

**TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD**

**REGULAR SESSION MEETING**

**March 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:** Julie White (Work Session), *The Daily Herald*, Alicia Chiang, *Altoona Mirror*

**Administration Present:** Leslie Estep, Jessica Anderson Shane Cowher, Glen Drager, Jordan Good, Kourtney Klock, Kristin Musselman, Chad Packer, Kristen Pinter, Faith Swanson (via zoom)

**Others Present:** None

**Public Present:** Danielle Posnett, Dakota Posnett

**OPENING EXERCISES**

President Rose Black called the meeting to order at 7:28 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 14, 2023 regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Miles, 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. Gunter Volders recommended board approval to the minutes of the February 14, 2023 Regular Session. Mrs. Mollie Bakhsheshe 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

### **ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT**

Academic Spotlight – Students of Ms. Hayley Weaver and Mrs. Jessica Savino shared recent projects completed during a Social Studies unit focused on American Symbols and past U.S. Presidents. Participating students are Ainslee Bokulich, Ava Gehret, Kaleb Wilson, Allison Harpster, Stephen Garda, Carson Henry, and Hollynd Hand.

### **EMPLOYEE RELATIONS COMMITTEE**

In the form of a motion, Mr. Bill Lash requested board approval to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Tyrone Area Educational Support Professionals Association (TAESPA) and the Tyrone Area School District for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027. 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)

### **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, 2023. Mr. Gunter Volders 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 #2 –Food Service Operating Statement for the period ending February 28, 2023. Mr. Brian Bressler 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 #3 – Tax Collection Report for period ending February 28, 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 Report #4 – Monthly Expenditures for February 2023. Mr. James Raabe 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 #5 – Investment Analysis Report for the period ending January 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 Report #6 – Student Activities Fund for the period ending February 28, 2023. Mr. Bill Lash 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 #7 – Scholarship Report for the period ending February 28, 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 #8 – Budget Transfers for the period ending February 28, 2023. Mr. Bill Lash 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 requested Request board approval to the proposed 2023-2024 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Preliminary General Fund Budget in the total amount of \$5,836,785.40 with the projected Tyrone Area School District contribution of \$6,416.83. The calculation of district contribution is based on the 2094.776 Weighted Average daily Membership and the 2023-2024 Projected Market Value Aid Ratio. Mr. Gunter Volders 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)

#### **PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

In the form of a motion, Mr. Jeff Long request board approval to award the following:

General Construction Base Bid for the Field House Renovation in the total amount of \$513,741.00 to JC Orr and Son, Inc.

General Construction Alternate Bid for the Field House Renovation in the total amount of \$1,400.00 to JC Orr and Son, Inc.

HVAC Construction Bid for the Field House Renovation in the total amount of \$147,000.00 to Allied Mechanical & Electrical Inc.

Plumbing Construction Bid for the Field House Renovation in the total amount of \$177,000.00 to Allied Mechanical & Electrical Inc.

Electrical Construction Bid for the Field House Renovation in the total amount of \$58,985.00 to Schultheis Electric Inc.

Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-1-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, no; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Rose Black, yes)

#### **CONSENSUS VOTE**

In the form of a motion, Mr. Jeff Long recommended board approval to the following items under Section B - Consensus Vote of the March 14, 2023 Regular Session Agenda. Mr. Randy Miles 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)

**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

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Caroline Showalter	Varsity Assistant Softball Coach	Resignation to remain as a volunteer	March 15, 2023

A. Elections

Name	Position	Salary	Benefits	Effective Date
Jason Rockwell	Jr. High Assistant Softball Coach	\$1,176.50	N/A	March 15, 2023
Ron Iddings	Equipment Manager (All Sports Except Football)	\$2,000 per season	N/A	March 15, 2023

B. Class of 2023: Request board approval to tentative list of seniors eligible for graduation.

C. 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 adjust accordingly.

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

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Alana Boyles	Daycare Assistant Group Supervisor	Resignation	March 22, 2023

B. Elections

Name	Position	Assignment	Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Ava Bickel Grade 10	High School Café Student Worker	Maximum of 15 hrs/week School Year	\$7.25/Hour	No Benefits	February 16, 2023

C. Request board approval to 2022-2023 Substitutes and Long-Term Volunteers List.

- D. Request board approval for unpaid leave of absence for Employee #11847 for the period of April 11 – May 19, 2023.
- E. Request board approval to add Darlene Gardner as cashier for Nutrition Inc. to work in the cafeteria.

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

- A. Request board approval of the following United Concordia Dental Rates effective July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
  - Employee: \$23.77
  - Employee & Spouse: \$47.52
  - Employee & Child(ren): \$49.90
  - Employee & Family: \$71.30
- B. Request board approval to the Letter of Agreement with the Meadows Psychiatric Center for the 2023-24 and 2024-25 school years with educational services set at \$70 per day/per student.
- C. Request board approval to the agreement with LifeWorks for an Employee Assistance Program for all employees purchased through ARP ESSER Set-Aside Funds.
- D. Request board approval for award of proposal for wireless networking equipment to United Datacom Networks, Inc. in the total of amount of \$165,951.72. This proposal was submitted under the PEPPM Mini-bid process for E-rate reimbursement. Funding to be allocated in the 2023-24 school year budget, with a 70% discount/reimbursement from the E-Rate program for eligible equipment and services. Contract is contingent upon receipt of E-Rate fiscal year 2023 funding approval.
- E. Request board approval to the following technology software contracts funded by the technology budget:

Product	Company	Effective Dates	Cost
K12 Streaming Service	Swank Movie Licensing USA	5/1/2023-4/30/2024	\$2100.00
Swank K12 Public Performance Site License (Elem & Middle High School)	Swank Movie Licensing USA	5/19/23-5/18/24	\$1028.00
Visitor Management System	Lobbyguard USA	4/1/2023-3/31/2024	\$1500.00

- F. Request board approval to add the following to the list of district-recognized student scholarships:
  1. Donald E. Kimberling Scholarship
  2. Stephanie Risban Scholarship
  3. Tyrone Improvement Group’s Giving Back Scholarship

**4. Educational Programs and Materials** – Chairperson Kris Laird

- A. Following the requested 30-day review period prior to board action, request board approval for the Tyrone Middle/High School Library book list including additional titles to be purchased through 2022-23 budget, and donated titles.

**5. Physical Plant and Operations Committee** – Chairperson Jeff Long

- A. Request board approval to Foster Care Transportation Memorandum of Understanding for the 2023-24 school year between the Tyrone Area School District and Huntingdon County, on behalf of Huntingdon County Children's Services.
- B. Request board approval to dispose of miscellaneous kitchen equipment that is no longer in operation.
- C. Request board approval to dispose of miscellaneous glass left over from 2019 Façade project.

**6. Public and Student Relations Committee** – Chairman Mollie Bakhsheshe

- A. Request board approval for Dr. Jennifer (Diehl) Griffin, TAHS Class of 1995, to serve as Commencement Speaker for the Class of 2023

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

- A. Request final adoption of the following policy previously presented at the Regular Board Meeting of February 14, 2023.
  - 1. Policy 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students
- B. Submitted for the first reading are the following policies:
  - 1. Policy 105 Curriculum – Revised
  - 2. Policy 108 Adoption of Textbooks – Revised
  - 3. Policy 111 Lesson Plans – Revised
  - 4. Policy 122 Extracurricular Activities – Revised
  - 5. Policy 123 Interscholastic Athletics – Revised

**REPORTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD**

- A. Lydia Seltzer, Grade 12 – Miss Seltzer reported on the upcoming teacher appreciation week, with gifts given to all teachers by students. The Golden Revolution are looking for volunteers for color blast. YAN 4D movie event *Despicable Me*. Scholarship applications are active and coming due for seniors.
- B. Austin White, Grade 11 – Mr. White reported on recovering from the SATs, prom preparations are being made. Spring sports starting up. He also reported the successes of the wrestling program, specifically Brayden Ewing and Kyle Scott. The musical practices are underway which will be three nights of a musical review March 31- April 1 to be held in the high school cafeteria.

**ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Mr. James Raabe motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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

Faith M. Swanson  
Board Secretary