

NORTHERN TIOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT
110 Ellison Road
Elkland, PA 16920

Minutes –July 1, 2025

1.0 SPECIAL MEETING

2.0 OPERATIONS

2.1 Call to Order

The regular monthly meeting of the Northern Tioga School District Board of Directors was called to order by Julie Preston at 6:06 PM.

2.2 Pledge of Allegiance

Julie Preston led those present in the Pledge to the Flag.

2.3 Board Attendance: Board Members Present: Julie Preston, Greg Cummings, Rod Butler, Denise Mack, Allison D’Haene, Kim Strauser, and Craig Stage. Absent: James Moyer and Ed Bonham.

Administrators Present: Superintendent Kaufman, Kathryn Slavinski, Matt Sottolano, Daren Bryant, Cheryl Sottolano, and Jess Millard.

2.4 Open Forum

3.0 ACTION ITEMS- VOICE VOTE

3.1 Election of Superintendent (Exhibit #1)

A motion was made by Greg Cummings, seconded by Craig Stage, to approve Kristopher Kaufman for an additional 5-year term as Superintendent, starting July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2031, at the initial rate of \$140,000.00, as outlined in exhibit 1. Roll Call Vote. All Votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

3.2 Resignations and Retirements

A motion was made by Kim Strauser, seconded by Allison D’Haene, to accept the following retirements and resignations: Cheryl Sottolano, Westfield Area Elementary School, Principal, resignation effective July 8, 2025, and Brenda Love, Elementary Teacher, Clark Wood Elementary School, retirement effective June 10, 2025. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

3.3 Professional Appointments

A motion was made by Greg Cummings, seconded by Rod Bulter, to approve the following Emergency Certified Teacher Appointments in accordance with the contractual agreement between the Northern Tioga School District and the Northern Tioga Education Association, and pending the signing and approval of the Credit Reimbursement Agreement for Emergency Permit: Kaylie Patterson, Elementary Teacher, Westfield Area Elementary School, Step 1 Bachelor's Degree, effective August 18, 2025 and Makenzie Cratsley, Elementary Teacher, Clark Wood Elementary School, Step 1, Bachelor's Degree, effective August 18, 2025, and the following Temporary Professional Teacher Appointment: Megan Andreason, Middle Level ELA Teacher, Williamson High School, Step 10 Bachelor's Degree, effective August 18, 2025. Roll Call Vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

3.4 Classified Appointments

A motion was made by Craig Stage, seconded by Rod Butler, to approve the following Classified Appointments in accordance with the contractual agreement between the Northern Tioga School District and the Northern Tioga Education Support Professionals: Christopher Koehler, maintenance, \$20.41/hour, effective July 7, 2025, Amanda Mummert, 6.5 hour/day special education teacher aide, Westfield Area Elementary School, \$20.38/hour, effective August 20, 2025, Aimee Stone, 6.5 hour/day special education teacher aide, Westfield Area Elementary School, \$17.32/hour, effective August 20, 2025, Jacob Lane, 6.5 hour/day special education teacher aide, Cowanesque Valley High School, \$17.32/hour, effective August 20, 2025, and Andrew Smith, custodian, Williamson High School, \$18.15/hour, effective July 7, 2025. Roll Call Vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

3.5 Out-of-State Conference Request (Exhibit #2)

A motion was made by Kim Strauser, seconded by Craig Stage, to approve the request for Rebecca Bean to attend the Early Career Instructors Conference in Troy, OH on July 8, 2025, at an approximate cost of \$1,355.80, as outlined in Exhibit #2. Roll Call Vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

3.6 Approval of Amendment with VLN (Exhibit #3)

A motion was made by Craig Stage, seconded by Greg Cummings, to approve the amendment to the agreement between the district and VLN for the 2025/2026 school year, as outline in Exhibit #3. Roll Call Vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

Adjournment was at 6:19 PM.

Brittany Mondock
Board Secretary

All documents as attachments to the minutes not contained herein are maintained in a separate file located in the Superintendent's Office.