

**Tunkhannock Area School District
Board Minutes – Public Work Session/Board Meeting
July 24, 2014**

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
Mick Cronin, President	✓	
Sandra Lane, Vice President	✓	
Philip Farr, Treasurer	✓	
Lori Bennett	✓	
Randy Greenip	✓	
Rob Parry	✓	
Bill Swilley		✓
Kim Teeters		✓
Bill Weidner	✓	

There were interested citizens present.

Mr. Cronin called the meeting to order at 7:30PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

<i>Minutes</i>

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

- A. June 19, 2014 - Public Work Session
- B. June 26, 2014 – Public School Board Meeting

<i>Business and Finance</i>

Resolution #2: A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the Business and Finance items listed. Voting: Motion carried unanimously (Mr. Farr abstained from the PS Bank Bills.) - see resolution number two in the minute book.

- A. Treasurer's Reports
 - 1. District
 - 2. Pennsylvania Liquid Assets
 - 3. Payroll Account
 - 4. Gas Lease Funds Account
 - 5. Unemployment Compensation Fund
 - 6. Capital Reserve
 - 7. Scholarship Accounts
 - 8. Cafeteria
 - 9. Title I
 - 10. Title II
 - 11. Activities Accounts
 - 12. Community Funded Sports Account

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- 13. Pre K Funds
- 14. General Fund Checking Account

- B. Ratify Payrolls
 - 1. District
 - a. June 10, 2014 - \$718,897.16
 - b. June 25, 2014 - \$849,001.19
 - c. June 27, 2014 - \$646,340.23
 - 2. Cafeteria
 - a. June 10, 2014 - \$26,145.89
 - b. June 25, 2014 - \$40,118.96
 - 3. Title I
 - a. June 10, 2014 - \$15,906.01
 - b. June 25, 2014 - \$12,080.26
- C. Wire Transfers for Ratification
- D. Bills for Ratification
 - 1. District - \$847,639.87
- E. Bills for Approval
 - 1. District - \$698,141.44
 - 2. Cafeteria - \$131,783.17

Financial Reports were provided for information.

<u>Superintendent's Report</u>

Resolution #3: A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Farr to approve the Original and Supplemental Agenda items from the Superintendent's Report listed below. Voting: Motion carried (5 – Yes, 2 – No) - see resolution number three in the minute book.

ORIGINAL AGENDA

- A. Personnel
 - 1. Resignation
 - a. Jeff Underwood – High School Physical Education Teacher/Coach
 - 2. Request for Leave of Absence
 - a. Melissa Erdmann – Elementary Reading Specialist
 - 3. Extra Curricular – Coaches
 - 4. Extra Curricular – Activities
 - 5. Volunteers

B. Conferences		Conference Cost	Sub Cost	Total Cost
1. PA Community on Transition Conference 7/16-18	John Lee	\$ 484.80	--	\$ 484.80

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SUPPLEMENTAL AGENDA

- A. Personnel
1. Appointments
 - a. Caitlin Gaughan – Middle School - Guidance Counselor - \$48,732.00 - M, Step 1 – Effective 8/26/14
 - b. Sarah Kester – Mill City - Autistic Support Teacher - \$41,904.00 – B, Step 1 – pending TB testing – Effective 8/26/14
 2. Transfer
 - a. Nicole Gruver – transfer from Mehoopany Clerical Aide – 4.5 hrs/day to Mehoopany Cafeteria Worker Level III – 4 hrs/day - \$10.75/hr – Student Days – Effective 9/2/14
 3. Approve “Retirement Incentive Payment” for Dr. Ann S. Way in accordance with her contract

<u>Committee Reports</u>

None

<u>Unfinished Business</u>

Resolution #4: A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Dr. Lane to approve the K-12 Science Curriculum. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number four in the minute book.

Resolution #5: A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Dr. Lane to approve the K-12 Math Curriculum. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number five in the minute book.

<u>New Business</u>

The TASD Visa Account Statement was provided for information purposes only.

Resolution #6: A motion was made by Mr. Weidner and seconded by Mr. Parry to approve the Bus/Van Contracts. Voting: Motion carried (6 – Yes, 1 – Abstain) - see resolution number six in the minute book.

Resolution #7: A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the Bayada Nursing Contract for the 2014-15 School Year. Voting: Motion carried (6 – Yes, 1 – No) - see resolution number seven in the minute book.

Resolution #8: A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Farr to approve the Scoreboard. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number eight in the minute book.

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Citizen Comment

Mr. Baker commented on the Dr. Way's contract and the gym.

Ms. Coolbaugh commented on the Washington Park Road security and security at the property..

Ms. Diffenbach commented on the Per Capita Tax.

Mr. Sickler commented on the current rates for security at games.

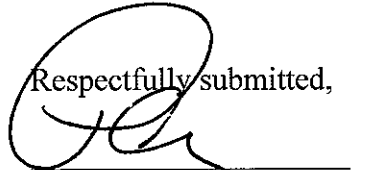
Mr. Charney read and handed out a statement (see Exhibit A attached).

A motion to adjourn was made at 8:18 PM by Mrs. Bennett and seconded by Mr. Farr. Motion carried on all ayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

<u>RESOLUTION</u> <u>#:</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>8</u>
Lori Bennett	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Abstain	No	Yes
Randy Greenip	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rob Parry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Swilley	Absent							
Kim Teeters	Absent							
Bill Weidner	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phil Farr	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Sandy Lane	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mick Cronin	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick J. O'Shea
Board Secretary

Attachments: Exhibit A and a Conflict of Interest Abstention memo for Mr. Farr

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

#1. Why do the teachers think they are entitled to a pay raise? Who cares if you have been working without a contract! In the public sector, who is getting a pay raise? Offset Manufacturing in Dallas, employees will have to take an 8% decrease in their salary, plus pay additional money for health care, and will cut or eliminate other benefits. Most teachers in this district, who have tenure, are making \$50,000+ a year, pay "minimal" health care costs, and other fringe benefits--like course work reimbursement. Who, today, pays "minimal" health care costs? No one. TA teachers should be happy they have a job. For example, if a teacher in the district is making \$50,000, have a spouse making \$30,000--that is \$80,000 a year. How many in this area make \$80,000 a year?

#2. When 32 teachers received pink slips and then rehired with salary, benefits, etc., how many non-tenured teachers were rehired? A teacher who does not have tenure can be let go--with no explanation given. After the 32 teachers were let go--the school year was successful. It is quite obvious that there is overstaffing on all levels. How will the School Board "absorb" 32 or more teachers when Evans Falls and Mill City are closed--and these students are sent to Roslund?

#3. As per Sandra Lane, who has no problem spending money by raising property/school taxes, and there is no wiggle room in the budget--this is passed on to the property owner who is already strapped--taxes raised at least three years in a row. How do senior citizens who are living on Social Security or a small pension survive with your tax increases year after year? How do those who are now unemployed or now reduced to part-time on a job, where do they get this additional tax money to continue keeping TA teachers with yearly raises?

#4. Is there anyone on this elected school board that has the guts to say--enough is enough? The school board has been elected to represent the taxpayer. It appears like it is the other way around--the board is always working for the teaching staff. This present school board may listen to the public comments/input; however, they do what they want to do anyway--like the public is not intelligent enough--and the board is wiser and must make "tough" decisions. This is nonsense!

#5. The Board is spending all of this money for "the children." The taxpayer feels that they are not getting their money's worth. How many who graduate do not know how to talk, how to dress, are ill-equipped for a job, and the majority are pushed into the college prep. curriculum. How about going back to: College Prep., General, Business, Vocational, etc. Let's be blunt, many students are not College Prep. material.

Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum

TO: Board Secretary, _____ School District
FROM: Phily C. Ferr board member
DATE: _____

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

PS Bank payment

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

I am an employee of PS Bank

Phily C. Ferr
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.