

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES
January 16, 2017

The Tussey Mountain School Board met for general purposes on January 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administrative Conference Room, 199 Front Street, Saxton, PA immediately following the Elementary Student of the Month presentations. Board members present were Brenda Folk, Jim Hodge, Tom Arnold, Roy McCabe, Vivian Foster, Suzanne Detterline, Melanie Gresko, Aaron Martin, and Student Board Representative Trenton Husick. Administrators present were Mark Bollman, Jerry Shoemake, Janell Henderson, Wayland Heath, and Matt McCahan. Press present was Ron Morgan - Daily News. Also present was John Baughman and Eva Beth Sitchko.

ROLL CALL: Jeremy Wyles resigned as of January 1, 2017.

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vivian Foster.

PUBLIC COMMENT: There was no public comment.

Meetings Held Since Last Meeting:

- 12/22/16 Policy & Curriculum

Board President Aaron Martin called the meeting to order at 7:20 p.m.

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 Tom Arnold to approve items 1 through 11 listed on the consent agenda:

Consent Agenda

1. Approve the minutes from the December 2016 meeting
2. Approve revisions to the following policies as recommended by the Policy & Curriculum Committee:
 - Policy 807 Opening Exercises/Flag Displays
 - Policy 808 Food Services
3. 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
Yearbook students	Mr. Thompson	Penn State, State College	3/29/17	State Journalism Competition	Expenses paid for by Yearbook Account
JH/SH Envirothon Teams	Sarah Elder OR Toby Horsh	Tenley Park, Everett	4/24/17	Envirothon Practice	Transp; Sub
4 Band Students	Adam Runk	Westmont Hilltop HS	2/8/17	District Band	Students: Transp (drop off only); \$140/student Regist. (includes lodging, etc.; Mr. Runk: Mlg; \$200.56 lodging; Sub
Defiance	Classroom	Robertsdale Elem.	1/24/17	Music performance	No District Cost (paid by

PK - 6 students	Teachers (Corie Taylor coordinator)			(Simple Gifts)	grant/PTA)
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4. Approve Homebound Instruction for a student for medical reasons as requested by the attending physician.
5. Accept the October 2016 Activity Fund Report, reflecting a cumulative balance of \$86,208.95 and the November 2016 Activity Fund Report, reflecting a cumulative balance of \$86,492.18
6. Approve the List of Payments as funds are available

District				
Blanchetti, Tom		Driver's Ed	11/4,7,8,9,14-17	\$ 273.00
Blanchetti, Tom		Driver's Ed	11/30,12/1,2,5,7,9,12,13	\$ 284.38
Elder, Sarah		Detention	11/16,30	\$ 113.75
Elder, Sarah		Detention	12/7,12,14,19	\$ 227.50
Flaherty, Casey		Detention	8/31,9/21,28,10/5,10,19,24,31,11/7,14	\$ 466.38
Lazor, Kelly		Detention	4-Nov	\$ 22.75
Myers, Erin		Homebound	11/1,2	\$ 68.25
Rankin, Lisa		2 Board Mtgs	11/14,21	\$ 104.00
Snyder, Amy		Detention	10/25,11/1,3,8	\$ 273.00
Snyder, Amy		Detention	11/15,22,12/1	\$ 125.13

Incredible Years				
Arcq, Lori		Childcare	Sept. 2016	\$ 40.00

SFP				
Villa, Jamie		Session1-7	11/1,8,15,22,12/7,13,20	\$ 1,330.00
Watkins, Christina		Session1-7	11/1,8,15,22,12/7,13,20	\$ 1,330.00

21st Century				
Bowser, Kim		Tutor	11/15,16,21	\$ 170.63
Bowser, Kim		Tutor	12/5,6	\$ 113.75
Bowser, Kim		Tutor	12/12,14,19,21	\$ 227.50
Detwiler, Megan		Tutor	11/14/2016	\$ 22.75
Detwiler, Megan		Tutor	12/12,13	\$ 79.63
Ebersole, Doug		Tutor	11/17/2016	\$ 22.75
Ebersole, Doug		Tutor	12/8/2016	\$ 22.75
Ebersole, Doug		Tutor	12/13,15	\$ 91.00
Elder, Sarah		Tutor	11/14,17,21	\$ 204.75
Elder, Sarah		Tutor	12.1,7,8	\$ 227.50
Elder, Sarah		Tutor	12/13,15,20,21	\$ 227.50
Flaherty, Casey		Tutor	12/13/2016	\$ 56.88
Gutshall, Julie		Tutor	12/13,21	\$ 79.63
McDonald, Pam		Tutor	11/17,22	\$ 113.75
McDonald, Pam		Tutor	12/5/2016	\$ 22.75
McDonald, Pam		Tutor	12/12/2016	\$ 22.75
Morningstar, Valerie		Tutor	11/14,15	\$ 56.88
Morningstar, Valerie		Tutor	12/7/2016	\$ 34.13
Morningstar, Valerie		Tutor	12/1,8	\$ 96.69
Morningstar, Valerie		Tutor	11/30/2016	\$ 22.75

Morningstar, Valerie		Tutor	12/20,22	\$ 79.63
Morningstar, Valerie		Tutor	12/13,14,21	\$ 102.38
Morse, Bradley		Tutor	11/15,16,22,30	\$ 187.69
Morse, Bradley		Tutor	12/7,8,9	\$ 125.13
Morse, Bradley		Tutor	12/13,14,15,19	\$ 193.38

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

PO #	Vendor	Item Description	Amount	Paid By
99	Firefly Computers	21 Chromebooks	\$3,864.00	Vernon Chaney Foundation Donation
101	Follett Library Resources	HS Math Books	\$392.40	General Fund
102	Whitlock	Smart Learning Suite Software License (Elementary)	\$1,108.80	General Fund
104	Rick Steele Professional Surveyor	Surveying Equipment (E.D.M. Tansit, Tripod, Rod and Prism Kit)	\$800.00	Equipment Grant
106	Committee for Children	Second Step Grade 3 Classroom Kit	\$389.00	General Fund

8. Approve transferring \$10,000 from the General Fund to the Athletic Fund as requested by the Athletic Director.

9. Approve a Memorandum of Understanding between the TMSD and Bedford County Children & Youth Agency to be compliant with the new ESSA (Every Student Succeeds) requirements.

10. 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:

SAXTON LIBERTY ELEMENTARY:

- TM Baseball group to use the Gymnasium for Open Gym from January 14 – Feb. 25, 2017 (9:00 – 11:00 a.m.), with Kasey Kuhns as supervisor.

HIGH SCHOOL:

- Figard Stevenson Bussing to use 2 classrooms for Bus Driver Recertification Class on January 9-10, 2017 (5:00 – 8:30 p.m.), with Karen Stevenson as supervisor.

11. 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
Paul Brumbaugh	Bedford Co. Algebra Keystone Collaboration	Chestnut Ridge HS	Feb. 2, 2017	Mlg; Sub
Karen Gaston Amy Snyder	Bedford Co. Literature Keystone Collaboration	Everett HS	Jan. 31, 2017	Mlg; Sub
Sarah Elder	Bedford Co. Biology Keystone Collaboration	Bedford HS	Feb. 7, 2017	Mlg; Sub
Tom Blanchetti Nikki Gephart	Bedford Co. Math PSSA Collaboration	Everett HS	Jan. 24, 2017	Mlg; Sub
Toby Horsh	Bedford Co. Science PSSA Collaboration	Bedford Middle School	Jan. 19, 2017	Mlg; Sub
Katie Stoudnour Nate Thompson	Bedford Co. ELA PSSA Collaboration	NBC HS	Jan. 18, 2017	Mlg; Sub
Bonnie Jenkins	PA Music Education Annual In-	Erie, PA	Apr. 20-22, 2017	\$145 Regist.

	Service Conference			
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Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

POLICY & CURRICULUM

Motion by Melanie Gresko seconded by Vivian Foster 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 1 (all buildings)	Grade 1 teachers	Altoona Curve	5/25/17	Follows Curriculum on Community Workers	No District Cost

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

BUILDING USE

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:

ROBERTSDALE ELEMENTARY:

- Broad Top Cubs Baseball group to use the playground/Gymnasium for practice on Mondays & Wednesdays, Mar. 1 thru Apr. 7 (6:00 – 7:30 p.m.), with Jack Jones as supervisor. Building use is approved with the stipulation that spikes will not be worn in the building and only soft balls will be used.

Roll Call Vote – Unanimous M.C.

BUDGET

Motion by Tom Arnold seconded by Roy McCabe to approve a Merchant Processing Service Fee Program with First National Bank that allows parents/guardians to make payments for student obligations (other than cafeteria payments) using their debit/credit cards or electronic checks. There is no cost to the district for this service. Service fees for parents/guardians is 2.95% of the payment amount OR a minimum of \$2.50 per transaction using debit/credit cards; a service fee of \$2.00 will be charged for each electronic check transaction. First National Bank has offered to provide the equipment for all four buildings at no cost to the district.

Roll Call Vote M.C.
 Ayes: Arnold, McCabe, Foster, Detterline, Martin
 Nays: Folk, Hodge, Gresko

Motion by Tom Arnold seconded by Roy McCabe to approve a Resolution for the 2017-18 General Fund Budget verifying that the District will not raise real estate taxes above the allowable 3.6% index established by Act 1.

Roll Call Vote M.C.
 Ayes: Arnold, McCabe, Foster, Detterline, Martin
 Nays: Folk, Hodge, Gresko

PERSONNEL

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Vivian Foster to accept, with regret, a resignation letter from Jeremy Wyles as School Board Director (Area III) effective January 1, 2017.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Brenda Folk to accept, with regret, a resignation letter from Dr. Megan Horsh, School Psychologist, effective January 6, 2017.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Brenda Folk to approve the following persons being hired for the position listed at the salary stated for 2016-17, conditioned on submission and approval of required documentation (if applicable):

Casey Flaherty	Co-Dept. Head (Social Studies)	\$1,211.00 Split (pro-rated)
Chris Carrier	Co-Dept. Head (Social Studies)	\$1,211.00 Split (pro-rated)
Sandy Kay Rickabaugh	Head Softball Coach	\$3,310.00
Glenn Snyder	Assistant Softball Coach	\$2,429.00
Mike Villa	Assistant Wrestling Coach (formerly approved as Volunteer)	\$3,310.00
Chris Carrier	Volunteer Wrestling Coach	(formerly approved as Assistant)
Matthew Duvall	Elementary Wrestling Coach	
Brandon Phennicie	Elementary Wrestling Coach	
Robert Foster	Elementary Wrestling Coach	
Brian Gibbons	Volunteer HS Wrestling Coach	
Shawn Husick	Volunteer HS Wrestling Coach	
Richard Hughes	Volunteer Boys Basketball Coach	
Barb Hoover	Volunteer Drama Coach	
Zach Chamberlain	Volunteer Drama Coach	
Willie Pearson	Volunteer Drama Coach	
Christian Neville	Volunteer Drama Coach	

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 a reason acceptable to the Administration:

Natasha Zdrosky - 1/2 day

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Vivian Foster to approve the revised contract between the TMSB and the Superintendent's Office Personnel reflecting the retirement of Brenda Bowser and hiring of Jessica Thompson.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Vivian Foster to approve a request from Sharon Aller to extend Bereavement Leave (unpaid) for an additional four (4) days due to the death of her husband.

Roll Call Vote

M.C.

Ayes: Hodge, Arnold, McCabe, Foster, Detterline, Gresko, Martin

Nays: Folk

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Roy McCabe to approve Adriane Angelo to complete a required 30 hour professional development activity (observation) from Lock Haven University with Kim Donaldson during the 2016-17 school year, conditioned on submission and approval of required documentation.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous

M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Vivian Foster to approve Family Medical Leave for an employee for up to twelve (12) weeks.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous

M.C.

With no further business to discuss, Roy McCabe made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m. seconded by Tom Arnold with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Rankin
Secretary