

**STAFF NEWSLETTER
TUSCARAWAS VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
MARK A. MURPHY, SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

HIGHLIGHTS OF BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING—January 9, 2006

Staff members in attendance were Mary Beth Markley, Karen Jenkins, Jim Downing, Aimee Geibel, Jim Lindon, Myron Sommers, Gail Hardwidge, Diana Flickinger, Lou Wiles. Guests present were Kathy Buchanan, Bonita Dutka, George Sites, Barb Limbacher (*The Times Reporter*).

Annual Organization Meeting

Elected Susan Kaschak as Board President and Dick Gooding as Board Vice-President.
Scheduled Regular Meetings on the 2nd Monday of each month, 7:00 PM, high school library.

Established a Service Fund in the amount of \$5000 to pay expenses actually incurred by Board of Education members or their official representatives in the performance of their duties.

Approved Annual Business Resolutions as follows:

- Authorized the Treasurer to secure advances from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.
- Authorized the Treasurer to invest interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever interim funds are available.
- Authorized the Treasurer to pay bills within the limits of the appropriation resolution as bills are received and when the merchandise has been received in good condition or services have been performed in an acceptable manner.
- Authorized the Treasurer to make modifications to appropriations and fund transfers when necessary. A list of these changes is to be given to the Board at the regular monthly meeting.
- Authorized the Treasurer to act as custodian of the district safety deposit box.
- Authorized the Board President and Treasurer to borrow money, if needed.
- Authorized the Superintendent to employ certificated or non-certificated personnel prior to approval by the Board when such employment is required to maintain continuity of the educational program. Employment shall be presented and recommended for Board approval at the next Regular Meeting.
- Authorized the Superintendent to serve as purchasing agent for the school district.
- Authorized the Superintendent to act for the Board on matters pertaining to surplus property procured and federal grants.
- Authorized the Superintendent to approve attendance at professional meetings for all school district personnel, as long as the total cost to the district does not exceed \$500. All other requests must be submitted to the Board of Education for approval/rejection.
- Authorized the Superintendent to approve attendance of all Board of Education members at official meetings within the state.
- Authorized the Superintendent to employ substitute teachers approved by the T-C-H ESC.
- Authorized the Superintendent to employ tutors (on the T-C-H ESC substitute list or certificated/licensed staff members of our district) for home instruction at the current hourly rate.
- Authorized the Treasurer to establish a fee of \$.05 per copy charged to individuals requesting copies of the schedule of meetings, agenda, or notice of individual meetings.
- Authorized the Superintendent to serve as Civil Rights Coordinator.
- Recognized OAPSE Chapter #634 and TVTA as bargaining agents.
- Designated *The Times Reporter* as the official newspaper for the school district
- Designated the Board President as the official spokesperson for the school district.

Made Committee Appointments as follows:

<i>Certificated Personnel</i>	Kaschak, Knaack
<i>School Support Personnel</i>	Kaschak, Knaack
<i>Athletic Council</i>	Gooding, Green
<i>Buildings & Grounds</i>	Gooding, Knaack
<i>Fine Arts</i>	Kaschak, Knaack
<i>Policy</i>	Buchanan, Knaack

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<i>Public Relations</i>	Entire Board & Administration
<i>Buckeye Career Center (2-year term)</i>	Kaschak
<i>OSBA Legislative Liaison</i>	Gooding
<i>OSBA Student Achievement Liaison</i>	Green
<i>OSBA Capital Conference Delegate</i>	Green
<i>OSBA Capital Conference Alternate Delegate</i>	Buchanan

Regular Meeting

Superintendent Mark Murphy recognized Board of Education members for their service.

Approved Minutes from the December 12, 2005, Regular Meeting, December 2005 Financial Reports, and December 2005 Then/Now Certificates.

Approved an unpaid leave of absence for custodian William Carman, effective 12/27/05.

Approved Nancy Kendall as a substitute cook, monitor, and secretary for SY2005-06.

Accepted the resignation of Josh Lahmers as JV Softball Coach, effective 1/6/06.

Approved the TVHS *Course of Study* for SY2006-07.

Authorized the Board to reject all received bids for the replacement of one (1) bus as authorized at the November 21, 2005, Regular Meeting, due to an error in specifications. **Authorized** the Transportation Supervisor to prepare specifications and the Treasurer to re-advertise for bids.

Renewed membership for 2006 in the Ohio School Boards Association at a cost of \$3328.

Accepted a grant from the Ohio Department of Natural Resources in the amount of \$1410 for the 2006 Boating Safety Education Program, *4th Grade Canoe & Water Safety*. The grant was written and submitted by Sandy DeBos.

Approved installation of four (4) remote-controlled electric winches on side basketball backstops in the middle school gymnasium at a cost of \$6800 to be divided as follows: Athletic Department, \$4300; General Fund, \$2500.

Recognized Tessa Pohovey, named the *Times-Reporter* "Athlete of the Week" for her performance during the opening week of the girls' basketball season.

Approved appropriation modification as follows: Increase Account 599, Title II-D, in the amount of \$1642.78. **Approved** 5-Year Forecast and related assumptions.

Ratified the negotiated agreement between the TV Board of Education and TVTA, effective for the 2005-06 school year. This agreement results in no changes in insurance and an average 2.625% increase on the base salary (\$25,706) for the 2005-06 school year.

Increased the Treasurer's salary by 3%, effective 1/1/06.

Heard Principal/Supervisor reports.

Met in Executive Session for the purpose of evaluating the Treasurer and compensation of personnel.

