

**Tunkhannock Area School District
Board Minutes – Public Board Meeting
June 27, 2013**

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
Marty Migliori, President	✓	
Mick Cronin, Vice President	✓	
Sandra Lane, Treasurer		✓
Lori Bennett	✓	
Steve Colley	✓	
Don Nowels	✓	
Rob Parry	✓	
Kim Teeters	✓	
Bill Weidner	✓	

There were interested citizens present.

Mr. Migliori called the meeting to order at 7:00PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

At 7:01PM Mr. Migliori announced that the Board would be going into Executive Session to discuss personnel and legal matters. The Board returned at 7:40PM

Business & Finance

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

- A. Bills for Approval
 - 1. District \$35,023.43

Superintendent's Report

None

Committee Reports

None

Unfinished Business

Resolution # 2: A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Cronin to adopt the 2013-2014 Final Budget with a millage increase of 2.1 mills (see Exhibit A attached). Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number two in the minute book.

New Business

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Resolution #3: A motion was made by Mrs. Teeters and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve 2013 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution (see Exhibit B attached). Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number three in the minute book.

Resolution #4: A motion was made by Mr. Weidner and seconded by Mr. Nowles to approve donation of the past Grade 7/8 Baseball Uniforms to Tunkhannock Little League Assoc. and to approve the donation of past Junior High and Boys Varsity Soccer Uniforms to TYSA. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number four in the minute book.

Resolution #5: A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Cronin to approve increasing the 2013-14 Staff Lunch price by ten cents from \$3.90 to \$4.00. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number five in the minute book.

Resolution #6: A motion was made by Mrs. Teeters and seconded by Mr. Parry to approve the 2013-14 Insurance Coverage renewal with Tri-County Insurance Agency (see Exhibit C attached). Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number six in the minute book.

In follow-up to the article that appeared in the June 16, 2013 issue of the Sunday Times entitled, "Grading our Schools", Mr. Cronin asked the administration for a response on the scores and the plan to improve those scores. Mr. Healey stated that Dr. Way and the school principals would have something prepared for the August meeting.

Mr. Migliori announced that the District Solicitor, Atty. Frank Tunis, could not attend tonight's Board meeting but that he prepared a statement to be shared. Mr. Migliori read Solicitor Tunis' statement into the record. (see Exhibit D attached)

Citizen Comment

Mr. Sick commented on the executive session.

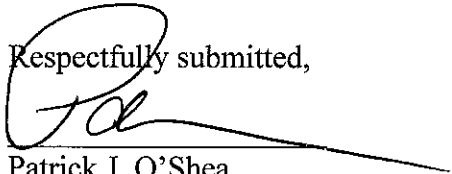
Mr. Baker commented on the executive session, the proposed millage increase, the timing of the administration's response to The Times article and the insurance coverage renewal.

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:02 PM by Mrs. Teeters and seconded by Mr. Nowles. Motion carried on all ayes.

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ROLL CALL VOTE

<u>RESOLUTION #:</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>
Lori Bennett	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Steve Colley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sandra Lane	Absent					
Don Nowels	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rob Parry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Kim Teeters	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Weidner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mick Cronin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Marty Migliori	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,

Patrick J. O'Shea
Board Secretary

BUDGET RESOLUTION


BE IT RESOLVED BY THE TUNKHANNOCK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS THAT A RESOLUTION BE ADOPTED APPROVING THE 2013-2014 SCHOOL YEAR BUDGET IN THE AMOUNT OF \$45,224,181, REAL ESTATE LEVY OF 70.2 MILS, A PER CAPITA TAX OF \$5.00 IN ACCORD WITH ACT 679, AND AS AUTHORIZED BY ACT 511, A \$5.00 PER CAPITA TAX, ½ OF 1% REAL ESTATE TRANSFER TAX, ½ OF 1% EARNED INCOME TAX, AND A \$10.00 OCCUPATIONAL PRIVILEGE TAX.



Board President

6-28-13

Date



Board Secretary

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2013-14
Final Budget
(adopted June 27, 2013)

	A	B	C
	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2012-13</u>	<u>2013-14</u>
<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>PROJECTIONS</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
<i>REVENUES</i>			
FUND BALANCE	\$2,701,144	\$4,946,693	\$3,622,066
LOCAL REVENUES	\$20,680,507	\$21,666,768	\$21,442,885
STATE REVENUES	\$18,522,268	\$18,460,408	\$19,218,649
FEDERAL REVENUES	\$900,118	\$900,118	\$940,581
PROCEEDS FROM LT LOAN	\$0	\$0	\$0
CAPITAL RESERVE REIMBURSEMENT	\$0	\$0	\$0
<u>TOTAL REVENUES</u>	<u>\$42,804,037</u>	<u>\$45,973,987</u>	<u>\$45,224,181</u>
<i>EXPENDITURES</i>			
1000 INSTRUCTION			
1100 REGULAR	\$15,908,489	\$17,413,911	\$18,813,130
1200 SPEC. ED.	\$5,397,613	\$5,497,929	\$5,857,382
1300 VOCATIONAL	\$1,800,132	\$1,667,206	\$1,719,810
1400 OTHER INST PRGMS/ALT. ED.	\$343,381	\$347,391	\$344,584
1800 PRE-KINDERGARTEN			\$207,980
2000 SUPPORT SERVICES			
2100 PUPIL PERSONNEL	\$1,422,909	\$1,338,623	\$1,361,324
2200 SUPPORT (LIB. A.V.)	\$916,519	\$913,913	\$966,346
2310 BOARD SERVICES	\$67,355	\$67,355	\$67,355
2330 TAX COLLECT. SER.	\$156,050	\$156,050	\$158,050
2350 LEGAL SERVICES	\$126,000	\$126,000	\$176,000
2360 EDUC. ADMIN.	\$464,080	\$447,278	\$476,083
2380 BLDG. ADMIN.	\$1,241,701	\$1,211,754	\$1,254,932
2400 PUPIL HEALTH SER.	\$622,759	\$623,616	\$649,437
2500 FISCAL SERVICES	\$570,887	\$529,355	\$546,887
2600 OPERATION & MAINT.	\$4,401,899	\$4,369,292	\$4,669,762
2700 TRANSPORTATION	\$3,035,932	\$3,035,932	\$3,196,547
2800 SUPPORT SERVICES-CENTRAL	\$40,452	\$56,938	\$48,108
2900 OTHER SUPPORT SERV.	\$70,000	\$70,000	\$70,000
3000 NON-INST. SERVICES			
3100 CAFETERIA SERVICES	\$0	\$0	\$0
3200 STUDENT ACTIVITIES	\$752,316	\$767,257	\$773,572
3300 COMMUNITY SERVICE	\$85,168	\$68,621	\$76,623
5000 OTHER FINANCING			
5100 DEBT SERVICES	\$3,343,500	\$3,343,500	\$3,471,500
TOTAL EDUCATIONAL EXPENSES	<u>\$40,767,142</u>	<u>\$42,051,921</u>	<u>\$44,905,412</u>
5200 UNEMP. FUND	\$300,000	\$300,000	\$300,000
5900 BUDGET RESERVES			
FEDERAL EXPENSES	\$0	\$0	\$0
DESIGNATED for RETIREMENT INC	\$0	\$3,000,000	\$0
BOARD DISC. MILL & GAS RESERVE	\$0	\$0	\$0
FUND BALANCE	\$1,736,895	\$622,066	\$18,769
<u>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</u>	<u>\$42,804,037</u>	<u>\$45,973,987</u>	<u>\$45,224,181</u>
<u>MILLAGE</u>	68.10		70.20

TUNKHANNOCK AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

2013 Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion Resolution

RESOLVED, by the Board of School Directors of Tunkhannock Area School District, that homestead and farmstead exclusion real estate tax assessment reductions are authorized for the school year beginning July 1, 2013, under the provisions of the Homestead Property Exclusion Program Act (part of Act 50 of 1998) and the Taxpayer Relief Act (Act 1 of 2006), as follows:

1. **Aggregate amount available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction.** The following amounts are available for homestead and farmstead real estate tax reduction for the school year beginning July 1, 2013:

a. **Gambling tax funds.** The Pennsylvania Department of Education (PDE) has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.505(b), as a property tax reduction allocation funded by gambling tax funds, the amount of \$1,141,590.51.

b. **Philadelphia tax credit reimbursement funds.** PDE has notified the School District that PDE will pay to the School District during the school year pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.324(3), as reimbursement for Philadelphia tax credits claimed against the School District earned income tax by School District resident taxpayers, the amount of \$987.49.

c. **Aggregate amount available.** Adding these amounts, the aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction is \$1,142,578.00.

2. **Homestead/farmstead numbers.** Pursuant to Act 50, 54 Pa. C.S. § 8584(i), and Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g)(3), the County has provided the School District with a certified report listing approved homesteads and approved farmsteads as follows:

a. **Homestead property number.** The number of approved homesteads within the School District 5,137.

b. **Farmstead property number.** The number of approved farmsteads within the School District is 22.

c. **Homestead/farmstead combined number.** Adding these numbers, the aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads is 5,159.

3. **Real estate tax reduction calculation.** The school board has decided that the homestead exclusion amount and the farmstead exclusion amount shall be equal. Dividing the paragraph 1(c) aggregate amount available during the school year for real estate tax reduction of \$1,142,578.00 by the paragraph 2(c) aggregate number of approved homesteads and approved farmsteads of 5,159, the maximum real estate tax reduction amount applicable to each approved homestead and to each approved farmstead is \$219.66.

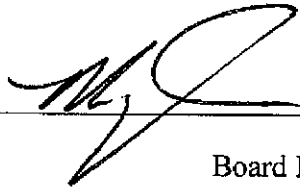
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4. **Homestead exclusion calculation.** Dividing the paragraph 3 maximum real estate tax reduction amount of \$219.66 by the School District real estate tax rate of 70.2 mills The maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a homestead exclusion for each approved homestead is \$3,129, and the maximum real estate assessed value reduction to be reflected on tax notices as a farmstead exclusion for each approved farmstead is \$3,129.

5. **Homestead/farmstead exclusion authorization – July 15th tax bills.** The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved homestead within the School District shall reflect a homestead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the homestead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,129.

6. The tax notice issued to the owner of each approved farmstead within the School District shall reflect an additional farmstead exclusion real estate assessed value reduction equal to the lesser of: (a) the County-established assessed value of the farmstead, or (b) the paragraph 4 maximum real estate assessed value reduction of \$3,129.


7. For purposes of this Resolution, “approved homestead” and “approved farmstead” shall mean homesteads and farmsteads listed in the report referred to in paragraph 2 above and received by the School District from the County Assessment Office on or before May 1 pursuant to Act 1, 53 P.S. § 6926.341(g) (3), based on homestead/farmstead applications filed with the County Assessment Office on or before March 1. This paragraph 5 will apply to tax notices issued based on the initial tax duplicate used in issuing initial real estate tax notices for the school year, which will be issued on or promptly after July 15th, and will not apply to interim real estate tax bills.



Board President

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Board Secretary

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Tunkhannock Area School District

2012/2013 Term	Policies	2013/2014 Term	
\$0	Police Professional	\$1,700.00	
\$9,718.00	Auto	\$10,204.00	(+486)
\$15,071.00	Excess	\$16,414.00	(+1343)
\$22,475.00	School Leaders	\$24,725.00	(+2250)
\$152,014.00	WC High Mark	123,129.00	(-28,885)
		(19,950,000 Payroll)	
\$83,757.00	GL & Property	\$75,751.00	
		<u>\$17,039.00</u>	
		(deductible buy back)	
		\$92,790.00	(+9033)
\$0	Privacy Policy	5,432.00	

Tri-County General Insurance Agency, Inc
 PO Box 36
 Tunkhannock, PA 18657

EXHIBIT C

STATEMENT FROM TASD Solicitor Atty. Frank Tunis

READ by TASD Board President Mr. Marty Migliore
At the June 27, 2013 Public Board Mtg.

On Friday, June 21, 2013, I filed a Petition to Vacate the Furlough Grievance Arbitration Award in the Court of Common Pleas of Wyoming County as authorized by the School District. The Petition is now a matter of public record and was assigned Docket No. 2103-778. The Petition -- which consists of thirty (31) pages and 182 paragraphs -- provides a very detailed overview of the facts and circumstances leading to this grievance, as well as the legal grounds which form the basis of our appeal. I would encourage those who have commented on the case, or those who do not have a full understanding of the matter, to carefully read the contents of the Petition and all supporting exhibits. We, of course, do not comment on pending litigation as per firm policy. We do, however, expect this appeal to be handled and ruled upon by the Court on a rather expedited basis. We will address and or re-evaluate our options once the Court rules on the appeal.

EXHIBIT D