycare/Pre-K Corridor in the amount of \$5,200 utilizing Pre-K Counts Funds, ELRC Daycare Funds, and local funds.
- H. Request board approval of the purchase of LED lighting for the Pre-K and Daycare Wing/Corridor in the amount of \$22,276.40 utilizing Pre-K Counts Funds, ELRC Daycare Funds, and local funds.

5. Public and Student Relations Committee – Chairperson Mollie Bakhsheshe

- A. Request board approval to recommendation of the Tyrone Area School District Administration and Student Relations Committee on disciplinary action for Student 2021-22-G06-02 for violation of Board Policy #218.2-Terroristic Threats.

6. Educational Programs and Materials Committee – Chairperson Kris Laird

- A. Following the requested 30-day review period prior to board action are the New Adoptions and/or Replacement Textbooks/Workbooks and Supplemental Materials for the 2022-23 school year in the total amount of \$99,220.63.
 - 1) Elementary School \$48,495.29 (an increase of \$24,798.30 from the 2021-22 school year).
 - 2) Middle School \$42,484.98 (an increase of \$24,275.95 from the 2021-22 school year).
 - 3) High School \$8,202.20 (a decrease of \$49,112.41 from the 2021-22 school year).
- B. Submitted for 30-day review period prior to board action Tyrone Area Elementary School and Middle/High School Library book title list purchased with contingency funds and books that were donated throughout the 2021-22 school year.
- C. Request board approval to renew cooperative agreement with Saint Francis University to participate in the College in High School program.
- D. Request board approval to renew cooperative agreement with Mount Aloysius College to participate in the College in High School program.

- E. Request Board approval of the Articles of Agreement with the Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 for participation in the ESL Consortium for the 2022-23 school year at the cost of \$4500.
- F. Request Board approval to renewal of Agreement with Mount Aloysius College to continue student teacher partnerships beginning July 1, 2022 through June 30, 2028.
- G. Request board approval of the Savvas K-2 Essentials Foundational Supplement for foundational literacy support at the cost of \$24,575.10.
- H. Request board approval to the articulation agreement with Rutgers University for completion of the CASE Agriculture courses, as outlined in the agreement.
- I. Request board approval to the articulation agreement with the Institute of Applied Agriculture at the University of Maryland College Park for completion of the CASE Agriculture courses, as outlined in the agreement.

7. Board Regulatory Activities Committee – Chairperson William Lash

- A. Following the required 28-day public inspection period, request board approval to the 2021-2024 TASD Special Education Plan and subsequent submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

-End of Section-

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Kris Laird motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Miles. The meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Faith M. Swanson
Board Secretary