

**Tunkhannock Area School District
Board Minutes – Public Work Session/Board Meeting
January 10, 2019**

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 matters. Mr. Farr also amended the agenda to include additional items under Unfinished Business and New Business.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None.

Student Spotlight

Dr. Carroll, 7th Grade STEM Academy Principal, introduced teacher Ali Wilson who then introduced students from the 7th Grade STEM Academy’s Mixed Media Art & Drawing Classes. A power point presentation and displays of advertisements the students had created as part of a project sponsored by the Wyoming County Press Examiner were presented. The goal of the project was for students to have a real world appreciation for creating ads for local businesses using their creativity.

District Spotlight

Superintendent McPherson introduced “Buddy” a reading therapy dog, along with his handler Fran and teacher Amy Baylor who introduced the idea of a “Reading Therapy Program” in the district. Once approved, “Buddy” will be the second reading therapy dog in the district.

Enrollments

Enrollment statistics were provided for information only.

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Minutes

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

1. December 6, 2018 Board Reorganization
2. December 13, 2018 Public Work Session/Board Meeting

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 (8 – Yes 1 – No) - see resolution number two in the minute book.

1. Approval of a sabbatical leave for Employee #595 for the 2018-19 school year
2. Approval of Volunteers for the 2018-19 school year as presented. (Exhibit A Attached)
3. Approval of Bethany Cheek as Van Driver for Walters Transport
4. Approval of conference attendance as listed:

a. Rich Seaberg	Safe Schools Conference	\$819.84
b. Brendan Tomaino	Basic SRO	\$560.00

Superintendent McPherson updated the Board & Community on the following items:

- Next week the Attorney General is rolling out a new program across the state called "Safe2Say Something". This is an anonymous tip line aimed at youth violence prevention. The district is working on training for staff and students.
- On February 1 & 2, 2019, the 7th Grade STEM Academy students will be presenting "The Addams Family" as part of their Theatre Production Class. No admission will be charged, but donations will be accepted to help fund their spring production.

Shane Powers provided information on the following:

- Odors created by the welding & forging class in the Intermediate Center due to increased usage.
- Information on how work on a pipeline supporting a water pump station in the borough might affect traffic patterns and school buses within the district.

Mary Gene Eagen provided information on the following:

- A grant from the Gianna Foundation has been received and will be used to purchase a new kiln.
- The majority of the district's faculty, staff and 7th Grade Academy students have completed "Stop the Bleed" training. A grant from the Hospital Foundation will be used to purchase military grade tourniquets for emergency kits located throughout the district.

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Committee Reports

None.

Unfinished Business

Resolution # 3 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the amended agenda item rescinding the appointment of Mitch Zampetti as HVAC Tech and to repost the position. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number three in the minute book.

Resolution # 4 : A motion was made by Dr. Prebola and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the amended agenda item approving a job description for the position of HVAC Lead and to post the position. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number four in the minute book.

New Business

Resolution # 5 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the amended agenda item approving a “Climate & Interest” survey for distribution to STEM Academy students and parents. Voting: Motion carried (8 – Yes 1 – No) - see resolution number five in the minute book. (Exhibit B Attached)

Resolution # 6 : A motion was made by Mr. Swilley and seconded by Mr. Parry to approve overnight field trips as presented. Voting: Motion carried unanimously – see resolution number six in the minute book.

1. PMEA District 9 Orchestra Festival 1/9 – 1/11/19 Marywood University
2. PMEA District 9 Band Festival 1/23- 1/25/19 Pittston Area High School
3. PMEA District 9 Chorus Festival 2/6 – 2/8/19 Forest City High School
4. PMEA District IV Chorus Festival 3/20 – 3/21/19 Canton Area High School

Resolution # 7 : A motion was made by Mr. Parry and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve “Buddy”, reading therapy dog to participate in the “Reading Therapy Program” in classrooms in the district. Voting: Motion carried unanimously – see resolution number seven in the minute book.

Public Comment

None

A motion to adjourn was made at 7:57 pm by Dr. Prebola and seconded by Mr. Swilley. 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>	<u>7</u>
Holly Arnold	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Lori Bennett	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Shana Gregory	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rob Parry	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Prebola	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Swilley	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes
John Burke	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Bill Weidner	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes
Phil Farr	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes

Respectfully submitted,



Caroline Lawson
Board Secretary

Attachments: Exhibits A, B

Volunteers 1/10/19
2018-19 School Year

Last	First
Aiello*	Nick
Baltrusaitis	David
Barziloski	Angel
Drobish	Dana
Huff	Bill
Moran	Celeste
Myers*	Patricia
Patton	Melissa
Yeust	Claryton

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

Exhibit A

Exhibit B
Parents

School Climate Survey

Please complete the following questions to provide feedback regarding the school climate at the TASD STEM Academy

1. **Your name and student name (if contact is requested)**

2. **Adults working at this school treat all students respectfully**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly agree
 Agree
 Disagree
 Strongly disagree
 Other: _____

3. **Adults in this school care about my child**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
 Disagree
 Neutral
 Agree
 Strongly agree

4. **Teachers are available when I need to talk to them**

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
 Disagree
 Neutral
 Agree
 Strongly agree

5. It is easy to talk with teachers at this school*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Other: _____

6. My child feels safe at this school*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

7. My child enjoys school*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

8. My child feels comfortable in expressing his or her opinion in school*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

9. There are many different opportunities for my child in this school outside of class (clubs, sports, and extra-curricular activities)*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

10. My child is happy to be at this school

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

11. The curriculum, activities and seminar lessons (service learning project, drug and alcohol, Junior Achievement, STEM Field Experience, & CPR/Stop the Bleed) have been valuable experiences for my child.

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

12. Please list any concerns regarding the STEM Academy

13. Please list anything you like about the STEM Academy

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Students

School Climate Survey

Please complete the following questions to provide feedback regarding the school climate at the TASD STEM Academy

1. Adults working at this school treat all students respectfully

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Other: _____

2. Adults in this school care about me

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

3. Teachers are available when I need to talk to them

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

4. It is easy to talk with teachers at this school

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Disagree
- Strongly disagree
- Other: _____

5. I feel safe at this school*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
 Disagree
 Neutral
 Agree
 Strongly agree

6. Students respect one another at this school*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
 Disagree
 Neutral
 Agree
 Strongly agree

7. I enjoy coming to school*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
 Disagree
 Neutral
 Agree
 Strongly agree

8. I feel I have a voice in this school (class schedule and activities)*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
 Disagree
 Neutral
 Agree
 Strongly agree

9. There are many different opportunities for me in this school outside of class (clubs, sports, and extra-curricular activities)*Mark only one oval.*

- Strongly disagree
 Disagree
 Neutral
 Agree
 Strongly agree

10. In this school, I feel like I belong

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

11. I am happy to be at this school

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly disagree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- Agree
- Strongly agree

12. The curriculum, activities and seminar lessons (service learning project, drug and alcohol, Junior Achievement, STEM Field Experience, & CPR/Stop the Bleed) have been valuable experiences for me

Mark only one oval.

- Strongly agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree

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