

Tunkhannock Area School District
Board Minutes – Public Work Session/Board Meeting
September 13, 2018

The Tunkhannock Area School District Board of Directors met on the above date in the High School Library. The following members were present:

Board Member:	Present	Absent
Philip Farr, President	✓	
Bill Weidner, Vice-President	✓	
John Burke, Treasurer	✓	
Holly Arnold	✓	
Lori Bennett	✓	
Shana Gregory	✓	
Rob Parry	✓	
Bill Prebola	✓	
Bill Swilley	✓	

There were interested citizens present.

Mr. Farr called the meeting to order at 7:34 PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Farr stated that the Board met in Executive Session immediately prior to this meeting to discuss personnel issue.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None.

District Spotlight

TASD was awarded a grant in the amount of \$6,800.00 from the Highmark Foundation. The grant will be used to help fund the Social Emotional Curriculum.

Minutes

Resolution # 1 : A motion was made by Mrs. Gregory and seconded by Mr. Parry to approve the minutes of the meeting listed below. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number one in the minute book.

1. August 23, 2018 Public Work Session/Board Meeting as presented.

Superintendent's Report

Resolution # 2 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mrs. Arnold to approve the items from the Superintendent's Report as indicated below. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number two in the minute book.

1. Resignation of Tracey Scialpi, Special Education Teacher, release date pending
2. Resignation of Nicole Gruver, Cafeteria Worker, effectively immediately
3. Resignation of Michelle Simons, effective 9/4/18

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4. Appointment of Co-Curricular Positions/Advisors (See Exhibit A attached)
5. Appointment of Samantha Stephens – Assistant Field Hockey Coach - \$2,351.67
6. Appointment of Rich Seaberg as School Safety and Security Coordinator
7. Appointment of mentor teachers/administrators as listed:
 - a. Gloria Shebby (Karri Franko)
 - b. Krista Pasko (Cecelia Cronin)
 - c. Todd Bosscher (Brittany Wood)
 - d. Joanne Yanchick
8. Revision of starting salary of Brittany Wood, High School Dean of Students – \$49,581.00 plus \$500.00 stipend – B+24, Step 1
9. Approval of Charles Richter at a salary of \$25.00/hr for live streaming of Board and Administrative events
10. Approval of conference attendance as listed:
 - a. Jennifer Dominick Computer Science Discoveries – Code.org \$1,171.44
11. Awarding of tenure effective 9/17/18 to Thurston Sick
12. Approval of Bus/Van Drivers as listed:
 - a. Patricia Finkler – Brown’s Van Service
 - b. Michele Vasick – Buranich’s
 - c. Cindy Miner- Walter’s Transportation
 - d. Melody Bruce – Brown’s Van Service – pending Act 151

Resolution # 3 : A motion was made by Mr. Swilley and seconded by Mr. Parry to approve the item from the Superintendent’s Report indicated below. Voting: Motion carried (8 – Yes 1 – Abstain) - see resolution number three in the minute book.

1. Approval of volunteers for the 2018-19 school year – Clearances & TB testing on file as indicated (See Exhibit B attached)

Resolution # 4 : A motion was made by Mrs. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Parry to approve the item from the Superintendent’s Report indicated below. Voting: Motion carried (8 – Yes 1 – Abstain) - see resolution number four in the minute book.

1. Approval of an increase in hours of paraprofessional listed from 6.5 hrs/day to 7 hrs/day
 - a. Christine Swilley
 - b. Pilar Williams
 - c. Amy Yuhas

For lack of a motion, no action was taken on a request for a sabbatical leave for employee #785.

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Supplemental Agenda

Resolution # 5 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mrs. Arnold to approve the items from the supplemental agenda as indicated below. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number five in the minute book.

1. Approval of a contract between TASD and Children’s Service Center of Wyoming Valley, Inc.
2. Approval of volunteers for the 2018-19 school year – Clearances & TB testing on file as indicated (See Exhibit C attached)

Superintendent McPherson’s report included the following items:

- Thank you to the faculty and staff for their efforts in preparing classrooms and participating in the “Walk Through” held on the evening of September 6, 2018. The turn-out was incredible.
- Information concerning transportation from the High School to the Middle School was clarified. It was rumored that buses were transporting over their capacity with students sitting on the floor. At no time were there not enough seats, nor did they have to sit on the floor. Bus drivers have been instructed that buses do not move unless all students are seated.
- First day dismissal - Due to having 600 additional students on campus from last year, dismissal was delayed. The dismissal process continues to get better and we continue to learn and improve the process each day. Kudos to bus drivers, faculty, staff and the local police force for their efforts.
- Within the next two weeks, utilizing current staff, an additional kindergarten classroom will be added to the Primary Center.
- Additional air conditioning units have been purchased for the Intermediate Center and installation is in the works.
- Air quality testing was done in district buildings. Results show Mehoopany, the Intermediate Center, the Academy and the High School are fine. Results for the Primary Center have come back inclusive and are being repeated. Evans Falls and Mill City do have some issues and steps to correct the issues are in process.

Committee Reports

Dr. Prebola reported that an Extra Curricular committee meeting was held prior to tonight’s Board meeting. The committee is researching and will be establishing a written procedure that includes the newly established Tunkhannock Foundation. The procedure will be the process by which the community/outside organizations/businesses can donate funds to be used by the district for special projects.

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Mr. Burke and Mr. Farr commented on the Consolidation Committee. Commendations were extended to everyone for their efforts in the completion of consolidation and construction projects.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Mrs. Arnold, PSBA Liaison, announced her recommendation of candidates for the 2019 PSBA Officer Elections. Her recommendations included:

- a. President-Elect – Eric Wolfgang
- b. Vice President – Art Levinowiz
- c. Eastern At Large – Maura Buri
- d. Section 4 Advisor – Gary Smedley
- e. PSBA Insurance Trust Trustees –
 - Seat 1 – Richard Frerichs
 - Seat 2 – William S LaCoff
 - Seat 3 – Nathan G. Mains

Voting: All recommendation were approved by a unanimous vote of ayes. (9 – ayes)

The first reading of Board Policy No. 217 Pupil Graduation Requirements was presented. Mr. Swilley pointed out that as the Policy is presented, it is incomplete and prior to being presented for a second reading, the Vietnam War needs to be added to the section on Diplomas for Eligible Veterans.

Resolution # 6 : A motion was made by Mr. Swilley and seconded by Mrs. Arnold to approve a dual enrollment agreement with Lackawanna College. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number six in the minute book.

Public Comment

Nate Anderson, Kory Glahn, Missy Bonnice, Kelly Kozlansky, Tracey Kamora and numerous citizens commented on bussing and dismissal procedures.

Numerous citizens commented and commended the district on the street crossing of 7th Grade students back and forth from the Intermediate Center to the Academy.

Alicia Astegher commented on upper classmen being allowed in the 8th grade hallway.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:36 pm by Dr. Prebola and seconded by Mrs. Bennett. Motion carried on all ayes.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

Resolution #	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Holly Arnold	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lori Bennett	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shana Gregory	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rob Parry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Prebola	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Swilley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes
John Burke	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Weidner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phil Farr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Lawson
Board Secretary

Attachments: Exhibits A, B, C, Conflict of Interests Memorandums (Mrs. Gregory/Mr. Swilley)

Intermediate Co-Curricular Positions
2018-19

Exhibit A

Lisa Burgess	Head Student Activities	\$2,394.00
Sara Ergott	Head Student Council Advisor	\$1,364.00
Laura Kalmanowicz	Student Council Assistant	\$761.00
Kevin Kreinberg	Yearbook	\$1,522.00
Kevin Kreinberg	Instrumental Activities 7/8	\$2,172.00
Mackenzie Anderson	Instrumental Activities 5/6	\$988.00
Betsy Sprout	Chorus 7-8	\$888.00
Darice Januszewicz	Chorus 5-6	\$888.00
Kevin Kreinberg	Auditorium Sound/Lighting Technician	\$1,776.00

Volunteers 09-13-2018
2018-19 School Year

Last	First	Activity or School
Anderson	Robyn	All
Berry	Andrew	Inter/HS
Berry	Darcy	Inter/HS
Buckley	Lori	HS
Cordes	Stacy	Inter/HS
Darrow	April	All
Davis	Billie Jo	All
Davis	Don	Athletics
Dymond	Al	Robotics
Dymond	Dan	Robotics
El	Tabitha	All
Golden	Shannon	Prim
Graves	Holly	Prim/Inter
Gregory	Beth	Inter/HS
Gregory	Shana	All
Gregory*	Tracey	All
Gundling	Michelle	All
Hodge	Tina	HS
Hopfer	Dustin	All
Hopfer	Gerald	All
Hopfer	Jodi	All
Holdredge	John	HS
Hug	Roert	HS
Jollimore*	Margaret	Prim
Kamora*	Tracy	Inter/HS
Keefe	John	Prim/Inter
Kristunas	Lauren	Prim
LaChase	Nicholas	HS
Landon	Barbara	Prim
Landon	James	Prim
Laughinghouse	James	Robotics
Melan	William	Athletics
Meyes	Crystal	Prim
Minzak	Holly	Prim/Inter
Mock	Clifford	Robotics
Montross	Paola	Inter/Acad
Murphy	Molly	HS
Mynes	Tracy	Inter/Acad
Murray	Nicole	Prim/Inter
Newswanger	Colleen	Inter
Otto	Alan	HS
Otto	Lori Mayo	HS
Pettis	Adrienne	Inter
Pietrowski	Edward	Athletics
Ramaage	Christine	HS

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Exhibit B

Reposa	Kailey	HS
Rezykowski	Cynthia	Prim
Robinson	Denise	Inter
Romanuski	Lynn	Prim/Inter
Shaver	Betty Ann	Inter/Acad
Shaver SR	Thomas	Inter/Acad
Stang	Theresa	Prim
Tague	Jason	All
Tague	Stephanie	All
Tempest	Mary	Inter
Tschantz	Eric	HS
Tupper	Vicki	Inter
VanHouten	Eric	Inter/HS
VanHouten	Jonelle	Inter/HS
Wall	Elaine	All
Welles	Charles	Inter/HS
Wynne	Kellie	Athletics
Zalewski	Karen	All
Zalewski	Linda	Prim/Inter
Zalewski	Thomas	HS
* Indicates updated clearances are/will be needed		

Exhibit C

Volunteers 09-13-2018 Supplemental 2018-19 School Year

Last	First	Activity
Appleby	Sara	All
Butler	Jacquelyn Dymond	All
Cook	Jamie	Prim
Cooper	Brandi	Inter
Corby	Becky	Prim
Freeman	April	Inter
Klose	Jennifer	Inter/HS
Kozloski	Tami	Prim/Inter
Latwinski	Alan	Inter
Latwinski	Lisa	Inter
Lupinski	Sara	Inter/Acad
Martin*	Donalynn	Inter
Mateus	Heather	Inter/HS
McGavin	Maureen	All
Mead*	Judy	Inter
Mock	Angela	All
Price	Arlene	Inter
Proctor*	Jessica	Prim
Salters	Estera	All
Sherwood	Kelly	Prim/Inter
Stull	Denise	Prim
Valvano	Valerie	Inter
Vangasbeck	Erin	Prim/Inter
VanNess	Christine	Inter/HS
Walsh*	Tara	Prim/Inter

* Indicates updated clearances are/will be needed or pending additional information

Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum

TO: Board Secretary, TUNKHANNOCK AREA School District
FROM: Shana Gregory board member
DATE: 9/13/18

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's "Public Official and Employee Ethics Law" I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue/motion:

VI Superintendent's Report # 7
Volunteers

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

I am being approved as a
Volunteer.

Shana Gregory
Signature of board member

NOTE: Section 3(J) requires the following procedure:

"Any public official or public employee, who in the discharge of his official duties, would be required to vote on a matter that would result in a conflict of interest shall abstain from voting and, prior to the vote being taken, publicly announce and disclose the nature of his interest as a public record in a written memorandum filed with the person responsible for recording the minutes for the meeting at which the vote is taken" (emphasis added)

This memorandum does not have to be utilized when a conflict is defined "by any law, rule, regulation, order or ordinance," for example the School Code (Section 1111) prohibits voting to hire certain relatives.

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TO: Board Secretary, TUNKHANNOCK AREA School District
FROM: William Swilley board member
DATE: 9/13/18

Pursuant to Pennsylvania's "Public Official and Employee Ethics Law" I hereby declare that I am required to abstain regarding the following issue/motion:

VI Superintendent's Report
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Increase in hours - Para professionals

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

Family member being approved


Signature of board member

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