

TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR SESSION

February 13, 2024

MINUTES

Members Present: Rose Black, Jimmy Brokenshire, Cathy Harlow, Heidi Howard, Kris Laird, Bill Lash (via Zoom), Jeff Long, Gunter Volders

Members Absent: Brian Bressler

Student Representatives Present: Alivia Anderson, Austin White

Media Present: Meredith Peachey, *The Daily Herald*

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

Others Present: Romulus Comly, Boyer & Ritter, LLC

Public Present: none

OPENING EXERCISES

President Rose Black called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. All present were asked to stand and pledge allegiance to the American flag. 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 February 13, 2024 regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kris Laird, and it carried by a roll call vote of 7-0-1. (Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, 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 16, 2024 Regular Session. Mrs. Cathy Harlow seconded the motion, and it carried by a roll call vote of 7-0-1. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, abs.; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Rose Black, yes)

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

Romulus Comley, Director of Boyer & Ritter, LLC of State College, presented the Tyrone Area School District audit report for fiscal year ending June 30, 2023.

The Board met in executive session following the January 16, 2024 work session to discuss personnel.

PUBLIC AND STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Chairperson James Brokenshire

Academic Spotlight – Bocce team coaches Zach Soellner and Faith Patton demonstrated how to play bocce and recapped the inaugural season. Representing the team were Caleb Lavanish and Michael Mingle. Absent were Collin Lewis, Malakai Wicker, Aliyah Riling and Piper Myers.

FINANCIAL OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Treasurer Cathy Harlow

In the form of a motion, Mrs. Cathy Harlow recommended board approval of Report #1 - Treasurer's Financial Report for period ending January 31, 2024. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mrs. Cathy Harlow recommended board approval of Report #2 – Food Service Report for period ending January 31, 2024. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mrs. Cathy Harlow recommended board approval of Report #3 – Tax Collection Report for period ending January 31, 2024. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mrs. Cathy Harlow recommended board approval of Report #4 – Monthly Expenditures for January 2024. Mr. Jeff Long seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mrs. Cathy Harlow recommended board approval of Report #5 – Investment Analysis Report for the period ending January 31, 2024 Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mrs. Cathy Harlow recommended board approval of Report #6 – Student Activities Fund for the period ending January 31, 2024. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mrs. Cathy Harlow recommended board approval of Report #7 – Scholarship Report for the period ending January 31, 2024. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

Request board approval of the Tyrone Area School District audit report for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2023, as presented by Romulus Comly, Director of Boyer & Ritter, LLC of State College. Mr. Jeff Long seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Rose Black, yes)

CONSENSUS VOTE

In the form of a motion, Mr. Gunter Volders recommended board approval to the following items under Section B - Consensus Vote of the February 13, 2024 Regular Session Agenda. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, 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 Brian Bressler

A. Elections

Name	Position	Salary	Benefits	Effective Date
Chelsey Markel	11 th Grade Advisor & Prom Co-Chair	\$2,229.11 Stipend Prorated	N/A	February 14, 2024
Faith Patton	Unified Bocce Ball Assistant Coach	\$810.00 Stipend	N/A	February 14, 2024

- B. Request board approval to listing of Field Trip Requests, previously approved by the Building Principal; Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Business Administrator. Superintendent.
- C. Class of 2024 – Request board approval to tentative list of seniors eligible for graduation.
- D. Request board approval to the updated list of crossing guards.

2. Human Resources Committee - Chairperson Gunter Volders

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Susan Miller	Paraprofessional	Resignation	January 29, 2024

B. Elections

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Ashley Hawkins	Daycare Group Supervisor	Up to 5 days/wk Up to 3 hrs/day	\$13.54/hr.	No Benefits	February 14, 2024

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Nicholas McElhinney	Daycare Group Supervisor	Up to 5 days/wk. Up to 3 hrs./day	\$13.54/hr.	No Benefits	February 14, 2024
Brooke Gertz	Mentor for TAES School Counselor Julie Rishel	Fourth Marking Period 2023-24 School Year	Stipend - \$159.44	No Benefits	March 21, 2024
Brittany Russell	Daycare Director	5 days/wk. 8 hours/day 230 Contract Days	\$19.00/hr.	10 sick days 2 personal days Full benefits Prorated	February 14, 2024
Courtney Robenolt	Paraprofessional	5 days/wk. 6 hours/day	\$12.25/hr.	10 sick days 2 personal days Prorated	February 14, 2024
Rilee Barndt	Paraprofessional	5 days/wk. 6 hours/day	\$12.25/hr.	10 sick days 2 personal days Prorated	February 14, 2024
Alissa Heverly	Paraprofessional	5 days/wk. 6 hours/day	\$12.25/hr.	10 sick days 2 personal days Prorated	February 14, 2024

- C. Request board approval to additions to the Substitute and Long-Term Volunteer List, effective February 14, 2024.
- D. Request board approval to add Ricky Sprankle as a van driver for Raystown Transit.
- E. Request board approval for unpaid leave of absence for employee #12230 for the approximate dates of February 5, 2024 to March 15, 2024.

3. Financial Operations Committee – Chairperson Cathy Harlow

- A. Request board approval to 2-year agreement with Franklin and Marshall College for Pennsylvania College Advising Corps at the annual cost of \$32,700 for the 2024-25 and 2025-26 school years, representing a \$2,700 increase from the 2022-24 contract.
- B. Request board approval to the renewal agreement with Quadiant for postage meter 60-month lease in the amount of \$7,953.60.
- C. Request board approval to assign \$1,000,000 of the 2022-23 audited unassigned fund balance for Capital Project Needs.

4. **Board Regulatory and Activities Committee** – Chairperson Heidi Howard

- A. Submitted for the first reading are the following policies:
1. Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation – Revised
 2. Policy 611 Purchases Budgeted – Revised

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

- A. Request board approval to the 2024-25 Tyrone Area Middle School Course Description Booklet and Middle School Changes.
- B. Request board approval to the 2024-25 Tyrone Area High School Course Description Booklet and High School Changes.
- C. Request board approval for the District Academic Calendar for the School Year 2024-2025.
- D. Request board approval to renewal of Agreement with Indiana University of Pennsylvania to continue student teacher and education specialist intern partnerships beginning July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2029.

6. **Information Only**— Temporary Professional Employees who have fulfilled the requirements of Section 1108 of the School Code of Pennsylvania and are eligible for the status of Professional Employee effective with the conclusion of the first semester of the 2023-2024 school year: Zacharia Soellner and Noelle Hand.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

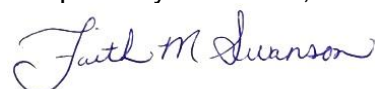
Austin White, Grade 12 – Mr. White reported the following items: indoor percussion has a home show on February 17. Practice for the musical is occurring and tickets are now available. Scholarship applications are open and due in March. Snowball dance was held Saturday, February 10, 2024. Seniors are also making college decisions and completing the FAFSA.

Alivia Anderson, Grade 11 – Ms. Anderson reported on the following items: YAN Pennies for Panzi fundraiser was extended for another week in order to raise more funds. YAN 4D event is also in the works, with The Toy Story theme on March 15 for the elementary students. Student Council is accepting donations for Jared Boxes for children in hospitals. NHS also collected funds for The Humane Society through a fundraising campaign. SAT preparation has been occurring in eleventh grade English classes.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Jeff Long motioned to adjourn the meeting. Jimmy Brokenshire seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Faith M. Swanson
Board Secretary