

TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD

REGULAR SESSION MEETING

April 11, 2023

MINUTES

Members Present: Mollie Bakhsheshe, Rose Black, Brian Bressler, Kris Laird, Jeff Long, Randy Miles, Jim Raabe (via zoom), Gunter Volders

Members Absent: Bill Lash

Student Representatives Present: Lydia Seltzer, Austin White

Media Present: Alicia Chiang, *Altoona Mirror*

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

Others Present: None

Public Present: Jolene Umholtz

OPENING EXERCISES

President Rose Black called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 TEMPORARY BOARD SECRETARY

In the form of a motion, Mr. Jeff Long recommended board approval of Wendy Miller as temporary board secretary. The motion was seconded by Mr. Randy Miles, and it carried by a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to the proposed agenda for the April 11, 2023 regular session meeting. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kris Laird, and it carried by a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Rose Black, yes)

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

In the form of a motion, Mr. Gunter Volders recommended board approval to the minutes of the March 14, 2023 Regular Session. Mrs. Mollie Bakhsheshe seconded the motion and it carried by a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, yes; Rose Black, yes)

PUBLIC INPUT

None

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Board met in Executive Session immediately following the April 4, 2023 Work Session meeting to discuss personnel.

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ACADEMIC SPOTLIGHT

Academic Spotlight: Ms. Noelle Hand and Ms. Ashley Hawkins showcased how the Early Intervention program works in collaboration with the PreK program.

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 March 31, 2023. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (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 March 31, 2023. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, 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 March 31, 2023. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (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 March 2023. Mr. Brian Bressler seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, 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 February 28, 2023. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (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 March 31, 2023. Mr. Gunter Volders seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, 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 March 31, 2023. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Gunter Volders yes; James Raabe, yes; Randy Miles, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Rose Black, yes)

CONSENSUS VOTE

In the form of a motion, Mr. Randy Miles recommended board approval to the following items under Section B - Consensus Vote of the April 11, 2023 Regular Session Agenda. Mr. Kris Laird seconded the motion and the motion carried with a roll call vote of 8-0-0. (Mollie Bakhsheshe, yes; Brian Bressler, yes; Kris Laird, yes; Jeff Long, yes; Randy Miles, yes; James Raabe, yes; Gunter Volders, 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. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Stephen Miksich	Assistant Golf Coach	Resignation	April 12, 2023
Brandon Lucas	Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach	Resignation	March 29, 2023

B. 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. 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
Heidi Howard	Speech/Language Pathologist	Retirement	April 12, 2023
Shelly Toto	After School Academic Support Teacher and After School Bus Duty	Resignation	March 28, 2023
Jessica Walk	Teacher	Resignation	June 1, 2023
Michael Kraft	6 th Grade Team Leader	Resignation	June 1, 2023
Clarissa Woomer	Paraprofessional	Resignation	April 14, 2023

B. Elections

Name	Position	Assignment	Salary, Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Dawn Stark	Early Intervention Summer Nurse	4 Days 8 Hours	\$19.35/Hour thru June 30 \$20.85/Hour as of July 1 Funded by EI	No Change in Benefits	June 7, 2023 June 28, 2023 July 19, 2023 August 9, 2023
Heather Becker Elizabeth Ditty Barbara Elder Sarah Hall Noelle Hand Tiffanie Harris Lillian Miller Trisha Wilson	Summer Intervention Teacher	Up to 3 days/week Up to 3 hours/day	\$27.17/hour thru June 30 \$27.97/hour as of July 1 Time-Sheet Basis	No Change in Benefits	June 13, 2023 through July 27, 2023
Heather Koehle	ESY Speech Teacher	4 Days/Week Maximum of 4 Hours/Day	\$27.97/Hour Time-Sheet Basis	No Change in Benefits	July 10, 2023 through July 27, 2023
Carrie Grassi Kristy Brennan LeeAnn Haynal Erica Schopp Kristen Scheel Zach Soellner	ESY Teacher	4 Days/Week Maximum of 4 Hours/Day	\$27.97/Hour Time-Sheet Basis	No Change in Benefits	July 10, 2023 through July 27, 2023
Dawn Stark	ESY Nurse	4 Days/Week Maximum of 4.0 Hours/Day	\$20.85/Hour	No Change in Benefits	July 10, 2023 through July 27, 2023
Noelle Lucas	ESY Paraprofessional	4 Days/Week Maximum of 4 Hours/Day	\$14.11/Hour	No Change in Benefits	July 10, 2023 through July 27, 2023
Kathleen Coltabaugh	ESY Paraprofessional	4 Days/Week Maximum of 4 Hours/Day	\$12.45/Hour	No Change in Benefits	July 10, 2023 through July 27, 2023
Teresa Swartz	ESY Paraprofessional	4 Days/Week Maximum of 4 Hours/Day	\$15.51/Hour	No Change in Benefits	July 10, 2023 through July 27, 2023
Kelsie Bumbarger	6 th Grade Team Leader		\$1,583.47 Stipend	No Change in Benefits	August 21, 2023
Lillian Miller Olivia Passanita	Bookmobile Teacher/Driver	1 day/week 8 hours/day on a rotating schedule	\$27.17/hour thru June 30 \$27.97/hour as of July 1 Time-Sheet Basis	No Change in Benefits	June 12, 2023 through August 11, 2023

C. Request board approval to additions to the Substitute and Long-Term Volunteer List, effective April 12, 2023.

- D. Request board approval for unpaid leave for Employee #11998 from approximately May 1, 2023 until June 1, 2023.
- E. Request board approval to grant a one-time stipend of \$7500 to Kristin Musselman for additional duties performed during the 2022-23 school year.

3. **Board Regulatory Activities Committee** – Chairperson Brian Bressler

- A. Request final adoption of the following policies previously presented at the Regular Board Meeting of March 14, 2023.

- 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

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

- 1. Policy 137 Home Education Programs – Revised
- 2. Policy 137.1 Extracurricular Participation by Home Education Students Revised
- 3. Policy 137.2 Participation in Cocurricular Activities and Academic Courses by Home Education Students – New
- 4. Policy 137.3 Participation in Career and Technical Education Programs by Home Education Students – New

4. **Educational Programs and Materials Committee** - Chairperson Kris Laird

- A. Request board approval for Memorandum of Understanding with Big Brothers/Big Sisters of Blair County for participation in the S.M.A.R.T. (Students and Mentors Achieving Results Together) Program.
- B. Request board approval to the revisions to the 2023-24 Middle School Course Description Booklet.
- C. Submitted for a 30-day review period prior to board action are the following for the 2023-24 school year.
 - 1) Elementary Library Book/Subscription Order in the total amount of \$7,902.92 (an increase of \$429.99 from the 2022-23 school year).
 - 2) Middle School/High School Library Book/Subscription Order in the total amount of \$7,232.33 (a decrease of \$231.18 from the 2022-23 school year).

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

- A. Request board approval to participate in the Appalachia IU8 Substitute Teacher Program for the 2023-24 school year at a cost of \$500.

6. Physical Plant and Operations Committee – Chairperson Jeff Long

- A. Request board approval for the 3-year Service Agreement with Trane for Chiller maintenance and inspections.
- B. Request board approval to the change order for the Soccer Field Renovation in the amount of \$20,634.90.

REPORTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

- A. Lydia Seltzer, Grade 12 – Miss Seltzer reported on the recent and upcoming events including: Senior High National Honor Society visited the Flight 93 Memorial, the Aavidum Day of Silence for students who cannot speak up for themselves, popcorn Friday, the Color Blast and WTAJ's coverage of the event, the Blair County United Way "We Can" series, the Aavidum conference and the juniors field trip to Washington D.C.
- B. Austin White, Grade 11 – Mr. White reported on the successful completion of the drama club's musical. He also announced next year's musical which will be *Grease* in the newly renovated auditorium. Clean up day was reported to be a big success. Upcoming events include the Pops spring concert and their performance of the national anthem at the Curve as well as the progress of the baseball team.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Mr. Gunter Volders motioned to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Wendy S. Miller
Temporary Board Secretary