

Tunkhannock Area School District
Board Minutes – Public Work Session/Board Meeting
March 9, 2017

The Tunkhannock Area School District Board of Directors met on the above date at the Central Administration Building. The following members were present:

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

There were interested citizens present.

Mr. Farr called the meeting to order at 7:32PM 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 matters.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None.

Student Spotlight

Ms. McPherson provided a brief overview of the 1st Place Winners in the LIU18 Governors STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering & Math) Competition and introduced the team's advisor Ms. Kutish. Ms. Kutish introduced the team members: Joshua Beeman, Logan Gravelle and Benjamin Migliori (also part of the team but unable to attend tonight was Noah Metzger).

The team described and demonstrated the device that they built and introduced for the competition. The device was named the Mobile Emergency Transmitting System or M.E.T.S. The device is meant to be used in vehicles to notify drivers when they are approaching the scene of emergency or construction vehicle activity – an ambulance at an accident scene for example.

Enrollments

Enrollments were provided for information.

Minutes

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

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1. February 23, 2017 Public Work Session/Board Meeting as presented.

Superintendent's Report

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

1. resignation of John Zdaniewicz, Assistant Football Coach, effectively immediately.
2. resignation of Aaron Keich, Head Girls Track Coach, effectively immediately.
3. retirement of Anita Kupchunas, Middle School Paraprofessional at the end of the 2016-17 school year.
4. termination of employment of Employee #443, effectively immediately.
5. appointment of Cody Minicozzi, as a support staff substitute. All clearances and TB testing are currently on file in the Superintendent's Office.
6. Christina Brown as a substitute driver for Forward Transportation. All clearances are on file in the Director of Transportation's Office.
7. Volunteers as presented. All candidates have on file in the Superintendent's Office clearances and TB testing as required by district policy. (see Exhibit A attached)
8. rescind the appointment of Kenny Young as 2016-17 Boys/Girls Assistant Track Coach.
9. extra-curricular appointments as presented. Clearance and TB status as listed. (see Exhibit B attached)
10. field trip attendance as listed.

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| a. Ken Luckey | PMEA Northeast Region Orchestra | 3/9-11 |
| | TBD Students Attending | |
| b. Scott Howell | First Robotic Competition | 3/10-12 |
| | 20 Students Attending | |
| c. Ken Luckey | PMEA Regional IV Band Festival | 3/23-25 |
| | TBD Student Attending | |
| d. Ken Luckey | PMEA District 9 Jazz Band | 3/31-4/1 |
| | 4 Students Attending | |
| e. Scott Howell | First Robotic Competition | 3/31-4/2 |
| | 22 Students Attending | |
| f. Jason Keown | FBLA State Leadership Conference | 4/2-5 |
| | 19 Students Attending | |
| g. Jason Keown | Skills USA State Leadership Conference | 4/19-21 |
| | 9 Students Attending | |

Resolution # 3 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the items below from the Supplemental Agenda. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number three in the minute book.

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- I. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve the temporary contracted services of Erica Sebastian, School Psychologist at a rate of \$50/hour or \$750/evaluation. Pending receipt of clearances and TB testing.
- II. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve Cody Debour as Boys/Girls Assistant Track Coach at a salary of \$2,751.00. Clearances and TB testing are on file in the Superintendent's Office.
- III. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve volunteers for the 2016-17 school year as listed. All candidates have on file in the Superintendent's office clearances and TB testing as required by district policy.

	<u>Activity/School</u>
a. Carl Burdecki	Robotics
b. Al Dymond	Robotics
c. Frederick Hirkey	Middle School
d. Leslie Hirkey	Middle School
e. James Laughinghouse	Robotics
f. Clifford Mock Jr	Robotics
g. Bradley Rigdon	Robotics
h. Jeremy Sample	Robotics

Committee Reports

Ad-Hoc (Building Closure) Committee: Mr. Farr stated that the next regularly scheduled meeting, March 23, 2017 would be the first meeting at which the Board could make a decision as to which option to select. Mr. Burke reviewed his list of open items and issues that will need to be reviewed and addressed as the project progresses. Mr. Burke requested that this item be put on the agenda for a vote in two weeks.

Extra-Curricular Committee: Dr. Prebola announced that the committee met last Tuesday February 28th. There were no major issues. The 7th & 8th grade girls proposed an option for some cheerleading which was discussed but no decision or recommendation from the committee at this point.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

Resolution # 4 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the Bus/Van contract amounts as presented. Voting: Motion carried (7 – Yes, 1 – Abstain) - see resolution number four in the minute book.

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Resolution # 5 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Burke to approve the Tunkhannock Area High School 2017-18 Curriculum Guide. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number five in the minute book.

Per-Capita Tax Exonerations: Mr. O’Shea stated that the exonerations for Bill #'s 130 and 131 for Tunkhannock Township were being questioned. The Tax Collector, Mr. Whipple, had indicated these bills were to be exonerated due to the deaths of the individuals. Mr. Burke pointed out that they may have moved but they had not died. Mr. O’Shea confirmed that Mr. Whipple had been notified of this discrepancy and was investigating.

Resolution # 6 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Dr. Prebola to approve 2016 Per Capita Tax Exonerations as submitted by the tax collectors with the appropriate correction for the bills noted above. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number six in the minute book.

Resolution # 7 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Burke to appoint Holly Arnold and Randy Greenip as the 2016 Voting Delegates for the PSBA Delegate Assembly Meeting. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number seven in the minute book.

Resolution # 8 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mrs. Arnold to approve the addition of Option 6 to the District’s Feasibility Study done by KCBA Architects. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number eight in the minute book.

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Public Comment

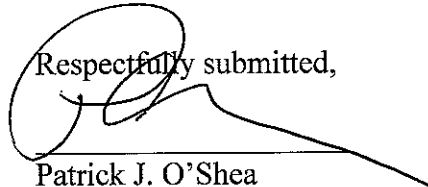
None

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:16 pm by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mrs. Bennett. Motion carried on all ayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

RESOLUTION #:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Holly Arnold	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lori Bennett	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Randy Greenip	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rob Parry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Prebola	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Swilley	Absent							
John Burke	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Weidner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phil Farr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick J. O'Shea
Board Secretary

Attachments: A & B and a Conflict of Interest Letter from Mrs. Bennett

Volunteers - March 9, 2017

Volunteers	First	Street	City	State	Zip	Activity or School	School Year	Clearances/TB Status
Last	Judy	1702 Marcy Rd	Springville	PA	18944	Roslund	2016-17	Complete
Allen	Jeanne	222 SR 292E	Monroe Twp	PA	18657	Middle School	2016-17	Complete
Anderson	Kayla	381 Gruver Ln	Tunkhannock	PA	18657	Roslund	2016-17	Complete
Garren	Barbara	104 Lane Hill Rd	Tunkhannock	PA	18657	Athletics	2016-17	Complete
Grimaud	Tabitha	47 E Harrison St	Tunkhannock	PA	18657	Roslund	2016-17	Complete
Holliday	Ken	264 Woodland Way	Tunkhannock	PA	18657	Evans Falls/MS/HS	2016-17	Complete
Nichols	Cynthia	1999 Whites Ferry Rd	Falls	PA	18615	Evans Falls	2016-17	Complete
Rezykowski	LuAnn	1520 Huner Hwy	Tunkhannock	PA	18657	Roslund	2016-17	Complete
Riker	Randy	5 Woods Rd	Tunkhannock	PA	18657	Athletics	2016-17	Complete
Salas								

EXHIBIT A

Extra Curricular - March 9, 2017

		SCHOOL YEAR	COMPENSATION	CLEARANCES/TB STATUS
Rescind				
Young, Kenny	Boys/Girls Assistant Track	2016-17		
Appointments				
Fenwick, Harry	Boys 7/8 Grade Head Baseball	2016-17	\$2,751.00	Pending TB
Hopfer, Jana	Girls Head LaCrosse	2016-17	\$3,750.00	Complete
Young, Kenny	Girls Head Track	2016-17	\$3,750.00	Complete
Mason, Jennier	Girls Junior High Track	2016-17	\$2,751.00	Complete

EXHIBIT B

**Conflict of Interest
Abstention Memorandum**

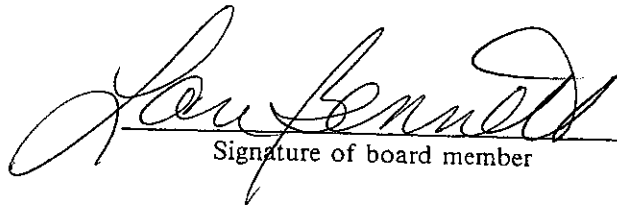
TO: Board Secretary, TUNKHANNOK AREA School District
FROM: Lozi Bennett board member
DATE: 3/9/17

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

BUS / VAN CONTRACTS

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

FAMILY MEMBER IS A BUS/VAN
CONTRACTOR.


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.