

TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR SESSION

March 12, 2024

MINUTES

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

Members Absent: None

Student Representatives Present: Alivia Anderson

Media Present: Meredith Peachey, *The Daily Herald*, Matt Churella, *Altoona Mirror*

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

Others Present: Sean Harker, MS Math Teacher

Public Present: Wanda Rimmer, Felipe Rimmer, Tom Brasher, Jessica Fogleman, Jennifer Rhoades, Danielle Barto

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. Bill Lash recommended board approval to the proposed agenda for the March 12, 2024 regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gunter Volders, and it carried by a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; 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 February 13, 2024 Regular Session. Mr. Brian Bressler seconded the motion, and it carried by a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, 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 and regular sessions to discuss litigation.

Director of Special Education Jessica Anderson presented the proposed 2024-2027 Special Education Plan.

PUBLIC AND STUDENT RELATIONS COMMITTEE – Chairperson James Brokenshire

Academic Spotlight – Students from the Middle School Math 24 Club (Mr. Sean Harker, Advisor) shared information about the club and instructed how to play the game. Participating students were Lydia Barto, Dylan Brasher, Kazlee Clark, Owen Crowell, Sarah Dale, Cooper Fogleman, James Kubarek, Valaya Mayhew, Kore Pastva, Ryan Rimmer, Aryanna Robinson and Katelyn Wilson.

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 February 29, 2024. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; 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 – Monthly Expenditures for February 2024. Mr. Brian Bressler seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Bill Lash, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, 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 January 31, 2024 Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; 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 requested board approval to the proposed 2024-2025 Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 Preliminary General Fund Budget in the total amount of \$6,594,381.77 with the projected Tyrone Area School District contribution of \$6,527.96. The calculation of district contribution is based on the 2042.000 Weighted Average daily Membership and the 2024-2025 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; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Rose Black, yes)

PHYSICAL PLANT AND OPERATIONS COMMITTEE – Chairperson Jeff Long

In the form of a motion, Mr. Jeff Long requested board approval for the installation of a metal ceiling in the bus garage by David Black of 4144 Burket Road, Tyrone, PA 16686 in the amount of \$7,280.37. Mr. Bill Lash seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-1. (Brian Bressler, yes; Jimmy Brokenshire, yes; Cathy Harlow, yes; Heidi Howard, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Bill Lash, yes; Rose Black, abs.)

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 March 12, 2024 Regular Session Agenda. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 9-0-0. (Brian Bressler, yes; 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. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Ardean Latchford	Varsity Assistant Track Coach	Resignation	February 2, 2024

B. Elections

Name	Position	Salary	Benefits	Effective Date
Rusty Davis	Jr. High Head Softball Coach	\$1,882.40 Stipend	N/A	March 13, 2024
Kerry Naylor	Jr. High Assistant Softball Coach	\$1,176.50 Stipend	N/A	March 13, 2024
Joe Laukaitis	Varsity Assistant Softball Coach	\$2,117.70 Stipend	N/A	March 13, 2024
Ardean Latchford	Varsity Assistant Track Coach/Split Position	\$1,270.62 Stipend	N/A	March 13, 2024
Mara Focht	Varsity Assistant Track Coach/Split Position	\$1,270.62 Stipend	N/A	March 13, 2024

C. Request board approval to adjust stipend of Charles Hawkins to \$2,541.24 as Varsity Assistant Track Coach.

D. Request board approval to listing of Field Trip Requests, previously approved by the Building Principal; Director of Curriculum and Instruction; Business Administrator; and Superintendent.

2. Human Resources Committee - Chairperson Gunter Volders

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Julie Rishel	School Counselor	Resignation	February 28, 2024

B. Elections

Name	Position	Assignment	Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Fabria Brower Grade 12	High School Café Student Worker	Maximum of 15 hrs/week School Year	\$7.25/Hour	No Benefits	January 23, 2024
Damien Ewing Grade 9	High School Café Student Worker	Maximum of 15 hrs/week School Year	\$7.25/Hour	No Benefits	February 1, 2024

C. Request board approval to 2023-2024 Substitutes and Long-Term Volunteers List.

3. **Financial Operations Committee** – Chairperson Cathy Harlow

A. Financial Reports (Information Only)

- (1) Food Service Operating Statement (Period Ending February 29, 2024)
- (2) Tax Collection Report (Period Ending February 29, 2024)

B. In accordance with the E-Rate requirements, request board approval of contract with Comcast Corporation of Philadelphia for the IU08 Regional WAN network transport and internet services from 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2027 at the cost of \$1,330.00/month for 2GB service. District funding for the length of the contract will be reimbursed/discounted in accordance with district's E-Rate reimbursement rate (currently 80%).

C. In accordance with the E-Rate requirements, request board approval for award of the PEPPM mini-bid proposal for network firewall equipment and services to BorderLan, Inc. of San Marcos, CA at the cost of \$17,289.00. Service to begin on or after 7/1/2024 and will be reimbursed/discounted in accordance with district's E-Rate reimbursement rate (currently 80%).

D. In accordance with the E-Rate requirements, request board approval for award of the PEPPM mini-bid proposal for network Switching to United Datacom Networks, Inc. of Altoona, PA at the cost of \$15,119.94. Service to begin on or after 7/1/2024 and will be reimbursed/discounted in accordance with district's E-Rate reimbursement rate (currently 80%).

E. Request board approval to a 3-year contract from 4/1/2024 through 3/31/2027 with Navigate 360 of Richfield, OH for their visitor management system at the cost of \$720/year billed annually.

F. Request board approval to a contract with CivicPlus of Manhattan, KS for social media archiving from 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2025 at the cost of \$4,688.00. To be funded out of the 2024-25 Technology budget. Commitment now will grant the district services at no charge through thru 6/30/2024.

G. Request board approval to a 3-year contract with Rise Vision of Toronto, Ontario for digital signage and alert platform from 7/1/2024 through 6/30/2027 at the cost of \$1,998.00. To be funded annually out of the Technology budget. Commitment now will grant the district access of services at no charge through 6/30/2024.

- H. Request board approval for the following contract renewals as budgeted under the 2023-24 Technology budget.

Product	Company	Effective Dates	Cost
SWANK Public Performance License (MS & HS)	SWANK Movie Licensing USA, St Louis. MO	5/19/24-5/18/25	\$1,080.00
SWANK K12 Digital Streaming	SWANK Movie License USA, St Louis, MO	5/1/24-4/30/25	\$2,205.00

- I. Request board approval to the agreement with C&S Contract Services/Blair Therapies for the delivery of services of Speech & Language Pathologists, Occupational Therapists, and Certified Occupational Therapy Assistants for the 2024-25 school year.
- J. Request board approval to add the following to the list of district-recognized student scholarships:
- A. Donald Peterson Memorial Scholarship

4. Educational Programs and Materials – Chairperson Kris Laird

- A. Submitted for 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. Submitted for 30-day review period prior to board action are the following for the 2024-25 school year.
- 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 of \$7,543.62 (an increase of \$311.29 from the 2023-24 school year)

5. Physical Plant and Operations Committee – Chairperson Jeff Long

- A. Request board approval to the 3-year contract for telescopic bleacher inspections from CM Eichenlaub Company in the amount of \$3,290.00 per year.
- B. Request board approval for Bus Garage ceiling insulation by Dynamic Spray Foam & Coatings in the amount of \$3,755.00.
- C. Request board approval to purchase two (2) gas fired infrared burners from APR Supply Co in the amount of \$5,960.25.
- D. Request board approval to have Allegheny Overhead Door, LLC install 6 chain drive openers on overhead doors located in the Storage Garage in the amount of \$5,255.00.

6. Board Regulatory and Activities Committee – Chairperson Heidi Howard

A. Request final adoption of the following policy previously presented at the Regular Board Meeting of February 13, 2024.

1. Policy 610 Purchases Subject to Bid/Quotation – Revised
2. Policy 611 Purchases Budgeted – Revised

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

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
6. Policy 903 Public Comment in Board Meetings – Revised

REPORTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

Alivia Anderson reported on the following items: The YAN 4D movie event will be held Friday, March 15 and will be The Toy Story to be presented to the elementary students. YAN will also be going on a field trip on March 22 to Washington DC for the Panzi Check presentation and to visit the Holocaust Museum. TAHS community service day will be held March 27 with students doing a variety of projects throughout the community followed by an afternoon of fun activities at the school. Prom preparations are being done, with the prom to be held May 17, 2024 at The Discovery Center.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Jeff Long motioned to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Faith M. Swanson
Board Secretary