

MINUTES
TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONFLUENCE, PA 15424
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2026
7:00 p.m.

The Turkeyfoot Valley School Board of Directors met in a regular session on Thursday, May 14, 2026, at the school building in Harnedsville. Vice President Terry Bender called the meeting to order at 7:03pm.

ITEM #1. ROLL CALL

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

Frankie Ryan, Terry Bender, Natalie Perez, David Tannehill, Gerald Conn, Nathan Enos, and Dean Hay.
Absent: Remy Bonnell (entered at 7:04pm) and Michael Diehl (entered at 7:09pm)

ITEM #2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG

All people present gave salute to the flag.

Board Member Remy Bonnell entered the meeting rolls at 7:04pm.

ITEM #3. ADDITIONS OR REARRANGEMENTS TO THE AGENDA

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

ITEM #4. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

ITEM #5. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

Gerald Conn moved and Nathan Enos seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of Thursday, April 9, 2026, as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

Natalie Perez moved and Frankie Ryan seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Special Meeting of Tuesday, April 21, 2026, as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #6. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD BILLS

Gerald Conn moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the Board Bills for the month of April 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #7. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURERS REPORT

Dean Hay moved and Nathan Enos seconded a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for the month of April 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 Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the transfer of funds from the General Fund to the Payroll Account for the dates of May 22, 2026, and June 8, 2026 not to exceed \$120,000 at each transfer. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Board Member Michael Diehl entered the meeting rolls at 7:11pm

ITEM #10. COMMITTEE REPORTS

A. Athletic Committee

Frankie Ryan moved and Nathan Enos seconded a motion to approve/disapprove Monday, June 1, 2026 as the date at 5:00p.m. for the Athletic Committee meeting with permission to advertise as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

B. Building & Grounds Committee

David Tannehill moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the following Building and Use Agreements as presented: Athletic Boosters Banquet – May 21, 2026 and Boys Basketball Team – January 2, 2027. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

David Tannehill moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Lease Agreement with Tableland Services, Inc. for 1 classroom space in the Turkeyfoot Elementary School at a rate of \$1,000 per year as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative with Dean Hay abstaining.***

David Tannehill moved and Nathan Enos seconded a motion to approve the resolution to award the bid for the liquid propane project as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

RESOLUTION

BE IT RESOLVED, the Turkeyfoot Valley Board of School Directors hereby awards the following contract for the Liquid Propane (LP) storage system and LP fired domestic hot water heaters project.

For Plumbing Construction to **Preferred Plumbing and Heating Solutions LL** in the amount of **\$599,193**.

C. Cafeteria Committee

No action taken

D. Curriculum Committee

No action taken

E. Finance & Purchasing Committee

Terry Bender moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Resolutions as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

- a. Resolution for the 2026-2027 tax rate of 31.49 mills
(Note: This represents a 1.35 mill increase to the current tax rate.)
- b. Resolution authorizing the Collection of School Property Taxes on Eligible Properties in Installments

- c. Resolution authorizing the Reduction of Real Estate tax by Homestead and Farmstead Exclusion
- d. Resolution to Levy a Tax on Earned Income and Net Profits

Terry Bender moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the Proposed 2026-2027 Final Budget of \$6,510,202.00 as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Terry Bender moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on May 6, 2026 at 10:00am in the Central Office of Turkeyfoot School as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

F. Policy Review & Development Committee

No action taken.

G. Transportation Committee

No action taken.

H. Technology Committee

No action taken.

ITEM #11. NEW BUSINESS

Nathan Enos moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve Thursday, June 11, 2026 at 6:30p.m. for the Act 93 meeting as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the Pennsylvania School Board Association (PSBA) 2026-2027 membership with the All-Access Membership level as presented/amended. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

ITEM #12. OTHER BUSINESS

Nathan Enos moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Pennsylvania State Police effective June 25, 2026 through June 25, 2027 as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the donation of a book entitled “Sugarbush Spring” donated to the school library by the Somerset County Farm Bureau 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
- E. Special Education – Tom Podpora
- F. Somerset Technology – Mike Diehl – SCTC is moving forward with their new administrative team and current building project on the roof.
- G. Principal’s Report – Chris Shilk

Dean Hay moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the list of the 2026 Turkeyfoot Valley Area School District Graduating Seniors as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Dean Hay moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve Karina Graziani (Class of 2005) as the 2026 Graduation Ceremony Keynote Speaker as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Dean Hay moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 master schedules and student handbooks as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

H. Superintendent's Report – Nicole Dice

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Merakey Contract as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the Dual Credit Agreement with Pennsylvania Highlands Community College as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the Summer Building hours to be from 7:00 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Monday through Thursday as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve for the Summer Custodial Schedule to be from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve for the summer weight room hours to be from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the Substitute Teacher Agreement with Ignite for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Bull's Eye contracts listed below as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

- a. District events at a rate of \$26.00 per hour
- b. Daily building security at a rate of \$32.00 per hour

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve for Tonya Daniels and Christina Bowman to complete Summer Curriculum work (for a maximum of 60 hours each) at their per diem/hourly rates for the 2025-2026 school year to be paid with federal funding as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the district to apply for federal and state funds as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve to advertise for any open employment positions for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the following contracts with Chestnut Ridge Counseling Services for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. ***All members present***

voted in the affirmative.

- a. New Directions Agreement
- b. Social Work Services (on-site at Turkeyfoot)
- c. School-based Outpatient Therapy (on-site at Turkeyfoot)

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the 2026-2027 Partnership Agreement with the World of Learning Extended Campus Program at Appalachia Intermediate Unit 8 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

Nathan Enos moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the revised 2026-2027 District Calendar as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #14. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

Gerald Conn moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve to acknowledge the receipt of the resignation of Dr. Nicole L. Dice as Superintendent of Schools effective June 30, 2026 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

Dean Hay moved and Nathan Enos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Lisa Megown as the Board Treasurer for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

Dean Hay moved and Nathan Enos seconded a motion to approve the appointment of Debra Perez as Board Secretary for a four-year term from July 1, 2026 through June 30, 2030 as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

David Tannehill moved and Frankie Ryan seconded a motion to approve hiring Amy Foster as the instructor for a summer driver's education course to be held between June 1, 2026 through July 30, 2026 at her per diem rate as presented. *All members present voted in the affirmative.*

ITEM #15. NEGOTIATIONS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

No action taken.

ITEM #16. VISITOR COMMENTS

Executive Session

Dean Hay moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion for the Board go into Executive Session for Personnel/Student matters at 7:37p.m.

The Board of Directors resumed their regular meeting at 10:14 p.m.

ITEM #17. ADJOURNMENT

Dean Hay moved and Remy Bonnell seconded a motion for the Board to adjourn at 10:29 p.m.