

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

**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, April 13, 2020, at 7:00pm by way of a virtual meeting via Zoom. 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**

In accordance with Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools Board of Education Policy 0169, any person or group wishing to place an item on the agenda should register their written intent with the Superintendent no later than seven (7) days prior to the meeting and include name and address, group affiliation (if and when appropriate), and topic to be addressed.

Anyone wishing to address the Board at the meeting shall make himself/herself known by completing and submitting a registration sheet to the Board President prior to the start of the meeting with name, address, group affiliation (if and when appropriate), and topic to be addressed, and limit the presentation to five (5) minutes, unless extended time is granted by the Board President. The President will advise the individual as to where on the agenda he/she will be permitted to address the Board. All meetings are recorded to maintain an exact record of the proceedings.

There was no public participation.

**III. SUPERINTENDENT AND TREASURER'S REPORT**

- A. RENEWAL of \$460,000 Emergency Operating Levy ~ Absentee votes by April 28, 2020
- B. Remote Learning Update
- C. OFCC Update & Q/A

**IV. NEW BUSINESS/CONSENT AGENDA**

4/1/20

- A. Mr. Knaack moved, Mrs. Green seconded, and all members voted yes to approve a CONTINGENCY PLAN RESOLUTION FOR THE 2019-2020 SCHOOL YEAR IN THE EVENT SCHOOL IS CLOSED FOR MORE THAN HOURS PERMITTED UNDER BOARD POLICY AND STATE LAW.

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code §3313.48 mandates that a school district must be open for instruction with pupils in attendance for a minimum number of hours each school year; and

WHEREAS, Board Policy further requires that the District be open for instruction each school year for a minimum of 910 hours for students in grades kindergarten through six, and 1,001 hours for students in grades seven through twelve; and

WHEREAS, R.C. §3313.482 authorizes a board of education to adopt a plan that permits students to make up and complete hours of instruction via online/remote learning in the event that schools are closed to students for a disease epidemic or other reasons; and

WHEREAS, House Bill 197 (2020), which was enacted on March 27, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic health emergency, authorizes the Tuscarawas Valley Local School District Board of Education ("Board of Education") to adopt a plan to provide for online learning opportunities for students to make up/complete an unlimited number of hours in lieu of attendance on days when buildings are not open to students during the 2019-2020 school year in compliance with any order issued by the Ohio Director of Health and/or a local board of health; and

WHEREAS, the Tuscarawas Valley Local School District Board of Education (hereafter the "Board") has developed a contingency plan in accordance with R.C. §3313.482 under which district students will make up any time missed through online instruction/remote learning that may cause the district to fall below the minimum number of hours of instruction required by section 3313.48 of the Ohio Revised Code and Board Policy; and

WHEREAS, the Board further authorizes licensed staff including intervention specialists to provide instructional support and related services within the scope of their practice by electronic delivery method or telehealth communication to district students, including students who receive special education and related services under an Individualized Education Plan or Section 504 Services Plan, while the Director of Health's order to close schools to students remains in effect.

WHEREAS, the Board desires to adopt said plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Education of the Tuscarawas Valley Local School District that:

Pursuant to R.C. §3313.482 and House Bill 197 (2020), the Board of Education hereby authorizes the following plan to allow students of the Tuscarawas Valley School District to access and complete online/remote lessons in order to fulfill the required number of hours during the 2019-2020 school year as outlined in the Remote Learning Plan and as directed by the Superintendent and Director of Curriculum and Instruction.

Should circumstances warrant a change in the plan during the 2019-2020 school year, this contingency plan may be amended by the Superintendent or Director of Curriculum and Instruction at any time in his discretion.

IT IS FOUND that all formal action of this Board of Education concerning or related to the adoption of this Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were adopted in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all applicable requirements of the Ohio Revised Code.

4/2/20

**B. Mrs. Burrier moved, Mr. Knaack seconded, and all members voted yes to the following superintendent recommendations:**

1. Approve minutes from the March 9, 2020 regular meeting, March 2020 financial reports, and March 2020 investments and then/now certificates as follows:

<b>Company</b>	<b>Amount</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
BFF, Inc.	\$ 8,800.00	Consumables
Blasenbauer Plumbing & Heating	12,989.94	Plumbing Repairs

2. Approve the transfer of Ron Burton, TVHS/MS Custodian to TVPS/HS Custodian, effective March 17, 2020.
3. Approve the resignation of Gretchen Whitacre, TV Primary Reading Specialist, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 29, 2020.

4. Grant supplemental contracts for SY20-21 as follows pending verification of all credentials:

Certificated Employees

Merri Gensley	Fine Arts Department Head	Step 16
Mike Horger	Technology Department Head	Step 13
Laura Lindon	ELA Department Head	Step 20
Curtis Love	Social Studies Department Head	Step 3
Chaleen Tidrick	Science Department Head	Step 5
Susan Troyer	Math Department Head	Step 20

5. Approve contracts for the following certificated/licensed employees for SY20-21 as follows:
- | <b><i>1-year</i></b> | <b><i>2-year</i></b> | <b><i>3-year</i></b> |
|----------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| Taylor Boswell       | Kallie Kouskouris    | Ana María García-    |
| Heidi Burgstaller    | Stephen Tripp        | Menéndez             |
| Chase Cooper         | Sarah Witting        | Kellie Rufener       |
| Cory Janson          |                      |                      |
| Kayla Kopp           |                      |                      |
| Erika Smith          |                      |                      |
| Jaime Stockert       |                      |                      |
- 5-year***  
Rebecca Dickerhoof  
Kristen Dumermuth
6. Approve non-teaching contracts for the following classified employees for SY20-21 as follows:
- 2-year***  
Tricia Adams  
Tori Jones  
Marlene Kyriacou  
Amanda Lake  
Lawrence Leshon  
Keri Loveday  
Page Reichman  
Sharon Secoy  
Rachel Tolley  
Beth Widder
7. Approve the FY19 state auditor's report and recognize that Tuscarawas Valley Local Schools has received the Ohio Auditor of State Award for three consecutive years.
8. Approve purpose statements and budgets for SY2019-2020, submitted by advisors, as follows:
- MS Science Fair
  - Cathy Whitehair
9. Rescind the athletic holiday originally approved by the Board on January 13, 2020 for the dates of July 2, 2020 through July 12, 2020, with the understanding that students unable to participate for any reason will not be penalized.
10. Acknowledge the provisions outlined in House Bill 197 in response to the COVID-19 public health crisis, and state the Board's expectation to complete OTES 2.0 teacher evaluations for SY2019-2020 as scheduled by the original May 1 deadline.
11. Approve the first reading of the following NEOLA policies, in accordance with the law:
- 1520 Employment of Administrators (revision)
  - 2464 Gifted Education and Identification (revision)
  - 3120 Employment of Professional Staff (revision)
  - 3120.04 Employment of Substitutes (revision)
  - 3120.05 Employment of Personnel in Summer School & Adult Education Programs (revision)
  - 3120.08 Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities (revision)
  - 4120 Employment of Classified Staff (revision)
  - 4120.08 Employment of Personnel for Co-Curricular/Extra-Curricular Activities (revision)
  - 4124 Employment Contract (replacement)
  - 4162 Drug and Alcohol Testing of CDL License Holders & Other Employees Who Perform Safety-Sensitive Functions (revision)
  - 5460 Graduation Requirements (revision)
  - 5460.02 Students At-Risk of Not Qualifying for a High School Diploma (new)

6107 Authorization to Accept and Distribute Electronic Records & to Use Electronic Signatures  
(revision)

**12.** Accept donations/grants and express appreciation to the following individuals, businesses, organizations, and foundations for the following contributions:

- Bolivar Community Church, Easter baskets, eggs, and coloring kits
- Trina Danzy, \$15, Special Education Cooking Classes

4/3/20 **V.** Mr. Gooding moved, Mrs. Green seconded, and all members voted yes to approve a RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF TUSCARAWAS VALLEY LOCAL SCHOOL DISTRICT TO JOIN THE OHIO SCHOOL PIPELINE COALITION.

WHEREAS, the budget of the Board of Education, like that of several other boards of education in the state, has been adversely impacted by the reduction in real property tax revenue resulting from the proliferation of natural gas transmission lines throughout Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the interests of the Board of Education on this matter are aligned with the interests of other similarly situated boards of education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education seeks to join the Ohio School Pipeline Coalition (“OSPC”) along with other similarly situated boards of education in the state, in accordance with Ohio law including but not limited to ORC §3313.87; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the OSPC is to further the interests of the member boards of education by addressing the issues related to the reduction in property tax revenue stemming from natural gas transmission lines, take any reasonable steps to protect the member boards of education, and perform related functions in compliance with Ohio law; and

WHEREAS, the annual dues for membership in OSPC are \$500.00. Any additional expenditures will require a subsequent resolution(s) and will be shared amongst the member boards of education; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Education finds the annual dues just and reasonable; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to join the OSPC.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND ADOPTED by the members of the Board of Education that:

1. The Board of Education authorizes joining the Ohio School Pipeline Coalition as doing so is in the best interest of the Tuscarawas Valley Local School District and its business administration.
2. The Board of Education accepts and approves payment of the \$500.00 annual membership fee to OSPC.
3. On behalf of the Board of Education, the Superintendent and Treasurer are hereby authorized to perform any actions necessary to effectuate joinder of OPSC and participation therein.

## **VI. ANNOUNCEMENT**

The next regular Board of Education meeting will be held Monday, May 11, 2020 at 7pm via Zoom. The public may view the live meeting online by accessing the link which will be provided on the district website.

## **VII. ADJOURNMENT**

4/4/20 At 7:25pm, Mrs. Burrier moved, Mr. Gooding 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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		Burrier	Gooding	Green	Knaack	Kaschak
		P	P	P	P	P
4/1/20	IV. A. Contingency Plan for School Closing	Y	Y	Y(2)	Y(1)	Y
4/2/20	IV. B. Superintendent Recommendations	Y(1)	Y	Y	Y(2)	Y
4/3/20	V. Ohio School Pipeline Coalition	Y	Y(1)	Y(2)	Y	Y
4/4/20	VII. Adjournment	Y(1)	Y(2)	Y	Y	Y