

**TUSCARAWAS VALLEY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 13, 2020**

**I. OPENING**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

The regular meeting of the Tuscarawas Valley Local Board of Education was called to order by President Susan Kaschak on Monday, January 13, 2020, at 7:04pm in the TVHS Trojan Center.

**B. ROLL CALL**

Roll call showed the following members present: Mrs. Burrier, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Green, yes; Mr. Knaack, yes; Mrs. Kaschak, yes.

**C. OATH OF OFFICE**

Treasurer Mark Phillips read the oath of office to re-elected board members: Mr. Gooding, and Mrs. Kaschak.

**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.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING**

**III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

- 1/1/20 **A.** Mrs. Green nominated Mrs. Kaschak for president of the Tuscarawas Valley Local Board of Education. Mrs. Burrier moved and Mr. Gooding seconded to close nominations and cast a unanimous ballot for that office. Roll call on motions: Mrs. Burrier, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Green, yes; Mr. Knaack, yes; Mrs. Kaschak, yes. Motion carried.
- 1/2/20 **B.** Mr. Gooding nominated Mrs. Green for vice president of the Tuscarawas Valley Local Board of Education. Mrs. Burrier moved and Mr. Knaack seconded to close nomination and cast a unanimous ballot for that office. Roll call on motions: Mrs. Burrier, yes; Mr. Gooding, yes; Mrs. Green, yes; Mr. Knaack, yes; Mrs. Kaschak, yes. Motion carried.

**IV. ORGANIZATIONAL NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA**

- 1/3/20 **A.** Mrs. Green moved, Mrs. Burrier seconded, and all members voted yes to set the dates, time, and location of regular monthly meetings to be the second Monday of each month at 7pm in the Tuscarawas Valley High School Trojan Center.
- 1/4/20 **B.** Mr. Gooding moved, Mr. Knaack seconded, and all members voted yes to establish a Service Fund as recommended by the treasurer and as provided by ORC 3315.15, in the amount of \$5,000 to pay expenses actually incurred by Board of Education members or their official representatives in the performance of their duties.

- 1/5/20 C. Mr. Knaack moved, Mrs. Burrier seconded, and all members voted yes to acknowledge Board of Education meeting compensation for all Board members will remain \$70/day per meeting for no more than 12 meetings per year. (The rate will increase to \$125/day effective with terms commencing January 2020 and thereafter as approved by the Board on December 11, 2017.)
- 1/6/20 D. Mr. Knaack moved, Mrs. Green seconded, and all members voted yes to establish board member compensation at the rate of \$80 per diem for attendance at Ohio School Boards Association Conferences and other conferences related to board member duties. (The rate will increase to \$60/day for training less than 3 hours per day, \$125/day for training more than 3 hours per day, effective with terms commencing January 2020 and thereafter as approved by the Board on December 11, 2017.)
- 1/7/20 E. Annual Business Resolutions  
Mr. Knaack moved, Mrs. Burrier seconded, and all members voted yes to approve the following general resolutions for the year 2020, as listed and recommended by the Superintendent and Treasurer:
1. Authorize the Treasurer to secure advances from the County Auditor when funds are available and payable to the school district.
  2. Authorize the Treasurer to invest interim funds at the most productive interest rate whenever interim funds are available.
  3. Authorize 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.
  4. Authorize the Treasurer to make modifications to appropriations and to make fund transfers or advances when necessary. A list of these changes is to be given to the Board at the regular monthly meeting immediately following the transfers or advances.
  5. Authorize the Treasurer to act as custodian of the district safety deposit box.
  6. Authorize the Board President and Treasurer to borrow money, if needed.
  7. Authorize 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.
  8. Authorize the Superintendent to serve as purchasing agent for the school district.
  9. Authorize the Superintendent to act for the Board on matters pertaining to surplus property procured and federal grants.
  10. Authorize the Superintendent to approve attendance at professional meetings for all school district personnel.
  11. Authorize the Superintendent to approve the attendance of all Board of Education members at official meetings within the state.
  12. Authorize the Superintendent to employ substitute teachers approved by the North Coast Shared Services Alliance and the Stark County Educational Service Center.
  13. Authorize the Superintendent to employ tutors for home instruction at the current hourly rate who are either on the ECO-ESC substitute list or who are certificated/licensed staff members of our school district.
  14. Authorize the Treasurer to establish a fee of \$.10 per copy charged to individuals requesting copies of the schedule of meetings, agenda, or notice of individual meetings. [RC 121.22(F)]
  15. Authorize the Treasurer to reimburse staff for the actual cost incurred for meals (including up to 20% for tip) for trips with overnight stays not to exceed \$50 per day.
  16. Authorize providing complimentary passes and waiving payment of entrance fees for all district employees (with their staff ID badge), local pastors, and senior citizens to district-sponsored events, concerts, programs, and athletic functions.
  17. Authorize the Superintendent to serve as Civil Rights Coordinator.
  18. Authorize the Superintendent to serve as the Board of Education's designee to hear appeals for student suspensions in accordance with the law and Board of Education policy.
  19. Recognize the following organizations as support groups for the district: TV PTO, TV PATHS, TV Band and Choir Boosters, TV Athletic Boosters, TV Affordable Christmas, TV Backpacks 4Kids (Loving Heart Foundation), Trojan Foundation.
  20. Recognize OAPSE Chapter #634 and the Tuscarawas Valley Teachers' Association as bargaining agents.
  21. Designate the Times Reporter as the official newspaper for the school district.
  22. Designate the Superintendent and the President of the Board of Education as the official spokespersons for the school district.

F. Committee Appointments—Board of Education President

Committee	Appointment
Personnel & Benefits (2)	Sally Green Susan Kaschak
Fine Arts Council (2)	Susan Kaschak Chuck Knaack
Athletic Council (2)	Sally Green Amy Burrier
Buildings & Grounds (2)	Chuck Knaack Dick Gooding
Policy (2)	Chuck Knaack Amy Burrier
Public Relations/Publicity	All
Safety & Security (2)	Amy Burrier Dick Gooding
OSBA Legislative Liaison (1)	Dick Gooding
OSBA Student Achievement Liaison (1)	Sally Green
OSBA Capital Conference Delegate (1)	Sally Green
OSBA Capital Conference Alternate Delegate (1)	Amy Burrier

**REGULAR MEETING**

**V. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**

- A. January 2020 School Board Recognition Month
- B. Presentation of vision screener, Mr. Ed Wills, Bolivar Lion’s Club
- C. High School Students of the Month, Mr. Jason Phillips, TVHS Principal
- D. EdChoice Voucher Program, Mrs. Sally Green, Board Member

**VI. NEW BUSINESS/CONSENTAGENDA**

1/8/20 Mr. Gooding moved, Mrs. Burrier seconded and all members voted yes to:

- A. The following superintendent recommendations:
  - 1. Approve minutes from the December 9, 2019 regular meeting, December 2019 financial reports, and December 2019 investments and then/now certificates as follows:
 

Company	Amount	Purpose
Stoller Enterprise LLC	\$ 5,188.80	Class of 2026 Fundraiser
Western Branch Diesel Inc	11,850.97	Wheelchair Lift Repair
  - 2. Grant supplemental contracts for SY2019-20 as follows, pending verification of all credentials:
 

<u>Contracted Employees</u>		
Donald Jones	Assistant Baseball	Volunteer
Joan Wenzel	Asst Band Director (Percussion)	Step 10 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Semester SY19-20)

3. Approve the following substitute employee(s) for SY19-20 for all classified substitute positions pending verification of all credentials:
  - Maddison Bratcher
  - D Susan Harris
4. Approve 21st Century Community Learning Center stipends for SY2019-20 for the following certificated and contracted individuals at the designated amount, with an additional 18% to cover fringe benefit expenses, paid by the 21st Century Community Learning Center Grant:

April Ernst	Pep Band	\$1,000
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5. Adjust the mileage reimbursement rate to \$.575 per mile, effective January 1, 2020, in compliance with the Internal Revenue Service.
6. Appoint Scott Tritt to a three-year term on the Buckeye Career Center Board of Education in accordance to HB 59 (ORC3311.19 and 3313.911).
7. Approve an Agreement for Deposit of Public Funds with Huntington National Bank for the period commencing December 31, 2019 and ending December 30, 2024.
8. Approve 2020 annual membership dues for Ohio School Boards Association at \$4,633.
9. Approve participation in the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2020 at a cost of \$250.
10. Acknowledge the December 11, 2019 meeting minutes of the ECOESC Business Advisory Council which represents the Tuscarawas Valley Local School District.
11. Approve an athletic holiday from Thursday, July 2, 2020 through Sunday, July 12, 2020 for all Tusky Valley student athletes (grades 7-12). School gyms will be closed during this time.
12. Approve the use of a school bus to transport members of the Canton Central Catholic and TVHS Speech and Debate Teams for an overnight trip to Bethel Park HS, Pittsburgh, PA, February 7-8, 2020 with half of expenses reimbursed to TVLSD.
13. Approve attendance and participation for Superintendent Mark Murphy at the National School Superintendents Association (AASA) Annual Conference, February 12-15, 2020, in San Diego, California as Ohio 2020 Superintendent of the Year.
14. Accept donations/grants and express appreciation to the following individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations for the following contributions:
  - Anonymous Contributor, \$1,000, Project Lead the Way
  - Bob Bedard, \$150, TV Crush Trap Shooting Program
15. Recognize students and staff for their accomplishments:
  - Christine Stump, TVMS Educational Aide, for being awarded the Coalition of Rural and Appalachian Schools (CORAS) 2020 Support Staff Award.
  - Superintendent Mark Murphy for being named BASA's 2020 Ohio Superintendent of the Year.
16. Recognize students of the month:

**TV High School**

  - Freshman: Chelsie Campbell-Maley
  - Sophomore: Lily Hinterman
  - Junior: Allison Kubina
  - Senior: Rayna Vanasdal
  - Athlete: Hannah Hostetler
  - Fine Artist: Katherine Christ

**TV Middle School**

- 5th grade: Alicia Lunsford
- 6th grade: Kylee Fender
- 7th grade: Roman Farnsworth
- 8th grade: Brayden Beatty
- Fine Artist: Addelina Carroll

**B. Adopt a resolution to proclaim January 26-February 1, 2020 Public Education Week:**

WHEREAS, traditional public school districts in Ohio serve more than 1.8 million students and employ more than 245,000 Ohioans; and

WHEREAS, all children in Ohio should have access to the highest-quality education possible; and

WHEREAS, Ohio citizens recognize the important role that an effective education plays in preparing all students to be successful adults; and

WHEREAS, quality education is critically important to the economic vitality of the Buckeye State; and

WHEREAS, public education not only helps to diversify our economy, but also enhances the vibrancy of our community; and

WHEREAS, Ohio has many high-quality school administrators, teaching professionals, and support staff who are committed to educating our children; and

WHEREAS, public education is celebrated across the country by millions of students, parents, educators, schools, and organizations to raise awareness of the need for effective public schools;

THEREFORE, We, the Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools Board of Education, do hereby recognize January 26 – February 1, 2020 as PUBLIC EDUCATION WEEK and call this observance to the attention of all Ohioans.

**C. Adopt a resolution opposing the State of Ohio EdChoice Scholarship (voucher) program:**

WHEREAS, the Ohio legislature has recently made amendments which greatly increase the number and availability of vouchers for students to attend private/parochial schools at public tax expense, and

WHEREAS, such vouchers will be available to numerous families and students who have never attended Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools or any other public schools and for whom state funding has never been provided to Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools or any other public schools, and

WHEREAS, Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools' state funding will be unjustly decreased by the amount of the vouchers provided to such families and students who have not and will not attend public schools and others who transfer to private/parochial schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial schools accepting students with public tax vouchers would not be required to accept all students but would be permitted to retain their selective admission policies without enforcement of other laws applicable to public schools, and

WHEREAS, private/parochial school students are not subject to the testing standards required of public school students so that the actual performance of private/parochial schools subsidized with public tax dollars will not be known, relative to equivalent public school evaluation standards, and

WHEREAS, this Board believes that the EdChoice voucher program as it currently exists presents serious constitutional issues regarding the separation of church and state and the funding of religious institutions with public tax dollars, and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has the constitutional responsibility to secure a thorough and efficient system of common schools, and

WHEREAS, the EdChoice voucher program will have exactly the opposite effect by providing funding to private/parochial schools at the expense and to the detriment of public schools and their students.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by this Tuscarawas Valley Local School District Board of Education that this Board reaffirms its commitment to free accessible public schools which are adequately and equitably funded to guarantee a comparable education for ALL children and therefore opposes and respectfully requests the repeal of the ill-conceived EdChoice voucher program of the State of Ohio.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Board opposes any funding programs, vouchers or otherwise, that have the effect of diverting public tax dollars from public schools to private/parochial schools.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Treasurer is hereby authorized and directed to forward copies of this Resolution to all Ohio state legislators, the Superintendent of Public Instruction and Governor of the State of Ohio.

**D. LEADERSHIP TEAM REPORTS**

- A. Mr. Jason Phillips, TV High School Principal
- B. Mrs. Erica Knowles, TV Middle School Principal
- C. Mrs. Andrea Clements, TV Primary/Intermediate School Principal
- D. Mr. Derek Varansky, Curriculum Director
- E. Mr. Mike Spillman, Buildings and Grounds/Transportation Supervisor

**E. ANNOUNCEMENT**

- The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held February 10, 2020 at 7pm in the TVHS Trojan Center at which there will be a public hearing included regarding the proposed 2020-2021 District Calendar.
- The 10th Annual Loving Heart Foundation Dinner and Silent Auction will be held on Saturday, February 8, 2020 at 6pm at Tuscarawas Valley Middle School. All proceeds benefit the TV Backpacks 4Kids Weekend Nutrition Program.

**F. ADJOURNMENT**

1/9/20 At 7:38pm, Mr. Knaack moved, Mrs.Green seconded, and all members voted yes to adjourn said meeting.

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 Susan Kaschak, President  
 Tuscarawas Valley Local Board of Education

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 Mark Phillips, Treasurer  
 Tuscarawas Valley Local School District

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1/1/20	III.A. Election of President	Y(1)	Y(2)	Y	Y	Y
1/2/20	III.B. Election of Vice President	Y(1)	Y	Y	Y(2)	Y
1/3/20	IV.A. Date, Time, Location of Meetings	Y(2)	Y	Y(1)	Y	Y
1/4/20	IV.B. Board Service Fund	Y	Y(1)	Y	Y(2)	Y
1/5/20	IV.C. Board Member Meeting Compensation	Y(2)	Y	Y	Y(1)	Y
1/6/20	IV.D. Board Member OSBA Conference Comp	Y	Y	Y(2)	Y(1)	Y
1/7/20	IV.E. Annual Business Resolutions	Y(2)	Y	Y	Y(1)	Y
1/8/20	VI. Regular Business/Consent Agenda	Y(2)	Y(1)	Y	Y	Y
1/9/20	IX. Adjournment	Y	Y	Y(2)	Y(1)	Y