

TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR SESSION

November 14, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present: Rose Black, Brian Bressler, Kris Laird, Bill Lash, Randy Miles, James Raabe, Gunter Volders

Members Absent: Mollie Bakhsheshe, Jeff Long

Student Representatives Present: Alivia Anderson

Media Present: Meredith Peachey, *The Daily Herald*, Catie Keith, *Altoona Mirror*

Administration Present: Leslie Estep, Jessica Anderson, Shane Cowher, Glen Drager, Jordan Good, Kourtney Klock, Chad Packer, Ashton Shultz, Faith Swanson

Others Present: Dani Dempsie, The Nutrition Group

Public Present: Cathy Harlow, Heidi Howard

OPENING EXERCISES

President Rose Black called the meeting to order at 7:01 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 MINUTES

In the form of a motion, Mr. Gunter Volders recommended board approval to the minutes of the October 10, 2023 Regular Session. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion, and it carried by a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In the form of a motion, Mr. Bill Lash recommended board approval to the proposed agenda for the November 14, 2023 regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Miles, and it carried by a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Rose Black, yes)

PUBLIC INPUT

None

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval of Report #1 - Treasurer's Financial Report for period ending October 31, 2023. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the

motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, 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 of Report #2 – Food Service Report for period ending October 31, 2023. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval of Report #3 – Tax Collection Report for period ending October 31, 2023. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, 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 of Report #4 – Monthly Expenditures for October 2023. Mr. James Raabe seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval of Report #5 – Investment Analysis Report for the period ending September 30, 2023. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, 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 of Report #6 – Student Activities Fund for the period ending October 31, 2023. Mr. James Raabe seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Rose Black, yes)

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

In the form of a motion, Mr. Gunter Volder recommended board approval of the election of Kristin Nardelli to the position of Paraprofessional, five hours a day, six days per week, at a rate of \$12.25 per hour effective November 15, 2023, with ten sick days, two personal days prorated and no other benefits. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 6-0-1. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, abstain; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to the following items under Section B - Consensus Vote of the November 14, 2023 Regular Session Agenda. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 7-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, 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
Mike Sparacino	Head Varsity Girls Soccer Coach	Resignation	October 20, 2023
Erik Wardrop	Head Jr. High Baseball Coach	Resignation	November 15, 2023
Alan Walls	Assistant Varsity Girls Soccer Coach and Assistant Track & Field Coach	Resignation	October 20, 2023
Laura Harris	Drama Club Advisor	Resignation	May 31, 2024

B. Elections

Name	Position	Salary	Benefits	Effective Date
Joseph Laukaitis	Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball Coach	\$2,911.95	N/A	November 14, 2023

C. Request board approval to the listings of Field Trip Requests previously approved by the Building Principal; Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Business Manager; and Superintendent.

2. **Financial Operations Committee** – Treasurer Randy Miles

A. Request board approval of the following IDEA Agreements with IU8:

1. Special Education IDEA Section 611 for the grant period of July 1, 2023 through September 30, 2024 in the allocation amount of \$337,352.31 and \$41,408.
2. Special Education IDEA Section 619 for the grant period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024 in the allocation amounts of \$3,090 and \$22,186.

B. Request board approval to donation of \$4,000 to the Tyrone Snyder Public Library.

C. Request board approval to resolution for district not to exceed the index for the 2024-25 budget year, thereby removing the district from the accelerated Act 1 Taxpayer Relief Act budget process timelines.

3. **Human Resources Committee** – Chairperson Gunter Volders

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Shanyn Clark	Paraprofessional	Resignation	October 13, 2023
Hannah Long	Daycare Paraprofessional	Resignation	November 6, 2023
Laura Harris	Fine Arts Department Chair and Teacher	Retirement	May 31, 2024

B. Elections

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary, Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Shauna Ulrich	Paraprofessional	5 days/wk. 6 hrs./day	\$12.25/hr.	10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days Prorated No Other Benefits	November 15, 2023
Maddison Butler	Long-Term Sub Learning Support Teacher – 2 nd semester	5 days/wk. 7.5 hrs./day 187 Contract Days Prorated	\$23,503.50	5 Sick Days 1 Personal Day Full Benefits	January 23, 2024
Rachel Walk Megan Myers Sarah Ciampoli Michael Savino	After School Detention Monitor	On a rotating basis, as needed	\$27.97/hr.	No Change in Current Benefits	November 15, 2023
Kermit Foor William Hartsock	Lighting& Sound Technician	As needed	\$27.97/hr.	No Benefits	November 15, 2023
Kimberly Eaken	Family Resource Coordinator	5 days/wk. 7.5 hrs./day 187 Contract Days	No change in current salary	No change in current benefits	November 15, 2023
Kris Guidry	Special Education Teacher	5 days/wk. 7.5 hrs./day 187 Contract Days	\$50,939.00	10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days Prorated Full Benefits	November 28, 2023
Lindsey Feath	Speech/Language Pathologist	5 days/wk. 7.5 hrs./day 187 Contract Days	\$51,739.00	10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days Prorated Full Benefits	Upon release from current employer
Aiden Hainley Grade 10	High School Café Student Worker School Year	Maximum of 15 hrs/week	\$7.25/Hour	No Benefits	November 3, 2023
Isis Lucas Grade 12	High School Café Student Worker School Year	Maximum of 15 hrs/week	\$7.25/Hour	No Benefits	August 24, 2023

- C. Request board approval for unpaid leave of Employee #11141 for the approximate time period of December 7, 2023 to March 1, 2024.
- D. Request board approval to add Cynthia Hoover as a van driver for Beckwith Buses.
- E. Request board approval of the November 2023-24 Substitute and Long-Term Volunteer List.

4. **Board Regulatory and Activities Committee** – Chairperson Brian Bressler
 - A. Submitted for the first reading is the following policy:
 - (1) Policy 816 - District Social Media - New

5. **Educational Programs and Materials Committee** – Chairperson Kris Laird
 - A. Following the requested 30-day review period prior to board action, request board approval of Tyrone Area Elementary School and Middle/High School Library donated book list.
 - B. Submitted for the 30-day review period prior to board action, Tyrone Elementary donated book list.
 - C. Request board approval to contract with Diane Coulter for the professional development services in the amount of \$600.

6. **Physical Plant and Operations Committee** – Chairperson Jeff Long
 - A. Request board approval to purchase two (2) Batting cages from Beacon Athletics at a total cost of \$9,346.44.
 - B. Request board approval to purchase a Drop Spreader attachment for the Ventrac from Somerset Outdoor Equipment in the amount of \$6,528.60.
 - C. Request board approval purchase a set of tires for Bobcat skid steer from LMR Tire, Port Matilda, PA in the amount of \$777.59.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Alivia Anderson, Grade 11 – Ms. Anderson reported that the freshman class toured the GACTC to learn about programs as they enter their sophomore year. She also made note that a group of students were going to the Altoona Area School District on November 15, 2023 for a college/career exploration event. Other items Ms. Anderson reported on: for the holidays, YAN will be decorating a parking meter with all proceeds to benefit Panzi; student council will be filling Jared boxes for children in hospitals; the Golden Revolution will be partnering with middle school students to form a big brothers/big sisters type of relationship.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. James Raabe motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Faith M. Swanson
Board Secretary