

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES
January 15, 2018

The Tussey Mountain School Board of Education held a regular meeting for general purposes on January 15, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, 199 Front Street, Saxton. Board members present were Roy McCabe, John Baughman, Jimmy Hodge, Suzanne Detterline, Jim Hodge, Adam Baker, and Melanie Gresko. Administrators present were Dr. Gary Dawson, Jerry Shoemake, Janelle Henderson, Matt McCahan, and Wayland Heath. Press present was Ron Morgan (Daily News) and Katie Smolen (Bedford Gazette). Also present was Aaron Martin. Harry Watkins arrived at 7:10 p.m.

Board President Melanie Gresko called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Brenda Folk was absent.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Roy McCabe.

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

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 Melanie Gresko seconded by Roy McCabe to approve items 1 through 4 listed on the consent agenda:

Consent Agenda

1. 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
Sonya Browell	PDE Committee: CDT Item Review Reading & Literature	State College	Jan. 29 - Feb. 2, 2018	DRC/PDE pays all expenses
Megan Schneider	Chapter 339 Plan	IU8 Altoona	Mar. 19, 2018	No District Cost
Stephen Long	Autism Consortium: Aspergers Syndrome	IU8 Ebensburg	Mar. 5, 2018	No District Cost
Amy Snyder	PETE&C	Hershey	Feb. 12-14, 2018	Expenses paid by Title II

2. Approve utilizing January 15, 2018 as a make-up day for January 5, 2018 when school was closed due to frigid weather.
3. Approve the List of Payments as funds are available
4. 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:

- Cub Scout Pack 471 to use the new gymnasium on March 17 (8:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.) for a Pine Wood Derby with Corie Taylor as supervisor.

- TM Youth Baseball to use the cafeteria for registration on Jan. 28 (2:00 – 3:00 p.m.), with Jodie Kormanski as supervisor.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

POLICY & CURRICULUM

Motion by Melanie Gresko second by Roy McCabe to approve adding an account to the Student Activity Fund titled Indoor Soccer Club, as requested by Breann McCahan. This club will be no cost to the district.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

Motion by Melanie Gresko second by Roy McCabe to approve the following field/academic trip request(s), conditioned on availability of substitutes (if applicable):

GROUP	SUPERVISOR	DESTINATION	DATE	PURPOSE	COST
Gr. 10-12 Special Ed students	Mrs. Rodgers, Mrs. McCool	Lampire Biological Laboratories	Jan. 30	Job Opportunities	CareerLink is paying all expenses except sub.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

BUDGET

John Baughman provided a power point presentation on the district budget.

Motion by John Baughman second by Roy McCabe to approve a Resolution for the 2018-19 General Fund Budget verifying that the District will not raise real estate taxes above the allowable 3.5% index established by Act 1.

Roll Call Vote M.C.
 Ayes: Baughman, Watkins, Jimmy, Detterline, Jim, Baker, Gresko
 Nays: McCabe

Motion by John Baughman second by Roy McCabe to approve the following purchase for 2017-18:

PO #	Vendor	Item Description	Amount	Paid By
92	Hasler, Inc.	Ink cartridge for postage meter (HS Ofc)	\$134.40	General Fund
94	Firefly Computers	100 Chromebooks	\$22,975.00	\$4,650.00 Lowe's Grant; \$17,975.00 Rural & Low Income Grant; \$350.00 General Fund

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

Motion by John Baughman second by Roy McCabe to adopt a resolution opposing Senate Bill 2, which will result in decreased funding for public school districts.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

There were discussions on the following topics:

- 5th & 6th grade field trips
- Committee meeting dates
- Website (Aptegy)

PERSONNEL

Motion by Suzanne Detterline second by Roy McCabe to approve the following bona-fide volunteers being hired for the position listed at the nominal stipend stated for 2017-18, conditioned on submission and approval of required documentation (if applicable):

Glen Snyder	Assistant Softball Coach	\$2,465.00
Chelsea Hughes	Assistant Softball Coach	\$2,465.00
Mason Replogle	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	
James Leabhart	Volunteer Elementary Wrestling Coach	

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline second by Jimmy Hodge to accept, with regret, a letter of resignation from Jennifer Folk, part-time After School Aide at Tussey Mountain Elementary, effective January 12, 2018.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline second by Roy McCabe to approve the following person(s) to be added to the list of substitute support staff for the 2017-18 school year, conditioned on submission and approval of required documentation:

Penny Swope

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline second by Harry Watkins to accept a letter of employment termination from Jacque Hummel, School Psychologist, effective February 2, 2018.

Roll Call Vote M.C.

Ayes: Baughman, Watkins, Jimmy, Detterline, Jim, Baker, Gresko

Nays: McCabe

With no further business to discuss, Roy McCabe made a motion to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. seconded by Jim Hodge with no objections.

Board President Melanie Gresko called for an Executive Session for Personnel at 8:18 p.m. that lasted until 8:43 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Lisa M. Rankin
Secretary