

**TUSCARAWAS VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2019**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Tuscarawas Valley Local Board of Education was called to order by President Susan Kaschak, on Monday, August 12, 2019, at 7:02pm in the TVHS Trojan Center. Roll call showed the following members present: Mrs. Burrier, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Green, yes; Mr. Knaack, yes; Mrs. Kaschak, yes.

II. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION (BYLAW 0169.1)

The Board of Education recognizes the value to school governance of public comment on educational issues and the importance of allowing members of the public to express themselves on school matters of community interest. The Board offers public participation to members of the public in accordance with the procedures below. The Board applies these procedures to all speakers, and does not discriminate based on the identity of the speaker, content of the speech, or viewpoint of the speaker.

- Public participation shall be permitted as indicated on the order of business.
- Anyone having a legitimate interest in the actions of the Board may participate during the public portion of a meeting.
- Attendees must register their intention to participate in the public portion of the meeting upon their arrival at the meeting.
- Participants must be recognized by the presiding officer and will be requested to preface their comments by an announcement of their name, address, and group affiliation, if and when appropriate.
- Each statement made by a participant shall be limited to five (5) minutes duration, unless extended by the presiding officer.
- The portion of the meeting during which the participation of the public is invited shall be limited to thirty (30) minutes, unless extended by a vote of the Board.

There was no public participation.

III. EXECUTIVE SESSION

8/1/19 At 7:08am, Mrs. Green moved, Mrs. Burrier seconded, and all members voted yes to enter into executive session for the following purposes:

- To prepare for, conduct, or review negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment.
- To consider the evaluation and compensation of the Superintendent and Treasurer.

At 8:12pm, President Susan Kaschak called the board back into regular session.

IV. NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA

8/2/19 A. Mr. Gooding moved, Mr. Knaack seconded and all members voted yes to the following superintendent recommendations:

1. Approve minutes from the June 28, 2019 special meeting, July 2019 financial reports, and July 2019 investments and then/now certificates as follows:

Company	Amount	Purpose
Moody's Investors Service, Inc.	\$9,375.00	Professional Services
Honeywell Incorporated	\$3,429.81	Controls/District June-August 2019

2. Accept the resignation of Scott Sommer, TVMS Technology teacher, effective August 5, 2019.
3. Rescind the unpaid leave of absence for Tiffany Shaw, originally approved by the Board at its regular meeting on May 13, 2019.
4. Approve the following supplemental contracts for SY2019-20, pending verification of all credentials:

Certified Employees

Curtis Love	Assistant Wrestling	Step 8
Matt Ward	Assistant Athletic Director	Step 0

Contracted Employees

Ireland Fox	Middle School Cheerleading	Step 0
Corey Johnson	Assistant Wrestling	Step 4
Jason Johnson	Head Wrestling	Step 7
Renee Markle	Middle School Volleyball	Step 0
Kim Miller	Head Boys' Golf	Step 0
Brittany Minard	Assistant Cheerleading	Step 4
Jacob Sustersic	Middle School Football	Step 2
Kurt Wolfe	Assistant Football	Step 1

5. Approve substitute employees for SY2019-20 for all classified substitute position pending verification of all credentials:

Leann Aukamp	Betty Litman
Brianna Blake	Dusty McCreery
Stephanie Bourquin	Shane McCreery
David Cantwell	Lisa Nagle
Tyronne Chumney	Loretta Reesman
Dierdre Deubner	Brianna Renicker
Lois Farnsworth	Mary Simmons
Annette Gingerich	Myron Sommers
Kaley Hamilton	Keith Swier
Vickie Harris	Lyrae Tingler
Deborah Herron	Rachel Tolley
Marlene Kyriacou	Roxanne White
Tanea Levensgood	
6. Approve the following foreign exchange students for SY 2019-20:
 - Janitz Gil of Spain, hosted by Pete and Candy Miller of Bolivar
 - Felipe Valloto of Brazil, hosted by Scott and Tracy Britton of Bolivar
 - Nick Guertler of Germany, hosted by John and Bonnie Nussbaumer of Bolivar
7. Approve a professional services agreement with JP Mohler, LLC, to review utility bills.
8. Approve the FY2020 Driver Education agreement for contracted services between Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools and the East Central Ohio Educational Service Center at no cost to the district.
9. Approve an agreement with the Cleveland Sight Center to provide services to a visually impaired student for the 19-20 school year not to exceed \$4,000.
10. Approve school-based counseling services through OhioGuidestone for SY2019-20.
11. Approve a bus bid submitted by Truck Sales & Service, Inc. for the purchase of four buses, as the lowest responsive and responsible bid, at an approximate cost of \$322,000 after trade ins; and authorizing the execution of a lease-purchase agreement with Huntington Public Capital Corporation and other related documents.
12. Approve the 2019-2020 Bus Driver and Transportation Handbooks and bus routes/stops as on file in the Transportation Office, subject to modification by the Transportation Supervisor.
13. Approve a \$500 stipend for Mike Recktenwalt for TVLS courier service for the SY19-20.

- 14.** Approve band volunteers and chaperones as on file in the TVHS music department office and approve van drivers as follows:
Chris Carpenter
Ryan Cox
Beth Dyko
Len Dyko
Merri Gensley
Chris Heck
Rob Lloyd
Stephen Tripp
- 15.** Accept donations/grants and express appreciation to the following individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations for the following contributions:
- About Your Comfort Pest Control Inc., \$50, Back to School Supplies
 - Bolivar Community Church, \$1,768, Back to School Supplies
 - Bolivar United Methodist Church, \$570, Back to School Supplies
 - Jeff and Susan Eadie (Stars of Zoar Co-Op), \$50, Back to School Supplies
 - Lockport Brewery, \$824.20, Back to School Supplies
 - Mary Locy, Cutler Real Estate, \$500, Back to School Supplies
 - Mineral City United Methodist Church, \$120, Back to School Supplies
 - New Cumberland Methodist Church, \$500, Back to School Supplies
 - Reeves Foundation, \$5,000, Project Lead the Way
 - St. John United Church of Christ, \$1,000, Back to School Supplies
 - St. John United Church of Christ, \$130, Back to School Supplies
 - St. Paul Lutheran Church, \$1,160, Back to School Supplies
 - Tuscarawas Valley Ruritan Club, \$500, Athletic Department Defibrillator
 - Esther Yoder, \$1,000, Back to School Supplies
- 16.** Approve a 2 percent wage increase, respectively, for Superintendent Mark A. Murphy and Treasurer Mark A. Phillips, and a \$1,000 contribution (treated as salary), respectively, to the individual investment account of their choice.

- 8/3/19 **B.** Mrs. Green moved, Mrs. Burrier seconded, and all members voted yes to approve a 3-year Administrator Limited Contract for Steve Franks, Director of Athletics and District Activities, Step 9 of the Administrative Salary Schedule, effective August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2022.
- 8/4/19 **C.** Mrs. Burrier moved, Mr. Gooding seconded, and all members voted yes to approve ratification of the negotiated agreement between the Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools Board of Education and the Ohio Association of Public School Employees (OAPSE) Local 634, effective August 1, 2019 through July 31, 2022, with a 2 percent wage increase for each year of the three-year negotiated agreement and an increase of employee insurance contribution of 13 percent in year one, 14 percent in year two, and 15 percent in year three.
- 8/5/19 **D.** Mrs. Green moved, Mr. Knaack seconded, and all members voted yes to adopt a RESOLUTION TO REPEAL OHIO'S SCHOOL TAKEOVER LAW – HOUSE BILL 70

WHEREAS, in violation of the law and without appropriate input from Ohio citizens, House Bill 70, a law permitting the state takeover of local schools, was signed into law in 2015; and

WHEREAS, HB 70 eliminates local democratic control and strips power from elected school boards, boards which provide a democratic voice for parents and community members to influence decision-making regarding public education; and

WHEREAS, under HB 70, school districts are subject to takeover based on their grades on state report cards; and

WHEREAS, the issuance of grades on state report cards is fundamentally flawed, as the components of the state report card system skew results in an unfavorable manner to urban districts; and

WHEREAS, data is clear that state report cards directly correlate to the socioeconomic status of the students in the district – the median annual income on average for the school districts that will be taken over under HB 70 by 2020 is \$25,717; and

WHEREAS, the school districts have already been taken over or will be taken over under HB 70 by 2020 are predominantly comprised of minority students; and

WHEREAS, knowing that the state report card, on which school takeovers are based, is flawed, no corrective or punitive action should be taken based thereon; and

WHEREAS, the school takeovers that have occurred under HB 70 have not been successful, have not lifted up the schools or the communities, and in fact have caused great strife, turmoil, and insecurity among the students, employees, and community, and have resulted in legal action on various fronts; and

WHEREAS, the school takeovers to date have in no way supported or enhanced the education or well-being of the students in those districts, when the students should be the focus of all school- related action, and in fact have caused significant disruption to the students' education; and

WHEREAS, school takeover policies in this and other states have failed to raise student achievement and have created disruptions, dissension and upheaval for students, parents, and community members; and

WHEREAS, high-quality opportunities for all students require additional resources, including better access to health and social services, early childhood education, and academic enrichment programs, which are the cornerstone of improved outcomes for Ohio's children, and state takeovers do nothing to provide these much-needed resources.

NOW THEREFORE

BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Education of the Tuscarawas Valley Local School District supports the complete and immediate repeal of HB 70 and the enactment of HB 154, which restores local control and focuses on the improvement of student outcomes.

This Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and immediately after its adoption.

V. ANNOUNCEMENT

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Monday, September 9, 2019 at 7pm in the TVHS Trojan Center.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

8/6/19 At 8:17pm, Mr. Knaack moved, Mrs. Burrier seconded, and all members voted yes to adjourn said meeting.

Susan Kaschak, President
Tuscarawas Valley Local Board of Education

Mark Phillips, Treasurer
Tuscarawas Valley Local School District

		Burrier	Gooding	Green	Knaack	Kaschak
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8/1/19	III. Executive Session	Y(2)	Y	Y(1)	Y	Y
8/2/19	IV. A. Superintendent Recommendations	Y	Y(1)	Y	Y(2)	Y
8/3/19	IV. B. Administrator Contract – Franks	Y(2)	Y	Y(1)	Y	Y
8/4/19	IV. C. Ratification OAPSE Negotiated Agrmnt	Y(1)	Y(2)	Y	Y	Y
8/5/19	IV. D. Resolution Repeal OH School Takeover	Y	Y	Y(1)	Y(2)	Y
8/6/19	VI. Adjournment	Y(2)	Y	Y	Y(1)	Y