**MINUTES**

**TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT**

**CONFLUENCE, PA 15424**

**BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING**

**MONDAY, MARCH 20, 2023**

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The Turkeyfoot Valley School Board of Directors met in regular session on Monday, March 20, 2023 at the school building in Harnedsville. Vice President Terry Bender called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

**ITEM #1. ROLL CALL**

A roll call vote was held with the following members present: Terry Bender, Terry Grove, David Tannehill, Gerald Conn, Lisa Metheney, Keith Conn and Cathy Hinzy

Absent: Mike Diehl and Frank Ryan

Administration present: Nicole L. Dice, Christopher Shilk

Others Present: Amanda Younkin and Patsy Younkin

**ITEM #2 SALUTE TO THE FLAG**

All present gave the salute to the flag.

**ITEM #3. ADDITIONS OR REARRANGEMENTS TO THE AGENDA**

Terry Grove moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the agenda as amended. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

***Page 6 Item 5 Property Tax Purchase came in late.***

**ITEM #4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS**

Student of the Month for January and February – Ryder Kitzmiller, Teddy Hoover, Daisy Resh, Rya Tressler, and Gabe Barlow. Family present was Trevor and Heather Hostetter, Trevor Powell, Ben and Amanda Hoover, Amy Clevenger, Mason Tressler, Preston Rugg, Megan Barlow.

Shannon Miller and Merrick Miller for student matters.

**ITEM #5. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

**Approval of the minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting Minutes of Monday, February 20, 2023**

Lisa Metheney moved and Cathy Hinzy seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting of Monday February 20, 2023 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**Mike Diehl arrived at 7:10 p.m.**

**ITEM #6. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD BILLS**

Terry Grove moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the Board Bills for the month of February 2023 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**ITEM #7 APPROVAL OF THE TREASURER’S REPORT**

Terry Bender moved and Cathy Hinzy seconded a motion to approve the Treasurers’ Report for the month of February 2023 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**ITEM #8. APPROVAL OF THE BUDGETARY TRANSFERS**

There are no budgetary transfers at this time.

**ITEM #9. TRANSFER OF FUNDS**

Terry Grove moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Payroll Account for the dates of March 21, 2023 and April 10, 2023 not to exceed $120,000 at each transfer. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**Executive Session**

Lisa Metheney moved and Terry Grove seconded a motion to approve going into Executive Session for Personnel/Student matters at 7:11 p.m.

***The Board of Directors resumed their regular meeting at 8:18 p.m.***

**ITEM #10. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**A. Athletic Committee**

1. **Approval of Baseball Volunteer Coach**

Lisa Metheney moved and Gerald Conn seconded a motion to approve Tyler Smith as a volunteer baseball coach for the 2022-2023 school year pending all necessary clearances and paperwork as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

1. **Committee Meeting Date**

Terry Bender moved and Keith Conn seconded a motion to approve the Athletic Committee meeting for April 11, 2023 at 5:00 p.m. with permission to advertise. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

1. **Approval of Basketball Volunteer Coach**

Terry Bender moved and Keith Conn seconded a motion to approve Nathan Enos as a volunteer basketball coach for the 2022-2023 off season and 2023-2024 school year pending all necessary clearances and paperwork as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

1. **Building & Grounds Committee**
2. **Approval of Electricity Pricing Contract**

David Tannehill moved and Keith Conn seconded approval for the Superintendent to negotiate and approve an electricity pricing contract for competitive rates as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative**.

1. **Committee Meeting Date**

No Buildings and Grounds Committee Meeting needed at this time.

1. **Cafeteria Committee**

No Cafeteria Committee meeting needed at this time.

1. **Curriculum Committee**

No Curriculum Committee meeting needed at this time.

1. **Finance & Purchasing Committee**

No Finance & Purchasing Committee meeting needed at this time.

1. **Policy Review & Development Committee**
2. **Policy Review and Development Committee Meeting Date**

Lisa Metheney moved and David Tannehill seconded the motion for the Policy Review and Development Committee meeting date on April 17 at 6:30 p.m. with permission to advertise.  **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

1. **Transportation Committee**
2. **Transportation Committee Meeting Date**

No Transportation Committee Meeting date is needed at this time.

1. **Technology Committee**
2. **Approval of K-12 Guidance Plan**

Terry Grove moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to approve the 2023-2026 Turkeyfoot K-12 Guidance Plan per Title 22 Chapter 339 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative**.

1. **Approval of Cyber Security Insurance**

Terry Grove moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to approve the Cyber Seccurity Insurance with The Reschini Group at a renewal premium of $17,820.00 as presented. (This is a savings of $3,000.00 on the current premium.) **All Directors present voted in the affirmative**.

No Technology Committee Meeting is needed at this time.

**ITEM #11 NEW BUSINESS**

1. **Approval of Proposed Appalachia IU8 General Fund Budget**

David Tannehill moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to approve the proposed Appalachia IU8 General Fund Budget for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 in the amount of $5,836,785.40 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

1. **Approval of Somerset County Technology Center Secondary Budget**

David Tannehill moved and Keith seconded the Somerset County Technology Center Proposed Secondary Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year in the amount of $5,732,285.41 General Fund and $436,202.50 Debt Services for a total of $6,168,487/01 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative**.

1. **Approval of Somerset County Technology Center Proposed Adult Budget**

David Tannehill moved to and Keith Conn seconded the Somerset County Technology Center Proposed Adult Budget for the 2023-2024 Fiscal Year in the amount of $1,626,604.12 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative**.

1. **Approval to Elect and Reappoint Superintendent**

David Tannehill moved to approve and Keith Conn to elect and reappoint Nicole L. Dice as Superintendent of Schools effective July 1, 2023 and for a five (5) year term continuing through June 30, 2028 at a starting salary for the 2023-2024 school year of $93,000.00; and further authorizing Board President and/or his designee to take an/all action necessary to effectuate and execute a contract with the Superintendent in accordance with this action as presented/amended. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative**.

1. **Approval to Purchase Property**

David Tannehill moved and Keith Conn seconded to approve William Thomas to purchase property from C W Glover, Addison Township 02-0-005770, in the amount of $394.17 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative**.

**ITEM #12. OTHER BUSINESS**

1. **Approval of District-wide Summer Program**

Lisa Metheney moved and Cathy Hinzy seconded the following teachers for the June 19th through June 23rd Summer Learning Camp: Dawn Walters, Mike Kreger, Jody Gary and Sue Schrinel; and for the August 7th through August 11th Summer Lerning Camp: Dawn Walters, Jody Gary and Mike Kreger paid for through ARP ESSER funds. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**2. Approval of Pay for District Wide Summer Camp**

Lisa Metheney moved and Cathy Hinzy seconded to hire the list of teachers for District Wide Summer Camp programs for the weeks of June 19th through June 23rd and August 7th through August 11th 2023 at a teacher pay rate of their per diem plus 25% or $35.00 per hour, whichever is higher as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**3. Approval of Backpack Donations**

Lisa Metheney moved and Cathy Hinzy seconded to approve the donation of a variety of backpacks to be given to student that are in need of a new backpack from the Confluence Dollar Store with a letter of thanks to be presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**4. Approval of Monetary Donation**

Lisa Metheney moved and Cathy Hinzy seconded to approve a donation of $50.00 to the Baseball and Softball Car Show fundraiser from Apex Screen Printing and Embroidery with a letter of thanks as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**5. Approval of Monetary Donation**

Lisa Metheney moved and Cathy Hinzy seconded the motion to approve a $100.00 donation to the Baseball and Softball Car Show fundraiser from Marcon Building Suppy, Inc. with a letter of thanks as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**6. Approval of Partnership with Confluence Creative Arts Center**

Lisa Metheney moved and Cathy Hinzy seconded the motion to approve the partnership with Confluence Creative Arts Center on the afternoon of April 13, 2023 for K-6th grade students to explore what the Art Center has to offer. The presenters for the afternoon will be Jane Holt, Susan Wilson, Jay Best and Jody Best at $100.00 per artist as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**ITEM #13. REPORTS**

1. **Guidance Office Report**-Teresa Cook
2. **Nurse’s Report**-Jane Uphouse
3. **Maintenance/Custodial Report**-Glenn Cameron
4. **Athletic Director Report**-Landon Loya
5. **Special Education Report**-Ashleigh Myers and Michelle Buttermore
6. **Somerset Technology**-Mike Diehl-verbal – SCTC is reinstating the HVAC program, new welding building is moving along and next years enrollment should be about 560 students.

**G. Principal Report** Christopher Shilk - Appreciation to the School Board for its support of the musical.

**H. Superintendent’s Report**-Nicole L. Dice-informational- PCCP Grant will take care of the main exterior lighting, metal detectors, fencing and fire alarms. Mrs. Dice also stated her appreciation for the support to the musical. The musical consists of grades 4-12. All money made will be put back into the theatre account for the upcoming school year.

**Approval of Superintendent to attend District Administration Conference**

Lisa Metheney moved and Keith Conn seconded Nicole Dice to attend the District Administration Conference April 26-April 28, 2023 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at no cost to the district as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**Approval of Resignation**

Lisa Metheney moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to acknowledge the receipt of resignation for John Truskey, Math teacher at the end of the day March 30, 2023. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**Unpaid Leave**

Lisa Metheney moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to approve unpaid days for employee 2022-2023-01 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**FMLA Leave Request**

Lisa Metheney moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to approve FMLA leave for employee 2022-2023-F01 from February 27 , 2023 through April 10, 2023 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**FMLA Leave Request**

Lisa Metheney moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to approve FMLA leave for employee 2022-2023-F02 from March 1, 2023 through the end of the 2022-2023 school year as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**Approval of Resignation due to Retirement**

Lisa Metheney moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to acknowledge the receipt of resignation due to retirement for Laurie Mitchell, PIMS Administrator and Federal Programs Assistant, at the end of the day June 30, 2023 as presented.. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**Approval to Hire Social Worker**

Lisa Metheney moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to approve social worker Kayla Durstine through Ignite Education Solutions as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**Approval of 2023-2024 Master Schedules**

Lisa Metheney moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to approve the 2023-2024 Master Schedules as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**Approval of Resignation**

Lisa Metheney moved and Keith Conn seconded the motion to acknowledge the receipt of resignation from Renee Nickelson, Principal and Special Education Secretary at the end of the day March 31, 2023 as presented. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

**ITEM # 14 PERSONNEL COMMITTEE**

**ITEM #15. NEGOTIATIONS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE**

**ITEM #16. VISITOR COMMENTS**

**ITEM #17. ADJOURNMENT**

David Tannehill moved and Terry Grove seconded a motion to adjourn at p.m. **All Directors present voted in the affirmative.**

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia (Patsy) Younkin, TVASD Board Secretary