

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES
February 20, 2017

The Tussey Mountain School Board met for general purposes on February 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, 199 Front Street, Saxton, PA. Board members present were Melanie Gresko, Brenda Folk, Jim Hodge, Roy McCabe, newly appointed member John Baughman, Vivian Foster, Suzanne Detterline, and Aaron Martin. Administrators present were Mark Bollman, Jerry Shoemake, Matt McCahan, and Wayland Heath. Press present was Ron Morgan – Daily News and Tina Walker-Lay – Bedford Gazette. Also present was Deb Baughman, Eva Beth Sitchko, and Ben Gutshall.

Board President Aaron Martin called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Tom Arnold was absent

Jim Hodge led the Pledge of Allegiance.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

Meetings held since January's meeting:

- Policy & Curriculum Committee Meeting January 26, 2017
- Work Session February 13, 2017

Motion by Aaron Martin seconded by Roy McCabe to appoint John Baughman as Board Director for the vacant position in Area III effective February 20, 2017.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

Lisa Rankin performed the swearing in of Mr. Baughman as Board Director.

The Tussey Mountain School Board of Education has reviewed and discussed, at length, the items listed on the consent agenda at their monthly work session. All Directors were in agreement that these items are approvable by a consent agenda and require no further discussion.

Motion by Aaron Martin seconded by Melanie Gresko to approve items 1 through 11 listed on the consent agenda:

Consent Agenda

1. Approve the minutes from the January 2017 meeting
2. Approve February 17, 2017 as a make-up day for February 9, 2017 missed due to inclement weather.
3. Approve the following conference requests, conditioned on availability of substitutes (if applicable), as recommended by the Administration:

STAFF MEMBER	WKSHP/CONF	PLACE	DATE(S)	COST
Andrea Watkins Anna Collare	Penn-Del AER Conference	Harrisburg	4/26-28/17	Mlg. (carpooling); Meals; \$100 Each Regist.; \$257.40 Lodging; Subs
Nikki Gephart	Social-Emotional Learning Conference	Harrisburg	3/13/17	Expenses paid by 21 st Century Grant
Lisa Rankin	PDE Data Summit (PIMS)	Hershey	3/12-15/17	Mlg/tolls; Meals; \$300 Regist.;

4. Approve the following field trip/academic trip requests, conditioned upon the availability of substitute teachers, as recommended by the Administration:

GROUP	SUPERVISOR	DESTINATION	DATE	PURPOSE	COST
Gr. 8-12	Amanda Adams	IUP	3/25/17	Foreign Lang. Competition	Transp.; \$10/student Regist.
Gr. 10-11	Kathy Wood, Megan Schneider	Mount Aloysius	3/16/17	Tour college	No District Cost; reimbursed by Mt. Aloysius
Gr. 11-12	Kathy Wood Megan Schneider	Holiday Inn Express, Breezewood	2/22/17	Steps to Success (Improve employable skills and learn about businesses in Bedford County)	Transp.
Gr. 9	Kathy Wood Megan Schneider	Bedford Vo Tech	2/15/17	Explore careers offered	Transp
Gr. 10-11	Sarah Johnson	Curwensville HS	2/23- 25/17	Region Chorus	Students: Transp (drop off only); Music; Sara: Mlg; \$95+tax per night Lodging
Jr High Scholastic Team	Chris Carrier	IU8 Altoona	Feb. 8, 22; Mar. 6	Competition	Transp.
4 Band Students	Adam Runk	Richland HS	Mar. 22- 24	Region Band	Students: Transp (drop off only); \$140 Regist./student (includes lodging); Adam: Mlg; Lodging
Reading Competition students	Sonya Browell, Melissa Hinish, Danielle Lynn, Lori Arcq, Melanie Bear	Claysburg Kimmel HS	Mar. 30	Reading Competition	Transp; Meals (\$3/student and chaperone)

5. Approve homebound instruction for a student for a medical reason for the time period stated at the request of the attending physician.
6. Accept the December 2016 Student Activity Fund Report, reflecting a cumulative balance of \$90,442.12
7. Approve the List of Payments as funds are available

District				
Blanchetti, Tom		Driver's Ed	12/14,16,19,21	\$ 102.38
Rodgers, Kim		Trans Cncl Mtg	9/21,10/19,11/16,12/21	\$ 91.00
Snyder, Amy		Detention	12/21/2017	\$ 56.88
Lazor, Kelly		Homebound	11/2-1/12 (47.5 hrs)	\$ 1,080.63
Rankin, Lisa		3 Board Mtgs	12/7,1/9,1/16	\$ 156.00

21st Century				
Bowser, Kim		Tutor	1/2,4	\$ 56.88
Bowser, Kim		Tutor	1/9,11,18	\$ 136.50
Bussick, Lois		Tutor	1/19/2017	\$ 22.75
Claycomb, Julie		Tutor	1/18/2017	\$ 22.75
Detwiler, Megan		Tutor	1/9,17	\$ 45.50
Ebersole, Doug		Tutor	1/5/2017	\$ 22.75
Ebersole, Doug		Tutor	1/12,20	\$ 45.50
Elder, Sarah		Tutor	1/3, 1/5	\$ 113.75
Elder, Sarah		Tutor	1/12,17,19	\$ 182.00

McDonald, Pam		Tutor	1/9/2017	\$ 22.75
Morningstar, Valerie		Tutor	1/5/2017	\$ 56.88
Morningstar, Valerie		Tutor	1/4/2017	\$ 22.75
Morningstar, Valerie		Tutor	1/11/2017	\$ 22.75
Morse, Bradley		Tutor	1/3,4	\$ 51.19
Morse, Bradley		Tutor	1/11,17,18	\$ 113.75

8. Approve the following purchase order (s) for the 2016-17 school year as recommended by the Administration:

PO #	Vendor	Item Description	Amount	Paid By
108	J.W. Pepper & Son, Inc.	Music for County, Concert, and Jazz Band	\$468.90	General Fund
109	The Tree House	6 Printer Cartridges (HS)	\$183.70	General Fund

9. Approve the following building use requests, conditioned on compliance with the district's Use of Facilities Policy No. 707. Building use is being recommended with the understanding that school district events take precedence over outside organization usage:

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Learning Lamp to use the Library on Feb. 15, 2017 (5:00 – 6:00 p.m.) for an Emergency Certification Seminar, with Kelly Burgan as supervisor.
- TMHS PRIDE Team to use the Gymnasium on Mar. 11, 2017 for a Winter Formal Dance to benefit the Jr and Sr High PRIDE initiative, with Katie Stoudnour as supervisor. Jr High dance will be held 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.; Sr high dance will be held 7:30 – 10:00 p.m.
- Sassy Spinnerz Baton Corp. to use the parking lot for twirling practice during some evenings beginning April and ending in October 2017 (10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.), with Ashley Smouse as supervisor.
- Saxton Little League to use the VFW field, high school baseball field and/or Auxiliary Gym for practice from Mar. – Jun 2017 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.), with Mat Stoudnour as supervisor with the understanding that no hard balls or cleats will be used inside the building.

SAXTON LIBERTY ELEMENTARY:

- The Incredible Years group to use the Library, Art Room, and a classroom from Jan. – Mar. 2017 (5:30 – 8:00 p.m.) one night per week for Advanced Parenting classes, with Jamie Villa and Christina Watkins as supervisors.
- Saxton Little League to use the Gymnasium for practice from Mar. – Jun 2017 (6:30 – 8:00 p.m.), with Mat Stoudnour as supervisor with the understanding that no hard balls or cleats will be used.
- PTA to use the Gymnasium for a Father/Daughter, Mother/Son Dance (grades K-6) on Mar. 24, 2017 (5:00 – 9:00 p.m.), with Michele Weaver as supervisor.

ROBERTSDALE ELEMENTARY:

- TM Jr High Softball team to use the Gymnasium from Mar. – May 2017 (3:45 – 5:45 p.m.), with Sandy Kay Rickabaugh as supervisor with the understanding that no hard balls or cleats will be used inside the building. Team members will ride to and from Robertsdale on a regular run so there will be no additional transportation cost.

DEFIANCE ELEMENTARY:

- Fran Jenkins and Tracey Williams to use the Gymnasium or a classroom on Tuesdays and Wednesdays (3:30 – 4:30 p.m.) for exercise classes.
- PTA to use the Cafeteria on Feb. 16, 2017 (5:00 – 7:00 p.m.) for a Family Spaghetti Dinner/Bingo, with Sandy Kay Rickabaugh as supervisor.
- PTA to use the Cafeteria on Mar. 8, 2017 (6:00 – 7:00 p.m.) for a Science Fair, with Sandy Kay Rickabaugh as supervisor.

10. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the Tussey Mountain School District and the following entities to be used as a safe haven in case of an emergency:

- Six Mile Run Fire Hall
- Robertsdale Fire Hall
- Broad Top Township Municipal Building
- Saxton Fire Hall
- First Church of God
- Six Mile Run United Methodist Church
- Robertsdale Church of God
- Stonerstown Church of the Brethren
- Church of God Tabernacle
- Saxton Community Library

11. Approve the following policy revisions as recommended by the Policy & Curriculum Committee:
- Policy No. 810.1 (Tobacco Use – Bus Drivers)
 - Policy No. 903 (Public Participation in Board Meetings)

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

M.C.

POLICY & CURRICULUM

Motion by Melanie Gresko seconded by Brenda Folk to approve the following field trip/academic trip requests, conditioned upon the availability of substitute teachers, as recommended by the Administration:

GROUP	SUPERVISOR	DESTINATION	DATE	PURPOSE	COST
Grade 2 (all bldgs.)	2 nd Grade Teachers	Old Bedford Village	5/11/17	Living History/Traditional Crafts	No District Cost
French Students	Amanda Adams	Johnstown	3/25/17	APPLES foreign language competition	Transp; \$10/student Regist.
Defiance Elementary (all grades)	Teachers/Aides	Altoona Jaffa Mosque	4/11/17	Circus (Jaffa is closing so this will be last trip to circus)	No District Cost

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous

BUDGET

Motion by Vivian Foster seconded by Roy McCabe to approve a request from Robertsdale Church of God to exempt real estate tax on the property they lease from Irvin Swope. School real estate tax for this year is \$260.57.

There was a short discussion on this motion before the vote.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous vote of Naye

M.L.

Motion by Vivian Foster seconded by Roy McCabe to approve the following building use requests, conditioned on compliance with the district’s Use of Facilities Policy No. 707. Building use is being recommended with the understanding that school district events take precedence over outside organization usage:

HIGH SCHOOL:

- AYSO to use the high school grounds for practice (weekdays) and games (weekends) Mar. 14 – Jun. 30, 2017 (6:00 – 8:30 p.m.), with Chantell Ritchey as supervisor.
- AYSO to use the Cafeteria for a parent meeting on Mar. 13, 2017 (6:30 – 8:30 p.m.), with Chantell Ritchell as supervisor.

SAXTON LIBERTY ELEMENTARY:

- AYSO to use the football field from Mar. 14 – Jun 30, 2017 (6:00 – 8:00 p.m.) for soccer practice and games, with Chantell Ritchey as supervisor.
- PTA to use the Cafeteria with 2 or 3 tables for a Spring Fundraiser pickup on April 5, 2017 (after school), with Kristal Miller as supervisor.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

M.C.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Vivian Foster to approve the following bona fide volunteers hired for the position listed at the nominal stipend stated for 2016-17, conditioned on submission and approval of required documentation (if applicable):

Annette Chadwick	Volunteer Drama Advisor	
Kasey Kuhns	Head Baseball Coach	\$3,310.00
Matt McCahan	Assistant Baseball Coach	\$2,429.00
Kevin Reed	Volunteer Baseball Coach	
Dave Leonard	Volunteer Baseball Coach	
Rob Reed	Volunteer Baseball Coach	
Mike Villa	Volunteer Baseball Coach	
Paul Brumbaugh	Head Tennis Coach	\$3,310.00
Dan Brode	Assistant Tennis Coach	\$2,429.00
Casey Flaherty	Head Track Coach	\$3,310.00
Chris Carrier	Assistant Track Coach	\$2,429.00
Megan Detwiler	Assistant Track Coach	\$2,429.00
Josh Smith	Assistant Track Coach	\$2,429.00
Amber Yutzky	Volunteer Track Coach	
Garett Cloud	Volunteer Track Coach	
Jordan Kaminsky	Volunteer Track Coach	
Adrienne Angelo	Volunteer Softball Coach	
Brad Brumbaugh	Assistant Softball Coach	\$2,429.00
Larry Clark	Assistant Softball Coach	\$2,429.00
Chelsey Hughes	Volunteer Softball Coach	
Jason Weaver	Volunteer Softball Coach	
Rodney Brumbaugh (originally Josh Smith)	Game Manager	\$1,100.00

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

M.C.

INFORMATION: As a result of the resignation of the district’s School Psychologist, we are required to utilize the services of a certified licensed School Psychologist to perform individual evaluations on students. We have two separate options available to get us through in the next two motions.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Roy McCabe to approve an agreement with IU8 to provide school psychological services for 2016-17 at a daily rate of \$753.16 per day.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Brenda Folk to approve utilizing Jaime Irvin, a School Psychologist, for evaluations of students for 2016-17 at a cost of \$950.00 per IEP, as recommended by the Administration, conditioned on submission and approval of required documentation.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Brenda Folk to approve Laurel Keegan to complete her practicum for Education Administration with Wayland Heath during June and July.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Roy McCabe to approve the following request(s) for leave without pay for reasons acceptable to the Administration:

Lysbeth Allison – 1 day

Cathy Knee – 10 days

Elva Jean Fisher – 2

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Roy McCabe to accept a resignation letter from Rena Drenning as Head Soccer Coach effective immediately.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Roy McCabe to approve the list of 2017 Board Committees as presented by Board President Aaron Martin.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous

M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Vivian Foster to hire Jacque Hummel for the position of School Psychologist effective as soon as feasible under the terms and conditions provided in the Act 93 Administrative Contract at a beginning salary of \$58,000 (pro-rated), conditioned on submission and approval of required documentation.

Roll Call Vote

M.C.

Ayes: Folk, Hodge, McCabe, Baughman, Foster, Detterline, Martin

Nays: Gresko

The Principals provided their monthly reports.

Melanie requested a report from the School Resource Officer at one of the upcoming meetings.

With no further business to discuss, Roy McCabe made a motion to adjourn at 7:37 p.m. seconded by Brenda Folk with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Rankin
Secretary