

MINUTES
TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONFLUENCE, PA 15424
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026
7:00 p.m.

The Turkeyfoot Valley School Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, February 17, 2026, at the school building in Harnedsville. Vice President Terry Bender called the meeting to order at 7:02 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, Remy Bonnell and Dean Hay.

Absent: Nathan Enos

ITEM #2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

All present gave salute to the flag.

ITEM #3. ADDITIONS OR REARRANGEMENTS TO THE AGENDA

David Tannehill moved and Remy Bonnell seconded a motion to approve the agenda as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Leroy Nace – Leroy presented the board with an update on the driving simulator and how the fundraising is coming along.

Parents for attendance- no one present.

Executive Session

Remy Bonnell moved and Dean Hay seconded a motion that the Board go into Executive Session for Personnel/Student matters at 7:06 p.m. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

The Board of Directors resumed their regular meeting at 7:58 p.m

ITEM #5. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

A. The Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 8, 2026 are presented for approval

Terry Bender moved and Geral Conn seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of Thursday, January 8, 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

B. The Minutes of the Board of Directors Special meeting of Wednesday, January 21, 2026 are presented for approval

Terry Bender moved and Gerald Conn seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of Wednesday, January 21, 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #6. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD BILLS

Terry Bender moved and Gerald Conn seconded a motion to approve the Board Bills for the month of January 2026 and Cafeteria for the months of December 2025 and January 2026 as presented. *(note that a correction was made to the December bills) All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #7. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURERS REPORT

Terry Bender moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for the month of January 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #8. APPROVAL OF THE BUDGETARY TRANSFERS

There are no budgetary transfers at this time.

ITEM #9. TRANSFER OF FUNDS

David Tannehill moved and Remy Bonnell seconded a motion to approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Payroll Account for the dates of February 23, 2026 and March 9, 2026 not to exceed \$120,000 at each transfer. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Athletic Committee

1. Approval of the Athletic Committee Meeting Minutes – February 5, 2026

Geral Conn moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the Athletic Committee meeting minutes of February 5, 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

2. Committee Meeting Date

Gerald Conn moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve March 12, 2026 as the date at 4:30 p.m. for the Athletic Committee meeting with permission to advertise as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

B. Building & Grounds Committee

1. Approval of Resolution to apply for a Public School Facilities Improvement Grant for roof repairs (25%/75%)

Be it RESOLVED, that that the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District of Somerset County hereby request a Public School Facility Improvement Grant of \$591,903.00 from the Commonwealth Financing Authority to be used for roof repairs.

Be it FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Applicant does hereby designate Dr. Nicole Dice, Superintendent, and Megan Barlow as the officials to execute all documents and agreements between the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District and the Commonwealth Financing Authority to facilitate and assist in obtaining the requested grant.

I, Amanda Younkin, duly qualified Secretary of the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District, Somerset County, PA, hereby certify that the forgoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution duly adopted by a majority vote of the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District Board of Directors at a regular meeting held February 17, 2026 and said Resolution has been recorded in the Minutes of the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District and remains in effect as of this date.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I affix my hand and attach the seal of the Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District this 17th day of February, 2026.

Dean Hay moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the resolution to apply for a Public School Facilities Improvement Grant as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

2. Approval of Building and Use Form – Boy Scout Troop

Dean Hay moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the Building & Use form from the Boy Scout Troop to hold a dinner (same night as the musical Robinn Hood) on March 26, 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

3. Committee Meeting Date

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

C. Cafeteria Committee

1. Approval of the Cafeteria Committee meeting minutes

Natalie Perez moved and Dean Hay seconded a motion to approve the Cafeteria Committee meeting minutes of February 5, 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

2. Committee Meeting Date

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

D. Curriculum Committee

1. Curriculum Committee Meeting Date

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

E. Finance & Purchasing Committee

1. Approval of the Somerset County Technology Center 2026-2027 Secondary Budget

Terry Bender moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the SCTC 2026-2027 Secondary Budget in the amount of \$6,847,875.00 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

2. Approval of the Somerset County Technology Center 2026-2027 Adult Budget

Terry Bender moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the SCTC 2026-2027 Adult Budget in the amount of \$750,000.00 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

3. Acknowledge Receipt of the 2025 Annual Financial Report

Remy Bonnell moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve to acknowledge the receipt of the 2025 Annual Financial Report as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.* Mike discussed that it was a clean audit opinion but that there are still some issues with how the software was set up from the beginning and not enough support from Skyward. The business manager has been instructed to seek assistance from PASBO in getting things set up properly.

4. Finance & Purchasing Committee Meeting Date

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

F. Policy Review & Development Committee

1. Approval of the second reading of Policies

Gerald Conn moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the second reading of the following policies as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative*

- Policy 105.2 - Exemption From Instruction (revised)
- Policy 122.1 - Noncurriculum-Related, Nonschool-Sponsored, Student Initiated Groups (new)
- Policy 237 - Student Use of Cellular Phones, Digital Imaging Devices and Other Personal Electric Devices (revised)
- Policy 815.1 - Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in Education (new)
- Policy 815.1 Attachment - AI Implementation Guidelines (new)
- Policy 816 - District Social Media (revised)

Gerald Conn mentioned that a review of Policy 237 will possibly need to be reviewed again due to the new state mandates.

2. Policy Review and Development Committee Meeting Date

Gerald Conn moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve March 12 as the date at 6:00 p.m. for the Policy Review and Development Committee meeting with permission to advertise. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

G. Transportation Committee

1. Transportation Committee Meeting Date

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

H. Technology Committee

1. Approval of Staff Member to use District Chromebook for educational purposes

Remy Bonnell moved and Dean Hay seconded a motion to approve for Laura Beitzel to use a school district Chromebook for furthering her education as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

2. Technology Committee Meeting Date

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

ITEM #11. NEW BUSINESS

ITEM #12 OTHER BUSINESS

1. Approval to attend the Skyward Conference

Frankie Ryan moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve for Lisa Megown to attend the Skyward conference on March 31 and April 1 at the cost of approximately \$400.00 for hotel accommodations only as the conference is paid for through Skyward as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

ITEM #13. REPORTS

- A. Guidance Office Report – Linette Wagner
- B. Nurses Report – Jane Uphouse
- C. Maintenance/Custodial Report – Glenn Cameron
- D. Athletic Director – Lisa Megown/Amanda Younkin
- E. Special Education – Nicole Dice
- F. Somerset Technology – Mike Diehl – verbal
- G. Principal's Report – Chris Shilk

Mr. Shilk had two additions to his report. Susan Wilson will be holding an educational event on poison and bringing her dog along as part of the program. Crankyfest will be held again this year at the Confluence Creative Arts Center on February 27 and 28.

1. Approval of Graduation Date and Time

Remy Bonnell moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve May 31st as the date at 2:00 p.m. for the 2026 Turkeyfoot High School Graduation ceremony as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

- H. Superintendent – Nicole Dice

1. Approval of PASA dues

Remy Bonnell moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the PASA (State & National) dues for Dr. Nicole Dice for the 2025-2026 school year in the amount of \$653.00 as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

2. Approval of attending the National Superintendent Summit

Remy Bonnell moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve for Dr. Dice to attend the DALI conference March 16-19, 2026 at no cost to the district as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Dr. Dice discussed what a success the conference was at Pete & C. She had about 30 people in her session and a few have reached out to her for more information on our programs and about the possibility of hosting a site visit at Turkeyfoot.

ITEM #14. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. Approval of Resignation

Dean Hay moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to accept the resignation of James Hull and to authorize the Board President and Superintendent to sign any necessary paperwork to effectuate the same as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Discussion was held on the recent Health Care Consortium meeting and the new standards for GLP-1 drugs. Amanda presented the board with information on the current standards and the enhanced standards from Highmark. After much discussion the board recommended going with Highmark's default, which is the enhanced standard that will begin July 1, 2026.

ITEM #15. NEGOTIATIONS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

ITEM #16. VISITOR COMMENTS

ITEM #17. ADJOURNMENT

Remy Bonnell moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion that the Board adjourn at 8:47 p.m. ***All members present voted in the affirmative***