

TUSSEY MOUNTAIN SCHOOL BOARD
MEETING FOR GENERAL PURPOSES

July 24, 2017
7:00 p.m.

The Tussey Mountain School Board of Education met for general purposes on July 24, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. Board members present were Jim Hodge, Tom Arnold, Roy McCabe, John Baughman, Vivian Foster, Suzanne Detterline, Melanie Gresko, Brenda Folk, and Aaron Martin. Administrators present were Rick Heath, Wayland Heath, Jerry Shoemake, Matt McCahan, and Janell Henderson. Press present was Katie Smolen – Bedford Gazette and Ron Morgan – Daily News. Also present was Attorney Robin Binder Heath, Celeste Snyder, Bonnie Jenkins, Eva Sichko, Amanda Thompson, Carrie Goetz, Lauren Bishop, Heather Raycroft, Brenda Cornelius, Brittany Buterbaugh, Deb Park, Jeanett Myers, Angie Husick, Jamie Villa, Crystal Mohlman, Pam McDonald, Brian Brode, Jason Holsinger, Tracey Williams, Christie Giffin, Brittney Coy, Candi Mills, Sarah Morrow, Donna McCabe, Dorian and Bradley Morse, Melissa Hinich, Paul and Anita Brumbaugh, Stacey Shaw, Dulce Dick, Kim Fockler, Ashley Fockler, Angela Witters, Donna White, Andrea Watkins, Charles Martin, Jr., Donna Black, Devin Black, Elizabeth Miller, Luke Melius, Christina Watkins, Stephanie Horton, Morgan Stoudnour, Davina Wiczorek, Kaylin Gambol, Lois Bussick, Donna Brown, Ruth Figard, Karen Stevenson, Keith Stevenson, Amy Martin, Cheri Mykut, Fran Jenkins, Sabrina Snyder, Zach and Jen Trreece, Corie Taylor, Michael Brode, Peggy Bottenfield, Layne Bottonfield, Rebeca Mills, Terri Gracey, and Whitney Martin.

Board President Aaron Martin called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call was taken followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Roy McCabe.

PUBLIC COMMENT: Harry Watkins asked if the district had an estimated savings if both buildings close other than the dollar amount provided in the architect’s report. Lisa replied that there would be an estimated savings of almost \$939,000. He asked if school would start on schedule if the buildings closed. Rick replied that a motion would be acted on to extend the students first day by one day if needed. He also asked if the budget would be re-opened if the buildings closed. Lisa replied that she was waiting for a response from PDE as to whether the budget could be re-opened.

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 Roy McCabe to approve items 1 through 11 listed on the consent agenda:

Consent Agenda

1. Approve the minutes from the June 27, 2017 meeting
2. Approve the minutes from the June 12, 2017 Special Meeting
3. Approve the following policy revisions/additions as recommended by the Policy & Curriculum Committee:
 - Policy No. 203 – Communicable Diseases and Immunization
 - Policy No. 819 – Suicide Awareness, Prevention and Response
 - Policy No. 828 – Anti-Fraud
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
MarchingBand	Bonnie Jenkins	Broad Top City	9/2/17	Labor Day Parade Performance	Transp
Marching Band	Bonnie Jenkins	Saxton	10/28/17	Halloween Parade Performance	Transp
Marching Band	Bonnie Jenkins	Everett HS	TBD	Bedford Co. Band Show	Transp

5. Accept the May 2017 Athletic Fund Report, reflecting a cumulative balance of \$8,891.64
6. Accept the May 2017 Activity Fund Report, reflecting a cumulative balance of \$87,267.40
7. Approve the List of Payments as funds are available

District			
Adams, Amanda	Canvas	6/1/2017	\$ 227.50
Blanchetti, Tom	Driver's Ed	4/24,5/8,22,23,31,6/6,7,8	\$ 659.75
Blanchetti, Tom	Driver's Ed	6/13-15,6/20-22	\$ 796.25
Browell, Sonya	On-line Prep	8/23-26,10/30,31,1/15-17, 3/26,27	\$ 1,114.75
Claycomb, Julie	Summer School	June 12-27	\$ 1,160.25
Donaldson, Kim	Grant Incentive	6/1/2017	\$ 430.00
Elder, Sarah	Detention	5/8,15,22	\$ 125.13
Husick, Angie	Everett Trans Night	27-Apr	\$ 84.18
Lazor, Kelly	Homebound	March, April, May 2017	\$ 1,478.75
Lynn, Danielle	Detention	5/31/2017	\$ 22.75
Myers, Lindsey	Sec. Testing	5/30/2017	\$ 68.25
Rankin, Lisa	Meetings	3/21-6/15	\$ 676.00
Rodgers, Kim	Trans. Council	1/18,3/15,4/19	\$ 68.25
Snyder, Amy	Detention	5/16/2017	\$ 79.63
Stoudnour, Katie	Detention	11/17,1/5,12,19,3/2,16,27,4/20,5/4	\$ 511.88

21st Century			
Bowser, Kim	Tutor	5/18/2017	\$ 56.88
Bussick, Lois	Tutor	5/15, 5/22	\$ 45.50
Claycomb, Julie	Tutor	5/18/2017	\$ 56.88
Ebersole, Doug	Tutor	5/18/2017	\$ 45.50
Elder, Sarah	Tutor	5/16,18,23,24,25	\$ 284.38
Morningstar, Valerie	Tutor	5/25/2017	\$ 22.75
Morningstar, Valerie	Tutor	5/16,18,24	\$ 91.00
Morse, Bradley	Tutor	5/16,17,18,23,24,25	\$ 233.19

8. Approve a quote from Suter Fencing, Inc. to purchase and install a new fence/gate at Saxton Liberty Elementary in the amount of \$2,456.80 to accommodate bus drop off and pick up behind the building beginning with 2017-18.
9. Approve the transfer of \$15,000 to the Athletic Fund to help cover the following upcoming expenses:

Football equipment and supplies	\$4,000
Football reconditioning	\$2,000
Golf, Soccer, Volleyball supplies	\$3,000
Paint for fields	\$2,500
Officials	\$8,000
10. Acknowledge approval of PlanCon Part K by the PA Department of Education for the Issuance of General Obligation Bonds, Series of 2017 as a result of refinancing of Series of 2012.
11. 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:

- Boys basketball team to use the gym for open gym every Wednesday from 7/26/ - 9/27 and every Monday/Wednesday from 10//2 - 11/13 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m., with Jeff Swope as supervisor.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous

M.C.

Vivian Foster provided a short Legislative Report concerning a cyber/charter school bill being acted on.

POLICY & CURRICULUM

Motion by Melanie Gresko seconded by Tom Arnold to curtail the Cabinetry Making Vocational Program effective with the 2017-18 school year due to both low enrollment and the resignation of the certified instructor.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous

M.C.

BUILDING/BUDGET

Motion by Aaron Martin seconded by Tom Arnold to close Defiance Elementary and Robertsdale Elementary buildings effective at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year.

Roll Call Vote

M.C.

Ayes: Arnold, Baughman, Detterline, Gresko, Folk, Martin

Nays: Hodge, McCabe, Foster

Rick Heath provided a plan of action to be taken that was developed and encouraged those in attendance to ask questions if they have any. Aaron asked when we would know if the calendar will be changed. Rick responded by mid-August to allow plenty of notice to parents and staff. Melanie asked if one day would be enough to delay the start of school. Rick responded that it was.

Motion by Aaron Martin seconded by Melanie Gresko to reconfigure the Junior High School to a Middle School for grades 5 - 8.

Roll Call Vote

M.C.

Ayes: Hodge, Arnold, Baughman, Foster, Detterline, Gresko, Folk, Martin

Nays: McCabe

Motion by Aaron Martin seconded by Suzanne Detterline to change the name of Saxton Liberty Elementary to Tussey Mountain Elementary.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous

M.C.

Motion by Aaron Martin seconded by Brenda Folk to authorize revision of the 2017-18 school calendar to utilize the first student (Aug. 23) as an in-service day and the October in-service day (Oct 9) as a student day, only if necessary to be prepared for the beginning of school.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous

M.C.

There was a discussion concerning the high school gym floor peeling that ended with the Board giving directive to make additional inquiries and research the Performance Bond of the company who did the work last year.

PERSONNEL

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Vivian Foster to approve the following bona fied volunteers hired for the position listed at the nominal stipend stated for 2017-18, conditioned on submission and approval of required documentation (if applicable):

Boyd Brode	Volunteer Football Coach	
Brian Gibbons	Volunteer Football Coach	
Bonnie Jenkins	Band Director	\$4,859.00
Adam Runk	Assistant Band Director	\$3,310.00
Amanda Adams	Band Front Advisor	\$2,429.00
Carrie Masood	Majorette Advisor	\$2,429.00
Jeff Brantlinger	Volunteer Band Advisor	
Donna Black	Volunteer Band Advisor	
Sarah Elder	Volunteer Band Advisor	
Cole Ramsey	Volunteer Band Advisor	
Annette Chadwick	Volunteer Band Advisor	
Christina Watkins	Volunteer Band Advisor	
Maujesca Garner	Volunteer Band Advisor	
Melanie Gresko	Volunteer Band Advisor	

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

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Vivian Foster to approve the following workers for the Band Booster concession stand for 2017-18:

Barbara Hoover	Peggy Bottonfield	Belinda Long
Doug Reed	Diane McIntyre	Kylee Ritchey
Allie Masood	Ginny Kaufman	Eva Beth Sichko
Sherry Taylor		

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous M.C.

Motion by Suzanne Detterline seconded by Roy McCabe to approve contracting with ignite education solutions (Learning Lamp) for three (3) Personal Care Aides. Two of the aides will be placed with special education students being educated by NHS East Freedom at an hourly rate of \$9.27 plus fringes for 6.5 hours per day. One aide will be placed with a special education student being education by **Everett High School** at an hourly rate of \$9.27 plus fringes for 7 hours per day. All aides will be working 182 days of the 2017-18 school year.

Roll Call Vote - Unanimous M.C.

The Board was informed that the Bedford County Leadership Class of 2017 presented the district with a check in the amount of \$9,362.55 for the Backpack Program. The Bedford County Chapter P.A.S.R. also presented a check in the amount of \$212.00 for the program.

John Baughman provided information from the School Code on re-opening the budget and/or making budgetary transfers. He asked the Budget Committee to meet to address the transfer of funds prior to October 1.

With no further business to discuss, Roy McCabe made a motion to adjourn at 7:28 p.m. seconded by Brenda Folk with no objections.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa M. Rankin
 Secretary