TYRONE AREA SCHOOL BOARD

Regular Session Agenda

August 11, 2026
6:30 p.m.
Board Room

****SECTION A -- Separate Voting Items****

I. OPENING EXERCISES, APPROVAL OF AGENDA, AND PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Pledge of Allegiance to the American Flag

B. Moment of Silent Meditation

C. Announcement - Board meeting is being audio recorded.

D. General Welcome to Those Present and Introduction of Invited Guests. Guests are reminded to sign the attendance roster.

E. Request board approval to the proposed August 11, 2026 Regular Session Agenda. Roll Call Vote.

F. Request board approval of Minutes of the July 14, 2026 Regular Session Meeting. Roll Call Vote.

G. Public Comment – Speakers should identify themselves and any group they represent. Presentations should be limited to five (5) minutes by the individual or group represented. No questions are to be directed to individual board members, and board members are to limit their questions to requests for clarification.

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS, PRESENTATIONS AND SPECIAL REQUESTS

A. The board met in executive session immediately following the work session to discuss personnel and litigation.

III. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

A. Pending and Current Committee Reports, as called by the Board President

1. Financial Operations Committee – Treasurer Cathy Harlow

A. Financial Reports. Roll Call Votes.

1) **Report #1** - Treasurer's Financial Report (period ending July 31, 2026)
2) **Report #2** - Expenditures
3) **Report #3** - Investment Analysis Report (period ending June 30, 2026)

2. **Board Regulatory Activities Committee** – Chairperson Heidi Howard

A. Request board approval to the Settlement and Release Agreement with Bishop McCort Catholic Academy as presented and authorize the execution of all necessary documents to effectuate same. Roll Call Vote.

IV. Request board approval to consensus vote of items listed under Section B of the August 11, 2026 Regular Session Agenda. Roll Call Vote.

****SECTION B - Consensus Vote****

I. ITEMS TO BE CONSIDERED BY THE BOARD

A. Pending and Current Committee Reports, as called by the Board President

1. Student Activities and Services Committee - Chairperson Brian Bressler

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement or Resignation	Effective Date
Hilary Soellner	Head Varsity Softball Coach	Resignation	July 28, 2026
Joe Laukaitis	Assistant Varsity Softball Coach	Resignation	July 31, 2026

B. Elections

Name	Position	Salary	Benefits	Effective Date
Justin Cox	Jr. High Girls Head Soccer Coach	$1,882.40	No Benefits	August 12, 2026
Trevor Kern	Varsity Football Assistant Coach-Split Position	$1,852.88	No Benefits	August 12, 2026
Sidney Goodwin	Jr. High Assistant Volleyball Coach	$1,176.50	No Benefits	August 17, 2026
Ryan Zupon	Varsity Football Assistant Coach-Split Position	$1,852.88	No Benefits	August 12, 2026

C. Request board approval to transfer Sydney McGinnis from Assistant Jr. High Volleyball Coach to Assistant Varsity Volleyball Coach with a stipend of $2,117.70 effective August 12, 2026.

D. Request board approval to transfer Douglas Sweitzer from Assistant Varsity Golf Coach to Head Varsity Golf Coach with a stipend of $2,500 effective August 12, 2026.

E. Request board approval to enter agreement with Child Advocates of Blair County to provide breakfast and lunch at the following rates for the 2026-27 school year: Breakfast: $2.50; Lunch $3.85; representing an increase of $0.15 for breakfast; $0.25 for lunch from the 2025-26 school year.

F. Request board approval to list of **Field Trip Requests**, previously approved by the Building Principal, Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Business Administrator, and Superintendent of Schools.

2. Financial Operations Committee – Treasurer Cathy Harlow

A. Request board approval of 3-year **Audit Engagement Agreement** with Boyer & Ritter, LLC for fiscal years 2025-2026; 2026-27; 2027-28 with associated costs as presented in the **proposal**.

B. Request board approval for renewal of the following contracts renewals. Funded under the 2026-27 Technology budget:

Product	Company	Effective Dates	Cost
Mosyle Manager MDM	Mosyle Corporation	8/12/26-8/11/27	$250.00
Bitwarden	Bitwarden, Inc.	8/22/26-8/21/27	$270.00
GopherBuddy	CDW Amplified	10/1/26-9/30/27	$1,100.00
WeVideo	WeVideo, Inc.	9/1/26-8/31/27	$3,527.14
EnGenius	Connections, Inc	9/26/26-9/25/27	$600.00

C. Request board approval to enter into a 3-year contact with CDW Education of Chicago, Il for Google Workspace for Education plus licensing. The year-one cost is $10,962.00 year based on current student/staff enrollment counts.

3. Human Resources Committee – Chairperson Gunter Volders

A. Retirements/Resignations

Name	Position	Retirement/Resignation	Effective Date
Angel Bartel	Paraprofessional	Resignation	July 23, 2026
Joe Laukaitis	Business Education Teacher	Resignation	July 31, 2026

B. **Elections**

Name	Position	Assignment	Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Jarrod Prugar	Special Education Teacher	7.5 hrs./day 5 days/week 187 Contract Days	$52,594.00 Step 2 – 22 yrs. from top	10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days Full Benefits	August 20, 2026

Name	Position	Assignment	Stipend or Rate/Hour	Benefits	Effective Date
Jason Jones	Business Education Teacher	7.5 hrs./day 5 days/week 187 Contract Days	$54,094.00 Step 3 – 21 yrs. from top	10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days Full Benefits	August 20, 2026
Nicholas Lewis	Business Education Teacher	7.5 hrs./day 5 days/week 187 Contract Days	$51,094 Step 1 - 23 yrs. from top	10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days Full Benefits	August 20, 2026
Sarah Latchford	Special Education Transition Coordinator	N/A	$2,500 Stipend	No Change in Current Benefits	August 20, 2026
Katelyn Hockenberry	Paraprofessional	7.0 hrs./day 5 days/week	$14.25/hr.	10 Sick Days 2 Personal Days No Benefits	August 20, 2026
Nickole Bonsell	Quiet Study Support Paraprofessional (transfer from classroom paraprofessional)	7.5 hrs./day 5 days/week	$18.75/hr.	No change in benefits	August 20, 2026

C. Request board approval to the following list of mentors for the 2026-27school year:

Mentor	Inductee/Position	Stipend
Kristy Brennan	Gabrielle Helsel – Special Education Teacher	$696.91
Suzy Burket	Adrianna Boldizar – Secondary Social Studies Teacher	$696.91
Susan Cannistraci	Kylin Hoover – Secondary Science Teacher Rachel Stricek – Secondary Science Teacher	$696.91 $696.91
Sarah Ciampoli	Madison Coleman – Gr. 1 Teacher	$696.91
Jill Dale	Alex Burghardt – Special Education Teacher	$696.91
Shannon Davis	Mackenzie Brown – Special Education Teacher Jarrod Prugar – Special Education Teacher (1st semester)	$696.91 $348.45
Barbara Elder	Alana Rogers – Gr. 2 Teacher	$696.91
Lindsey Feath	Sara Shock – Speech & Language Pathologist	$696.91
Kermit Foor	Nicholas Bonsell – Carpentry Teacher	$696.91
Lauren Garda	Lindsey Tucker – Special Education Teacher (1st semester)	$348.45
Sean Harker	Cortnee Clapper-Nearhoof – Secondary English Techer (1st marking period)	$174.22
Sarah Latchford	Hilary Soellner – Special Education Teacher	$696.91
Deanna McCreary	Lenore Clawson – Secondary Art Teacher	$696.91
Michele Marasco	Lewis Painter – Secondary Math Teacher	$696.91
Chelsey Markel	Gianni Battaglia – Secondary Math Teacher	$696.91

Gwen Miller	Alyssa Cunningham – Secondary English Teacher (1st marking period)	$174.22
Christie Taylor	Jason Jones – Business Education Teacher (1st marking period)	$174.22

D. Request board approval to 2026-2027 **Substitute and Long-Term Volunteer List**.

E. Request board approval to authorize the Human Resources Committee and the Administration to offer employment to candidates pending Board approval between August 12, 2026, and September 8, 2026.

3. **Educational Programs and Materials** – Chairperson Kris Laird

A. Request board approval to enter into an agreement with **Pyramid Healthcare, Inc.** for Soaring Heights Schools at a rate of $323.00 per day with additional costs for 1:1 nursing and/or paraprofessional support, if necessary, on a case-by-case basis.

B. Request board approval of **2026-27 School Wide Title I School Plan** for the Tyrone Area Elementary School.

C. Request board approval to agreement with Juniata College for participation in the **Science in Motion** program for the 2026-27 school year at a cost of $7,200, an increase of $1,200 from the 2025-26 school year. Program funded by Title IV grant.

4. **Physical Plant and Operations Committee** – Chairperson Jeff Long

A. Request board approval for the listing of 2026-27 Student Transportation Drivers for **Beckwith Buses** and **Raystown Transit Service**.

B. Request board approval for Institutional Specialties, Inc. to replace the scoreboards at the soccer and softball fields in the amount of $18,950.

C. Request board approval to the list of 2026-2027 **Nutrition Cafeteria Employees**.

5. **Employee Relations Committee** – Chairperson William Lash

A. Request board approval to **2026-2027 Joint District Staff Handbook**, **Staff Handbook Changes**.

6. **Board Regulatory Activities Committee** – Chairperson Heidi Howard

A. Request board approval to the following handbooks for the 2026-27 School Year.

1. **Elementary Parent-Student Handbook**, **TAES Handbook Changes**
2. **Middle School Student-Parent Handbook**; **TAMS Handbook Changes**
3. **High School Student-Parent Handbook**; **TAHS Handbook Changes**
4. **Cyber Academy Handbook**; **TACA Changes**
5. **Agency Staff Handbook**; **Agency Staff Changes**; **Agency Staff Information Collection**

B. Request board approval to the 2026-27 Tyrone Area School District **Transportation Manual.** (no changes from 2025-26)

8. Information Only

A. **Tax Collection Report** (Period Ending July 31, 2026)

****SECTION C – Closing of Meeting****

I. ADJOURNMENT

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