

TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR SESSION

April 9, 2024

MINUTES

Members Present: Rose Black, Brian Bressler, Jimmy Brokenshire, Cathy Harlow, Heidi Howard, Bill Lash, Jeff Long, Gunter Volders

Members Absent: Kris Laird

Student Representatives Present: None

Media Present: Brandon Shaffer, *The Daily Herald*, Matt Churella, *Altoona Mirror*

Administration Present: Leslie Estep, Jessica Anderson, Shane Cowher, Glen Drager, Jordan Good, Kristin Musselman, Chad Packer, Kristen Pinter, Faith Swanson

Others Present: Dani Dempsie, The Nutrition Group

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 recorded 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 April 9, 2024 regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Brian Bressler, and it carried by a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In the form of a motion, Mr. Bill Lash recommended board approval to the minutes of the March 12, 2024 Regular Session. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion, and it carried by a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Rose Black, yes)

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRESENTATIONS

The board met in executive session following the work session to discuss personnel.

Budget Presentations:

Work Session: Director of Physical Plant Jordan Good; Director of Technology Glen Drager; Director of Curriculum and Instruction Kristen Pinter and Director of Special Education Jessica Anderson.

Voting Session: Elementary Principal Kristin Musselman; Middle School Principal Shane Cowher; High School Principal Chad Packer; and Athletic Director Luke Rhoades.

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 March 31, 2024. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, 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 – Monthly Expenditures for March 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; Heidi Howard, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Rose Black, yes)

In the form of a motion, Mrs. Cathy Harlow recommended board approval of Report #3 – Investment Analysis Report for the period ending February 29, 2024. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, yes)

BOARD REGULATORY ACTIVITIES COMMITTEE – Chairperson Heidi Howard

In the form of a motion, Mr. Gunter Volders recommended the removal of Policy 903 from the Consensus Vote for further revisions. Mr. Jeff Long seconded the motion and motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Brian Bressler, 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 April 9, 2024 Regular Session Agenda. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, 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. Retirements/Resignations

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Name	Position	Retirement/ Resignation	Effective Date
Courtney Finney	Jr. High Girls Head Soccer Coach	Resignation	April 10, 2024

B. Elections

Name	Position	Salary	Benefits	Effective Date
Ben Rivera	Varsity Girls Head Soccer Coach	\$4,000.00 Stipend	N/A	April 10, 2024

C. Request board approval to list of Field Trip Requests, previously approved by the building principal, director of curriculum and instruction, business manager, and superintendent of schools.

2. Human Resources Committee - Chairperson Gunter Volders

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Stephanie Wills	Daycare Lead Teacher	Resignation	March 22, 2024
Amanda Malizia-Hicks	Human Resources Specialist	Resignation	April 1, 2024
Amber Morrissey	Paraprofessional	Resignation	March 13, 2024
Barry Shaffer	Custodian	Retirement	June 30, 2024

B. Elections

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary, Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Amanda Malizia-Hicks	Substitute Support Staff	Up to 1 day/wk Up to 7.5 hrs/day As needed	\$10.29/hr	No Benefits	April 10, 2024

C. Request board approval to additions to the Substitute and Long-Term Volunteer List, effective April 10, 2024.

D. Request board approval for unpaid leave of absence for Employee #10972 from approximately May 1, 2024 through May 31, 2024.

E. Request board approval for an extension of unpaid leave of absence for Employee #11091 through May 31, 2024.

3. Board Regulatory Activities Committee – Chairperson Heidi Howard

A. Request final adoption of the following policies previously presented at the Regular

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Board Meeting of March 12, 2024:

1. Policy 200 Enrollment of Students – Revised
2. Policy 202 Eligibility of Nonresident Students – Revised
3. Policy 217 Graduation – Revised
4. Policy 254 Educational Opportunity for Military Children - NEW
5. Policy 819 Suicide Awareness, Prevention & Response – Revised

B. Following the required 28-day public inspection period, request board approval to the 2024-2027 Special Education Plan and subsequent submission to the Pennsylvania Department of Education.

3. Educational Programs and Materials Committee - Chairperson Kris Laird

A. Following the required 30-day review period prior to board action, request board approval to the Tyrone Middle/High School Library book list including titles to be purchased with a credit through Gumdrop Books.

B. Following the required 30-day review period prior to board action, request board approval to the following:

- 1) Elementary Library Book/Subscription Order in the amount of \$8,313.53 (an increase of \$410.61 from the 2023-24 school year)
- 2) Middle School/High School Library Book/Subscription Order in the amount \$7,543.62 (an increase of \$311.29 from the 2023-24 school year)

C. Request board approval for the Memorandum of Understanding with Child Advocates of Blair County to continue collaboration with TASD for preschool students and kindergarten transition activities, effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2028.

D. Request board approval to the 2023-24 Career and Technical Occupational Advisory and Local Advisory Committee Member lists.

4. Public and Student Relations Committee – Chairperson James Brokenshire

A. Request board approval for Dr. Paige Black Orpahidis, TAHS Class of 2006, to serve as Commencement Speaker for the Class of 2024.

5. Financial Operations Committee – Chairperson Cathy Harlow

A. Request board approval to agreement with Global Compliance Network, Inc. to offer on-line training modules to staff in the amount of \$840.

B. Request board approval to the Athletic Training Agreement with Drayer Physical Therapy Institute for athletic training services for the period of July 1, 2024, through June 30, 2027. Annual costs are as follows:

- \$30,000 for the 2024-2025 school year
- \$32,000 for the 2025-2026 school year
- \$34,000 for the 2026-2027 school year

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- C. Request board approval to award the contract for School Food Services Management to The Nutrition Group covering the period of July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025 with a guaranteed profit of \$44,242.85 for the 2024-2025 school year.
- D. Request board approval of the following United Concordia Dental Rates effective July 1, 2024 through June 30, 2025.
- Employee: \$23.45
 - Employee & Spouse: \$46.87
 - Employee & Child(ren): \$49.22
 - Employee & Family: \$70.33
- E. Request board approval to participate in the Appalachia IU8 Substitute Teacher Program for the 2024-25 school year at a cost of \$500. This represents no increase from the current year.

6. Information Only

A. Financial Reports

- (1) Food Service Operating Statement (Period Ending March 31, 2024)
- (2) Tax Collection Report (Period Ending March 31, 2024)

REPORTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

None

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Bill Lash motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Faith M. Swanson
Board Secretary