

MINUTES
TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONFLUENCE, PA 15424
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS SPECIAL MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2026
6:00 p.m.

The Turkeyfoot Valley School Board of Directors met in regular session on Wednesday, January 21, 2026 at the school building in Harnedsville. Vice President Terry Bender called the meeting to order at 6:09 p.m

ITEM #1. ROLL CALL

A roll call vote was held with the following members present:

Frankie Ryan, Terry Bender, Natalie Perez, Mike Diehl, David Tannehill, Gerald Conn, Nathan Enos, Remy Bonnell and Dean Hay.

ITEM #2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

All present gave salute to the flag.

ITEM #3. ADDITIONS OR REARRANGEMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Dean Hay moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

ITEM #5 BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE

1. Approval of DRAW Collective Architecture Proposal for grant project services

David Tannehill moved and Frankie Ryan seconded a motion to approve the Proposal from DRAW Collective Architecture for grant project services as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

Executive Session

Remy Bonnell moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion that the Board go into Executive Session for Personnel/Student matters at 6:19 p.m. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

The Board of Directors resumed their regular meeting at 8:41 p.m

ITEM #14. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Approval of Authorization to issue a Statement of Charges

Terry Bender moved and Remy Bonnell seconded a motion to authorize the issuance of a Statement of Charges against a professional employee (Employee #2025-2026-001) extending an opportunity for hearing under Section 1127 of the Public School Code of 1949, as amended, and further authorize the Board President and Board Secretary to sign same and serve notice upon the Employee of such an entitlement to a hearing. In so doing, the Board believes there is sufficient evidence to support its belief a Statement of Charges should be issued to afford notice to the employee and an opportunity for a hearing as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

2. Approval to Acknowledge the Receipt of Resignation

Nathan Enos moved and Dean Hay seconded a motion to approve to acknowledge the receipt of the resignation of Karen Hoover as a secondary Special Education Teacher due to retirement effective January 14, 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

3. Approval to hire Interim Special Education Coordinator and Assistant Principal

Gerald Conn moved and Nathan Enos seconded a motion to approve to hire Thomas Podpora as Interim Special Education Coordinator and Assistant Principal (subject to having all required clearances) effective January 26, 2026, through June 30, 2026, at a prorated salary based on a \$100,000 annual salary to include individual medical insurance coverage paid for by the Interim employee through payroll deduction as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

4. Approval of date change for February 2026 Board of Directors Regular Meeting

Dean Hay moved and Remy Bonnell seconded a motion to approve to change the date of the February 2026 Regular Board of Directors Meeting from February 12, 2026 to February 17, 2026 due to the WestPac boys' basketball championship game being on February 12, 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #16. VISITOR COMMENTS

ITEM #17. ADJOURNMENT

David Tannehill moved and Remy Bonnell seconded a motion that the Board adjourn at 8:48 p.m. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*