

**TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD**

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**February 14, 2023**

**MINUTES**

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

**Members Absent:** None

**Student Representatives Present:** Lydia Seltzer, Austin White

**Media Present:** Rachel Foor and Alicia Chiang, *Altoona Mirror*

**Administration Present:** Leslie Estep, Shane Cowher, Glen Drager, Jordan Good, Kristin Musselman, Kristen Pinter, Faith Swanson

**Others Present:** None

**Public Present:** Eneri Knarr, Marcy Chichester, Fred Miller, Tracy Miller

**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. Gunter Volders recommended board approval to the proposed agenda for the February 14, 2023 regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Bill Lash, and it carried by a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

In the form of a motion, Mr. Kris Laird recommended board approval to the minutes of the January 10, 2023 Regular Session. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and it carried by a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Rose Black, yes)

**PUBLIC INPUT**

None

## **ANNOUNCEMENT**

An executive session was held immediately following the work session to discuss negotiations.

## **ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT**

Students in Ronda Dodson's Student Council/SOAR group presented on active student participation and community building in school. Participating students were Grant Miller, Alice Knarr, Emily Houghton, Sarah Chichester, Isaiah Chigull-Suhoney, Sophia Witkamp.

## **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 January 31, 2023. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #2 –Food Service Operating Statement for the period ending January 31, 2023. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #3 – Tax Collection Report for period ending January 31, 2023. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #4 – Monthly Expenditures for January 2023. Mrs. Mollie Bakhsheshe seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, 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 December 2022. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, 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 January 31, 2023. Mrs. Mollie Baksheshe seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #7 – Scholarship Report for the period ending January 31, 2023. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Report #8 – Budget Transfers for the period ending January 31, 2023. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to Tyrone Area School District Audit Report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2022, as presented by Romulus Comly, Director of Boyer & Ritter, LLC of State College, PA 16801. Mrs. Mollie Bakhsheshe seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

**CONSENSUS VOTE**

In the form of a motion, Mr. Bill Lash recommended board approval to the following items under Section B - Consensus Vote of the February 14, 2023 Regular Session Agenda. Mr. James Raabe seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Mollie Baksheshe, yes; Rose Black, yes)

**I. 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. Resignations**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Retirement/Resignation</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Michael Anthony	Jr. High Head Volleyball Coach	Resignation/Remain as Volunteer	February 15, 2023
Kerry Naylor	Jr. High Assistant Softball Coach	Resignation	February 15, 2023

**B. Elections**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Salary</b>	<b>Benefits</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
Frank Germino	Jr. High Softball Head Coach	\$1,882.40 Stipend	N/A	March 6, 2023
Jeremy LaRosa	Jr. High Baseball Assistant Coach	\$1,176.50 Stipend	N/A	March 6, 2023

**C.** Request board approval to listing of Field Trip Requests, previously approved by the Building Principal; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Business Administrator; Superintendent. The administration will assess the health and safety protocols of approved/scheduled field trips and may adjust accordingly.

**D.** Request board approval to add Ashley Pastelok as an employee for Nutrition, Inc.

**2. Human Resources Committee** - Chairperson Gunter Volders

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Robin Snider	Daycare Group Supervisor	Resignation	January 24, 2023
Brenda Miller	Reading and ESL Teacher	Resignation	March 24, 2023

B. Elections

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Adria Jeffery	Long-Term Substitute	Remainder of 2022-23 5 Days/Week 7.5 Hours/Day	\$46,349.00 Prorated	10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days Full Benefits Prorated	February 15, 2023
Lauren Garda	Mentor for Long-Term Substitute Elementary Learning Support Teacher Adria Jeffery	Second Semester 2022-23 School Year	Stipend - \$238.32	No Change in Current Benefits	February 15, 2023
Kristen Scheel	Mentor for Long-Term Substitute Elementary Learning Support Teacher Erica Schopp	Second Semester 2022-23 School Year	Stipend - \$314.45	No Change in Current Benefits	Retroactive to January 13, 2023
Amy Elder	Mentor for Long-Term Substitute Elementary Kindergarten Teacher Ava Focht	Second Semester 2022-23 School Year	Stipend - \$301.21	No Change in Current Benefits	Retroactive to January 19, 2023
Rachel Walk	Mentor for Elementary Second Grade Teacher Makenna Betar	Second Semester 2022-23 School Year	Stipend - \$321.07	No Change in Current Benefits	Retroactive to January 11, 2023

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Marcus Owens	Mentor for Middle/High School Health and Physical Education Teacher Jordan Bondi	Second Semester 2022-23 School Year	Stipend - \$327.69	No Change in Current Benefits	Retroactive to January 9, 2023
Kaylee Kenepf	Mentor for Long-Term Substitute Fifth Grade Teacher Caroline Showalter	Second Semester 2022-23 School Year	Stipend - \$301.21	No Change in Current Benefits	Retroactive to January 19, 2023
Dawn Whited	Math 24 Coach	1-2 days/wk	Stipend \$420.00	No Change in Current Benefits	February 15, 2023
Tara Nicodemus Malakai Wicker Olivia Zimmerman	High School Café	Maximum of 15 hrs/week	\$7.25/hr	No Benefits	January 19, 2023

- C. Request board approval to additions to the Substitute and Long-Term Volunteer List, effective February 15, 2023.
- D. Request board approval for unpaid leave for Employee #10028 beginning March 14 until mid-April, 2023.

**3. Financial Operations Committee – Chairperson Randy Miles**

- A. Request board approval to donation of \$4,000 to the Tyrone Snyder Public Library.
- B. Request board approval to the revised agreement with C&S Contract Services/Blair Therapies for the delivery of services of Speech & Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants.
- C. Request board approval to enter into an agreement with SapphireK12, Inc. of Allentown, PA for customization of the direct transcript to best comply with Act 55, which mandates inclusion of industry credentials earned on district transcripts, as well as other desired changes, at a total cost not to exceed \$2,000.00.

**4. Board Regulatory and Activities Committee – Chairperson Brian Bressler**

- A. Request final adoption of the following policies previously presented at the Regular Board Meeting of January 10, 2023.
  - 1. Policy 200 Enrollment of Students – Revised
  - 2. Policy 203 Immunizations and Communicable Diseases - Revised
  - 3. Policy 204 Attendance – Revised

4. Policy 217 Graduation – Revised
5. Policy 221 Dress and Grooming – Revised
6. Policy 251 Students Experiencing Homelessness, Foster Care and Other Educational Instability - NEW
7. Policy 257 Educational Stability for Children in Foster Care - Delete
8. Policy 810 Transportation – Reviewed with no revisions necessary
9. Policy 011 Principles for Governance and Leadership – Revised
10. Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid – Revised
11. Policy 611 Purchases Budgeted – Revised

B. Submitted for the first reading are the following policies:

1. Policy 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students

**6. Educational Programs and Materials Committee – Chairperson Kris Laird**

- A. Request board approval to the 2023-24 Tyrone Area Middle School Course Description Booklet and Middle School Changes.
- B. Request board approval to the 2023-24 Tyrone Area High School Course Description Booklet and High School Changes.
- C. Request board approval for the District Academic Calendar for the School Year 2023-2024.
- D. Request board approval of the license agreement with ProQuest for online research services for the 2023-24 school year.
- E. Submitted for 30-day review period prior to board action Tyrone Middle/High School Library book list including additional titles to be purchased through 2022-23 budget, and donated titles.
- F. Following the requested 30-day review period prior to board action, request board approval for the Tyrone Area Elementary School and Middle/High School Library book lists including replacements for unavailable titles from the 2022-23 annual order, additional titles to be purchased through 2022-23 budget; donated titles.
- G. Request board approval to the Letter of Agreement with Blair Family Solutions to continue operation of the Community and School Based Behavioral Health program at the Tyrone Area Elementary and Middle School.

**REPORTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD**

- A. Lydia Seltzer, Grade 12 – Miss Seltzer reported on Valentine’s Day deliveries of goodies in the high school, the opening of scholarship applications, the YAN 4D movie event *Despicable Me*. \$1,000 was collect for the Pennies for Panzi Campaign by YAN. All Eagles made Valentine’s Day cards for teachers.

- B. Austin White, Grade 11 – Mr. White reported on upcoming volleyball tournament which was rescheduled due to a snow day and organized by Mrs. Kanuch. The musical practices are underway which will be three nights of a musical review held in the high school cafeteria. Indoor percussion season is also underway.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. Bill Lash motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Faith M. Swanson  
Board Secretary