

**Tunkhannock Area School District
Board Minutes – Public Work Session/Board Meeting
January 26, 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 7:31PM and then led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

None.

Student Spotlight

Mr. Farr turned the floor over to Mrs. Bugno. Mrs. Bugno described a scholastic competition hosted by Scranton Preparatory School in which a team from the Middle School participated for the first time. She thanked and congratulated the team and their advisor Mr. McDonald on making it through the first two rounds. Mrs. Bugno recognized Mr. McDonald and presented the 3 team members Meghan Keiser, Emily Rickaby and Robert Rustay with award certificates.

Mr. Farr turned the floor over to Mrs. Donowski to announce the winners of the Art Competition. Mrs. Donowski thanked all of the teachers and students that helped with and participated in the event. She also thanked Dr. Way and her brother and sister-in-law John & Kay Simons for their generous gifts that funded the awards. Mrs. Donowski announced the following winners:

Judges Awards:

High School	Rachel Caudell
Middle School	Heidi Knoss
Elementary	Jamie Booth

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Viewer's Choice Awards:

Level	1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
High School	Sophie Burke	Charlesie Rowles	Lauren Hughes
Middle School	Jillian Landon	Emma Ergott	Nevaeh Cook
Elementary	Eliza Talcott	Isabella Foust	Ally Kimeleski

Mrs. Donowski closed by thanked the Board and Administration for their support of the arts.

Enrollments

Enrollments were provided for information.

Minutes

Mr. Swilley pointed out that his name was missing from the list of Board members present at the 12/22/2016 Public Hearing.

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

1. Minutes/transcript of the December 22, 2016 Public Hearing on possible school closures/grade realignment (as amended to add Mr. Swilley's name to the list of Board Members in attendance).
2. Minutes of the January 12, 2017 Public Work Session/Board Meeting.

Business & Finance

Resolution # 2 : A motion was made by Mr. Swilley and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the Business & Finance items listed below. Voting: Motion carried unanimously (Mr. Weidner abstained from item Tyler Hospital bills) - see resolution number two in the minute book.

1. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve 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. Activities Accounts

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- l. Community Funded Sports Account
- m. Pre K Funds
- n. General Fund Checking Account
2. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve payrolls as presented:
 - a. District

December 9, 2016	\$795,095.95
December 22, 2016	\$871,865.88
 - b. Cafeteria

December 9, 2016	\$ 27,514.59
December 22, 2016	\$ 36,225.26
 - c. Title I

December 9, 2016	\$ 14,041.66
December 22, 2016	\$ 14,191.66
3. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to ratify wire transfers as presented.
4. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to ratify district bills as presented in the amount of \$819,433.58
5. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve bills as presented:
 - a. District - \$446,745.51
 - b. Cafeteria - \$133,122.14
6. Recommend that a resolution be adopted to approve district financial reports as presented.

<i>Superintendent's Report</i>

Resolution # 3 : A motion was made by Mr. Burke 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.

1. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve the resignation of Rich Appleby, Junior High Head Football Coach.
2. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve the retirement of John Nye, Middle School Custodian.
3. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve the retirement of Carol Harvey, High School Cafeteria Worker.
4. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve the leave of Rebecca Tonge, Middle School Special Education Teacher.
5. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve Aaron Keich as Girls Head Track Coach for the 2016-17 school year at a salary of \$3,750.00. Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances and TB testing are on file in the Superintendent's Office.
6. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve the appointment of support staff substitute George Murray. Act 34, 114 and 151 clearances and TB testing are on file in the Superintendent's Office.

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7. Recommended that a resolution be adopted to approve 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)

Committee Reports

Ad-Hoc (Building Closure) Committee: Mr. Farr stated that there would be additional meetings to discuss potential school closings to be held at Evans Falls Elementary on February 2nd from 7-9PM and then at Mehoopany on February 13th from 7-9PM.

Unfinished Business

None

New Business

Mr. Farr announced that the TASD Visa Account statement was in the packet for information.

Resolution # 4 : A motion was made by Mr. Swilley and seconded by Mr. Weidner to approve the contract between the Tunkhannock Area School District and K12 Services, Inc. for third party procurement specialist services for the procurement of school food service commercial and commodity foods and supplies in accordance with the Le-Nor-Co Purchasing Cooperative Request for Proposals for a term of three (3) years at \$0.015 per meals served, as determined by the data reported to the Pennsylvania Department of Education School Food & Nutrition Division on the YTD & Monthly Eligibility Report). Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number four in the minute book.

Resolution # 5 : A motion was made by Mr. Weidner and seconded by Mr. Burke to approve budget of the Luzerne Intermediate Unit #18 for the fiscal year July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number five in the minute book.

Resolution # 6 : A motion was made by Mr. Weidner and seconded by Mr. Swilley to approve/accept the donation of a 2000 Buick Century by Mr. Cory Ray to the Tunkhannock Area School District for use in the Automotive Technology Program. Voting: Motion carried unanimously - see resolution number six in the minute book.

Public Comment

Mr. Baker commented on the LIU #18 Budget.

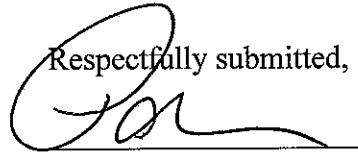
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A motion to adjourn was made at 7:50 pm by Mr. Greenip and seconded by Mrs. Bennett.
Motion carried on all ayes.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

Respectfully submitted,



Patrick J. O'Shea
Board Secretary

Attachments: Exhibit A and a Conflict of Interest Letter from Mr. Weidner

Conflict of Interest Abstention Memorandum

TO: Board Secretary, TUNKHANNOCK AREA School District
FROM: Bill Weidner board member
DATE: 1-26-17

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

TYLER HOSPITAL

My conflict/reason for abstaining is as follows:

EMPLOYER

William Weidner
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.