

NORTHERN TIOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT
110 Ellison Road
Elkland, PA 16920

Minutes – Special Meeting
August 26, 2024

1.0 SPECIAL MEETING

2.0 OPERATIONS

2.1 Call to Order

The special meeting of the Northern Tioga School District Board of Directors was called to order by President, Julie Preston at 6:00 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, James Moyer (arrived at 6:02pm), Greg Cummings, Denise Mack, Ed Bonham, Kim Strauser, and Craig Stage (arrived at 6:03 pm). Absent: Glen Hallead and Aaron Smith

Administrators Present: Superintendent Kaufman, Kathy VanSchaick, Kathryn Slavinski, Matt Sottolano, Cheryl Sottolano, William Butterfield, Dan Fie, Rebecca Koehler, and Daren Bryant.

2.4 Open Forum - None

3.0 ACTION ITEMS

3.1 Policy First Reading (Exhibit #1)

A motion was made by Kim Strauser, seconded by Ed Bonham, to approve the First Readings of proposed changes to the following policy: #805.2 – School Security Personnel as outlined in Exhibit #1. Roll Call Vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

3.2 Approval of Clearview Asset Protection, LLC Contract (Exhibit #2)

A motion was made by Kim Strauser, seconded by Greg Cummings, to approve the Clearview Asset Protection, LLC contract in support of hiring School Security Personnel, as outline in Exhibit #2. Roll Call Vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

3.3 Approval of Boiler Repairs (Exhibit #3)

A motion was made by Greg Cummings, seconded by James Moyer, to approve the request to complete boiler repairs at Williamson High School for \$50,102.88, as outlined in Exhibit #3. Roll Call Vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

3.4 Emergency Certified Reimbursement Agreement (Exhibit #4)

A motion was made by Greg Cummings, seconded by Craig Stage, to approve the Credit Reimbursement Agreement between the district and David Wilcox, as outlined in Exhibit #4. Roll Call Vote. The motion carried with Julie Preston abstaining.

3.5 Approval of Emergency Leave Request (Exhibit #5)

A motion was made by Craig Stage, seconded by Ed Bonham, to approve Alan Hurler's request for emergency leave, due to the recent flooding, as outlined in Exhibit #5. Roll Call Vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

3.6 Approval to Solicit Request for Proposals

A motion was made by Craig Stage, seconded by Kim Strauser, to approve the request to solicit Request for Proposals (RFP) for an Architect of Record and Enhanced Construction Administration Services for a possible capital project for new athletic fields at the Cowanesque Valley High School and Williamson High School. Roll Call Vote. All votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

4.0 ADJOURNMENT OF SPECIAL MEETING

A motion was made by Craig Stage, seconded by Kim Strauser, to adjourn the special meeting. All Votes were affirmative. The motion carried.

Adjournment was at 6:10 PM.

5.0 WORK SESSION

Julie Preston called a board work session to order for discussion items at 6:11 PM.

5.1 Buildings & Grounds Committee- Athletic Facility Project Update

Mr. Kaufman stated that we received figures from LeChase and Hunt for the project. LeChase was estimated at \$14.7 million. We do have different funding options available between the use of local funds, applying for the RACP Grant, other grant options with DCNR that Mr. Kaufman and Mrs. VanSchaick are looking into, and fundraising once the foundation is established.

Mr. Kaufman stated that he will begin reporting enrollment numbers each season for our athletic teams to the board.

Craig Stage stated that there are several questions to ask regarding this project, however, until a complete proposal is presented, they are not yet warranted. He also mentioned that the local youth softball and soccer programs are helping increase interest in the schools' athletics.

Kim Strauser expressed the importance of connecting with our students regarding the athletic options available, and the benefits.

Ed Bonham mentioned that "if we build it, they will come." He also stated that from his time with the School Board he believes we are in the best place to complete this project based on decisions that were made in the past to set us up for this opportunity.

Cheryl Sottolano stated that having quality athletic fields may increase long-term coaching.

Kim Strauser asked the principals how the start of school has gone, all said it is going very well. Cheryl mentioned that the library is not ready to re-open yet and that playground repairs will be complete for the kids to utilize again starting Tuesday August 27.

A small discussion was held regarding the state of the walking trails at Westfield Area Elementary School. It was agreed that these should be repaired before the winter weather comes into play.

6.0 ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment was at 6:27 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.