

Tunkhannock Area School District
Board Minutes – Public Work Session/Board Meeting
January 11, 2018

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	✓	
Shana Gregory	✓	
Rob Parry		✓
Bill Prebola	✓	
Bill Swilley		✓

There were interested citizens present.

Mr. Farr called the meeting to order at 7:33PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. Farr stated that the Board met in Executive Session on December 14th and one immediately prior to this meeting to discuss some personnel matters.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None.

Enrollments

Mr. Farr pointed out that the enrollments were included in the Board packet for information.

Minutes

Mr. Weidner pointed out that the minutes for the 12/7/17 Reorganization meeting require a change to last paragraph on the first page of the minutes after Resolution #3 – it should say that Dr. Prebola asked for any additional nominations for Vice-President. Mr. Weidner also pointed out that the minutes for the 12/7/17 Public Work Session/Board Meeting required a correction to the vote count under Resolution #2 – the vote count should read 8 – yes and 1 – no.

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

1. December 7, 2017 Reorganization Meeting as amended.
2. December 7, 2017 Public Work Session/Board Meeting as amended.

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Business and Finance

Resolution # 2 : A motion was made by Mrs. Arnold and seconded by Dr. Prebola to approve the Business and Finance items listed. Voting: Motion carried (5 – Yes, 1 – No) - see resolution number two in the minute book.

1. District Treasurers' Reports as presented.
 - a. District
 - b. Pennsylvania Liquid Assets
 - c. Payroll Account
 - d. Gas Lease Funds Account
 - e. Unemployment Compensation Fund
 - f. Capital Reserve
 - g. Scholarship Accounts
 - h. Cafeteria
 - i. Title I
 - j. Title II
 - k. Title IV
 - l. Activities Accounts
 - m. Pre K Funds
 - n. General Fund Checking Account
2. Payrolls as presented:
 - a. District

November 10, 2017	\$776,775.37
November 22, 2017	\$766,826.38
 - b. Cafeteria

November 10, 2017	\$21,638.38
November 22, 2017	\$26,175.84
 - c. Title I

November 10, 2017	\$15,937.43
November 22, 2017	\$15,937.43
3. Ratify wire/ACH/fund transfers as presented.
4. Ratify district bills as presented in the amount of \$857,177.51.
5. Bills as presented:
 - a. District - \$219,286.38
 - b. Cafeteria - \$111,749.02
6. District financial reports as presented.

Superintendent's Report

Resolution # 3 : A motion was made by Mrs. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the items from the Superintendent's Report listed below. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number three in the minute book.

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1. Termination of employee #1212 effective 12/13/17.
2. Unpaid leave of Joseph Evans from his position as Maintenance Mechanic.
3. Appointment of 2017-18 Co-Curricular positions as listed. *Pending clearances & TB testing.
 - a. Kira DeRemer* Assistant Dramatics \$1,442.00
 - b. Pam Holdredge* Drama/Musical Choreographer \$1,690.00
 - c. Ryan Holdredge Drama/Musical Assistant \$1,252.00
4. Volunteers as presented. Clearances and TB testing are on file in the Superintendent's Office as indicated. (see Exhibit A attached)
5. Conference attendance as listed.
 - a. Gregory Ellsworth Pathways to Career Readiness \$505.00

Ms. McPherson turned the floor over to Mrs. Eagen who made a brief presentation on the District's Keystone Exams & PSSA results as well as our SPP scores.

Mrs. Eagen also played a brief video of 5th grade students participating in the Junior Achievement Biz Town exercise. Ms. McPherson stated that the 7th grade students would be participating in Junior Achievement's Finance Park exercise.

Ms. McPherson mentioned that the District has added a lot of exciting and engaging experiential activities to the curriculum: the 5th graders are doing STEM activities, the 6th graders are participating in "Project Lead The Way" where they do modeling & design for aviation and are preparing to do their rendition of King Lear and a forensics course.

Committee Reports

None.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

TASD Visa Account bills were provided for information.

Resolution # 4 : A motion was made by Mr. Weidner and seconded by Mrs. Arnold to approve the Bus/Van contract amounts as presented. Voting: Motion carried (5 – Yes, 1 – Abstain) - see resolution number four in the minute book.

Resolution # 5 : A motion was made by Mrs. Arnold and seconded by Dr. Prebola to set up an account with Public Surplus to auction obsolete items within the district. Items include but are not limited to three 30 quart kitchen mixers, two kitchen buffalo choppers and Toshiba televisions. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number five in the minute book.

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Resolution # 6 : A motion was made by Mrs. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve a survey of 7th grade parents. The survey will address their concerns and ideas about the consolidation. The survey will be available via the parent portal and as a paper document. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number six in the minute book.

Resolution # 7 : A motion was made by Mrs. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve a resolution for the 2018-19 Budget not to exceed the Act 1 index of 2.9%. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number seven in the minute book.

Mr. Farr stated that the Board would be tabling item #6 on the agenda regarding grievance 2017-18-01.

Mr. Farr announced and expressed thanks to Peoples Security Bank and Trust and the Community Foundation for their generous donation of \$4,475 to support location education. Mrs. Eagen added that these monies would be earmarked to assist student to pay for Dual Enrollment to receive credit from Keystone College while attending High School.

Public Comment

Mr. Baker and Mrs Bonnice commented on the BizTown exercise.

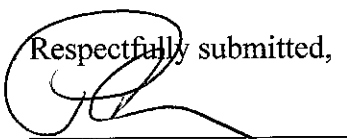
Mr. Baker commented on the status of the negotiations with teachers.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:06 pm by Dr. Prebola and seconded by Mrs. Arnold. Motion carried on all ayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

RESOLUTION #:	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>
Holly Arnold	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lori Bennett	Yes	Yes	Yes	Abstain	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shana Gregory	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rob Parry	Absent						
Bill Prebola	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Swilley	Absent						
John Burke	Absent						
Bill Weidner	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phil Farr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick J. O'Shea
Board Secretary

Attachments: Exhibit A & Conflict of Interest Memorandum from Mrs. Bennett

Volunteers 1-11-18
2017-18 School Year

Volunteers Last	First	Street	City	State	Zip	Activity or S	TB	ACT 34	ACT 151	ACT 114	ACT 24	Obligations
Ceccarelli	Jeff	181 Cowpoke Ln	Mchoopany	PA	18629	ATH	1/25/2017	11/3/2015	5/7/2015	11/5/2015	12/11/2017	12/11/2017
Dymond	Dan	40 Henry Drive	Tunkhannock	PA	18657	HS	3/30/2017	3/27/2017	1/20/2016	6/5/2017	8/21/2017	8/21/2017
McCarty*	Jody	18 Middle Rd	Shunk	PA	17768	MS	*	1/23/2015	2/23/2015	1/30/2015	*	*
Sherwood	Kelly	122 Apple Tree Ln Apt 23	Falls	PA	18615	MC	11/15/2017	9/5/2017	9/13/2017	12/9/2017	12/3/2017	12/2/2017
Varoslowski	Amanda	8 Woodcrest Dr	Tunkhannock	PA	18657	ROS/MS	3/6/2015	3/10/2015	8/23/2013	8/16/2013	12/8/2017	12/8/2017
<p>Added by ms. McPherson at the meeting.</p> <p>TRAVEL KRAUSE } all cleaners have been received Powers CHRISTOPHER</p>												
* Pending additional information												

Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum

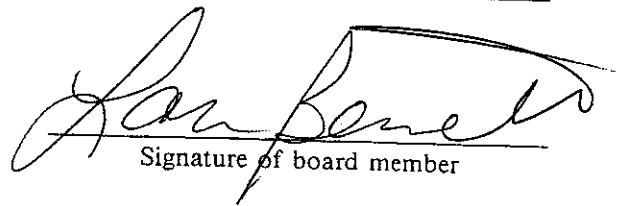
TO: Board Secretary, TUNKHANNOCK AREA School District
FROM: Lozi Bennett board member
DATE: 1/11/18

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

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 111) prohibits voting to hire certain relatives.