

TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Session

May 9, 2023

7:00 p.m.

Board Room

**** SECTION A -- Separate Voting Items ****

I. OPENING EXERCISES, APPROVAL OF AGENDA AND BOARD MINUTES, AND PUBLIC INPUT

- A. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag.
- B. Moment of Silent Meditation.
- C. Announcement - Board meeting is being audiotaped.
- D. General Welcome to Those Present and Introduction of Invited Guests. **Guests are reminded to sign the attendance roster.**
- E. Request board approval to proposed May 9, 2023 Regular Session Agenda. Roll Call Vote.
- F. Request Approval of Board Minutes of the April 11, 2023 Regular Session Meeting. Roll Call Vote.
- G. **Public Input** - Speakers should identify themselves and any group they represent. Presentations should be limited to five (5) minutes by the individual or group represented. No questions are to be directed to individual board members, and board members are to limit their questions to requests for clarification. As per Policy 903, public comment shall be limited to 20 minutes.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REQUESTS

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

III. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

A. Pending and Current Committee Reports, as called by the Board President

- 1. **Academic Spotlight:** Students from Mr. Gruber's Introduction to Drafting and Blueprint Reading class will share the use of basic drafting tools and techniques and applying them to 3D printing. This introduction will include applying geometric dimensioning practices, projection techniques, drafting conventions and tolerances. Participating students are seniors Ronnie Kerr, Jimmy Fogleman, Zach LeGars, Chris Escala, and Carter Woomer and sophomores Drew Escala and Even Chichester.

2. Financial Operations Committee – Treasurer Randy Miles

A. Financial Reports. Roll Call Votes.

- 1) Report #1 - Treasurer’s Financial Report (Period Ending April 30, 2023)
- 2) Report #2 - Tax Collection Report (Period Ending April 30, 2023)
- 3) Report #3 - Monthly Expenditures
- 4) Report #4 - Investment Analysis Report (Period Ending March 31, 2023)
- 5) Report #5 - Student Activities Fund (Period Ending April 30, 2023)
- 6) Report #6 - Scholarship Fund Report (Period Ending March 31, 2023)
- 7) Report #7 - Budget Transfers
- 8) Report #8 – Food Service Operating Statement (Period Ending April 30, 2023)

B. Request Preliminary approval of the Proposed Final 2023-2024 General Fund Budget for the Tyrone Area School District in the amount of \$29,102,008, with a 2.85% increase in millage. Projected overall budget deficit is \$1,405,270. Roll Call Vote.

C. Annual May Election of School Treasurer – As required by the School Code of Pennsylvania, covering the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024. Board President will open floor for nominations. Roll Call Vote.

D. Request board adoption of proposed 2023-24 Greater Altoona Career and Technology Center Budget in the total projected amount of \$11,251,434 with projected Tyrone Area School District cost of \$445,830. Roll Call Vote.

IV. Request board approval to consensus vote of items listed under Section B of the May 9, 2023 Regular Session Agenda. Roll Call Vote.

**** SECTION B - Consensus Vote ****

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 |
|--------------|------------------------------------|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| George Gripp | Varsity Boys Basketball Head Coach | Resignation/To Remain as a Volunteer | May 10, 2023 |

B. Elections

| Name | Position | Salary | Benefits | Effective Date |
|---------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------|-----------------------|
| Shania Lowery | Jr. High Volleyball Head Coach | \$1,882.40 Stipend | N/A | May 10, 2023 |

- C. Request Board approval to the Letter of Agreement with Blair County Drug and Alcohol Program, Inc. to provide drug and alcohol counseling services through the Student Assistance Program during the 2023-24 school year.
- D. Request board approval to the Mental Health Letter of Agreement with Blair County Department of Social Services through the Student Assistance Program during the 2023-24 school year.
- E. Request board approval for the agreement with LaRocco Counseling, Inc. to provide outpatient drug and alcohol therapy to referred students through the SAP Program during the 2023-24 school year.
- F. Request board approval to renew agreement with Impact Counseling Services, LLC to provide Out-Patient Drug and Alcohol Services in connection with the Student Assistance Program for the 2023-24 school year.
- G. 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. Financial Operations Committee – Treasurer Randy Miles

- A. Request board approval to enter agreement with the following law offices to provide legal services as School Solicitor at the rates listed below.
 - (1) Fanelli Willett Law Offices, 2875 PA-764, Duncansville, PA 16635
 - a.) General Legal Advice - \$145.00 per hour.
 - b.) Special Services (including labor relations, negotiations, special education, litigation, etc.) - \$165.00 per hour
 - (2) Beard Legal Group, 3366 Lynnwood Drive, Altoona, PA 16602
 - a.) General Legal Advice - \$175.00 per hour.
 - b.) Special Services (including labor relations, negotiations, special education, litigation, etc.) - \$175.00 per hour.
- B. Annual Elections - As required by the School Code of Pennsylvania, covering the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024.
 - 1) School Dentist – Request board approval to enter agreement with Dr. Robert J. Sloss of 1006 Logan Avenue, Tyrone, PA 16686 for dental examinations for students in Kindergarten, Grade 3 and Grade 7 at the rate of \$5.00 per examination for the 2023-24 fiscal year, representing no increase in rate from the 2022-23 fiscal year.
 - 2) Medical Examiner - Request board approval to enter agreement with Penn Highlands Tyrone with Anupamaa Srivastava-Sinha, M.D. as the primary physician, to provide services as Medical Examiner for the 2023-24 fiscal year at the cost of \$10.00 per physical performed, representing no increase in rate from the 2022-23 school year. Services to include physicals for Kindergarten, Grade 6 and Grade 11 students and all sports physicals.

- 3) Team Physician - Request board approval to enter a three (3) year agreement with University Orthopedics Center, with Jonathan Van Kleunen, M.D. as the primary physician, to provide services as Team Physician at no cost to the district. Services to include necessary follow-up services on Saturday mornings. Agreement effective August 1, 2023, through July 31, 2026.
- C. Request board approval of the medical & vision trust deposit rate for the Blair County Health Insurance Trust Consortium. The rate increase is 3% over current year's rates.
- D. Request board approval of the cafeteria breakfast, lunch and a la carte prices for the 2023-2024 school year. Lunch prices reflect no increase over 2022-23 pricing.
- E. Request board approval of contract for cafeteria management services from the Nutrition Group of Irwin, PA for the 2023-24 school year with a guaranteed return of \$7,690.19
- F. Request board approval to the Memorandum of Understanding with the Tuscarora Intermediate Unit 11 (TIU11) to enter a partnership for utilization of their Partial Hospitalization Program for the 2023-24 school year.
- G. Request board approval to 2-year agreement with Substitute Teacher Service, 2901 Dutton Mill Road, Ste. 200, Aston, PA 19014.
- H. Request board approval to continue participation in the Blair County Student Assistance Program for the 2023-24 school year with district contribution in the amount of \$750.
- I. Request board approval for approximately \$62,903.12 of the 2023-24 Technology Budget to be ordered in advance of the final budget adoption. Due to the limitations of ordering after July 1, supply chain issues and implementing in a fashion that best serves students, we are requesting the approval of ordering the security cameras and vape sensors with associated licensing, and multi factor authentication renewal in order for the technology department to have technologies in place for the start of the school year.
- J. Request board approval to Multi-County School Board Resolution amending School Code Section 672.1.
- K. Request board approval to 5-year agreement with Moments Photography, 1515 Pleasant Valley Blvd., Altoona, PA for photography services effective July 1, 2023.
- L. Request board approval to the following school depositories for the period of July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2024:

| Fund | Account |
|--------------|---------------------------|
| General Fund | First National (Checking) |
| General Fund | PLGIT |
| General Fund | PLGIT – Plus |
| General Fund | PSDLAF |
| Sinking Fund | Reliance Bank |

| Fund | Account |
|-----------------|---------------------------|
| Cafeteria Fund | First National (Checking) |
| Daycare Fund | First National (Checking) |
| Capital Reserve | First National (Checking) |
| Capital Reserve | PLGIT |
| Capital Reserve | PSDLAF |

3. Human Resources Committee – Chairperson Gunter Volders

A. Retirements/Resignations

| Name | Position | Retirement/Resignation | Effective Date |
|-----------------|------------------------------------|------------------------|----------------|
| Judith Woodcock | Daycare Assistant Group Supervisor | Retirement | June 1, 2023 |
| Steve Bock | Custodian | Retirement | June 30, 2023 |
| Leah Dreibelbis | Teacher | Resignation | June 1, 2023 |

B. Elections

| Name | Position | Assignment | Salary, Stipend or Rate/Hour | Benefits | Effective Date |
|---|---|---|--|---|-------------------------------------|
| Stephanie Wills | Daycare Director | 5 Days/Week 8 Hours/Day 230 Contract Days | \$19.00/Hour | 10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days Full Benefits Prorated | May 10, 2023 |
| Amber Creamer | Summer Intervention Teacher Grades 2-6 | 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 |
| Annette Iddings | Early Intervention Summer Paraprofessional | 4 Days 8 hours/day | \$10.95/hour thru June 30 \$12.45/hour as of July 1 Time-Sheet Basis | No Benefits | June 7, June 28, July 19, August 9 |
| Gary Aharrah Suzanne Burket Stephen Everhart Michael McKee Curtis Neff Sean Harker | Summer School Instructors Grades 7-12 | Maximum of 5 days/wk 3/hrs 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 |
| Thomas Coleman | Summer School Phys Ed Teacher | 5 days/wk 2 hrs/day | \$27.17/hour thru June 30 \$27.97/hour as of July 1 Time-Sheet Basis | No Change in Benefits | June 12 – 30 and July 10 – 28, 2023 |

| Name | Position | Assignment | Salary, Stipend or Rate/Hour | Benefits | Effective Date |
|---|---------------------------|--|--------------------------------------|-----------------|---|
| John Catich Mercedes Miller Kairigan Sible Brandon Waite | Summer Crew Custodians | Maximum of 5 Days/Week Maximum of 8.0 Hours/Day | \$10.29/Hour; Time-Sheet Basis | No Benefits | June 5, 2023 through August 18, 2023 |

- B. Request board approval for the following individuals to serve as Daycare Summer Camp personnel with rate of pay as specified and hours/week as needed to meet the ratio up to 40 hours/week; on time-sheet basis with no benefits; effective June 2, 2023 through August 11, 2023.

| Position | Name | Rate Before 6/30/23 | Rate After 7/1/23 |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Lead | Alexandra Veit | \$11.07 | \$13.54 |
| Lead | Sara Shock | \$11.07 | \$13.54 |
| Lead | Morgan Wineland | \$11.07 | \$13.54 |
| Lead | Jenna Bartlett | \$11.07 | \$13.54 |
| Assistant | Elizabeth Oliver | \$10.95 | \$12.45 |
| Assistant | Allison Grieco | \$10.95 | \$12.45 |
| Assistant | Katrina Patton | \$10.95 | \$12.45 |
| Assistant | Madison Wineland | \$10.95 | \$12.45 |
| Lifeguard | Lucia Isenberg | \$13.00 | \$13.00 |

- C. Request board approval for unpaid leave for employee #10501 from approximately November 20, 2023 to January 24, 2024.
- D. Request board approval to additions to the 2022-23 Substitute and Long-Term Volunteer List, effective May 10, 2023.
- E. Request board approval for the substitute employees through Substitute Teacher Services.

4. Educational Programs and Materials Committee – Chairperson Kris Laird

- A. Following the requested 30-day review period prior to board action are the following for the 2023-2024 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).
- B. Submitted for the 30-day review period prior to board action Tyrone Area Elementary School Library and Tyrone Area Middle School Library donated titles.
- C. Submitted for a 30-day review period prior to board action are the New Adoptions and/or Replacement Textbooks/Workbooks and Supplemental Materials for the 2023-24 school year in the total amount of \$110,976.83.

- 1) Elementary School \$49,356.78 (an increase of \$861.49 from the 2022-23 school year).
- 2) Middle School \$56,362.85 (an increase of \$13,877.87 from the 2022-23 school year).
- 3) High School \$5,257.20 (a decrease of \$2,945.00 from the 2022-23 school year).

- D. Request board approval for Dual Credit Agreement between the Tyrone Area School District and Pennsylvania Highlands Community College for the dual enrollment program offering college-level courses to high school students.
- E. Request board approval for the Superintendent or her designee to apply for a 3-year renewal (2023-24 through 2025-26) of the Flexible Instructional Day program as approved by PDE in accordance with Act 64 of 2019, Section 1506 of the Public School Code, to be available in the event of inclement weather and other emergencies which could cause school closures. The Board empowers the Superintendent or her designee to develop procedures to ensure continuity to the educational program and effective implementation of the Flexible Instructional Day
- F. Request board approval to the K-12 Guidance Plan.
- G. Request board approval to renew cooperative agreement with Saint Francis University to participate in the College in High School Program for the 2023-24 school year.

5. Board Regulatory Activities Committee – Chairperson Brian Bressler

- A. Submitted for the first reading are the following policies:
 - 1. Policy 334.1 Sick Leave Bank - Revised
- B. Request final adoption of the following proposed board policies previously presented at the Regular Board Meeting of April 11, 2023:
 - 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

6. Physical Plant and Operations Committee – Chairperson Jeff Long

- A. Request board approval to accept the proposal from Degol Carpet to remove all VCT and carpet in the Kindergarten classrooms as well as the LGI and small gym and replace with LVT in the total amount of \$123,292.00.

**** SECTION C – Student Representatives to the Board ****

I. REPORTS FROM STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES TO THE BOARD

- A. Lydia Seltzer/Grade 12.
- B. Austin White/Grade 11.

**** SECTION D – Closing of Meeting ****

I. ADJOURNMENT

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