MINUTES
TURKEYFOOT VALLEY AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
CONFLUENCE, PA 15424
BOARD OF SCHOOL DIRECTORS REGULAR MEETING
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2026
7:00 p.m.

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The Turkeyfoot Valley School Board of Directors met in regular session on Thursday, September 10, 2026, at the school building in Harnedsville. President Mike Diehl called the meeting to order at 7:14 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. RECOGNITION OF VISITORS

Brandon Lytle

ITEM #4. ADDITIONS OR REARRANGEMENTS TO THE AGENDA

Gerald Conn moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve the agenda, as amended. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

ITEM #5. APPROVAL OF THE MEETING MINUTES

1. **The Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 13, 2026 are presented for approval.**

Dean Hay moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the Minutes of the Board of Directors Regular Meeting of Thursday, August 13, 2026, as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

ITEM #6. APPROVAL OF THE BOARD BILLS

Gerald Conn moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve the General Fund Board Bills for the month of August and the Cafeteria Board Bills for the months of June and July 2026 as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

ITEM #7. APPROVAL OF THE TREASURERS REPORT

Terry Bender moved and Gerald Conn seconded a motion to approve the Treasurers Report for the month of August 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 September 9, and September 23, 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 Volunteer for Boys Basketball – Gavin Stimmell**

Frankie Ryan moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve Gavin Stimmell as a volunteer for the Boys Basketball team for the 2026-2027 school year pending all necessary clearances and paperwork as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

*****It was noted that a coach for the Junior High boys' basketball team is still needed.***

2. **Committee Meeting Date**

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

B. Building & Grounds Committee

1. **Committee Meeting Date**

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

Mike Diehl read a letter of interest from Brandon Lytle on becoming a backup Water/Wastewater Operator for the district.

2. **Approval of back up Water/Wastewater Operator – Brandon Lytle**

Frankie Ryan moved and Dean Hay seconded a motion to approve to have Brandon Lytle as a backup contractor to the current Water/Wastewater operator as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

C. Cafeteria Committee

There was discussion of the need for the cafeteria to have a credit card for the use of cafeteria expenses only.

1. **Approval of Cafeteria Credit Card**

Terry Bender moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve for the cafeteria to obtain a credit card through Somerset Trust Company with the credit amount to be determined by the cafeteria manager and business manager as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

2. **Committee Meeting Date**

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

D. Policy Review & Development Committee

1. **Policy Review and Development Committee Meeting Date**

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

E. Transportation Committee

1. **Approval of Bus Driver – Steve Byers**

Frankie Ryan moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve Steve Byers as a bus driver for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

2. **Transportation Committee Meeting Date**

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

E. Technology Committee

1. **Technology Committee Meeting Date**

No Committee meeting needed at this time.

ITEM #11. NEW BUSINESS

1. **Approval of Donation – Randy Pritts**

David Tannehill moved and Dean Hay seconded a motion to approve the donation from Randy Pritts to be used towards ice cream money for kids who do not have any as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

2. **Approval of Donation – United Community Church of God**

David Tannehill moved and Dean Hay seconded a motion to approve the donation of supplies from the UCC of God as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

ITEM #12. OTHER BUSINESS

1. **Approval of PSBA Officer Elections**

David Tannehill moved and Dean Hay seconded a motion to approve Matt Vanoy as the 2027 President-elect (1-year term), Kristy Bolte as the 2027 Vice President (1-year term), David Hein as the Treasurer (3-year term) and Marianne L. Neel and Dr. Michael Faccinetto as the PSBA Insurance Trustees (3-year term) as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

2. **Approval to present funds to local Volunteer Fire Departments**

David Tannehill moved and Dean Hay seconded a motion to approve to present the Confluence Volunteer Fire Department and the Addison Volunteer Fire Department with $125.00 each for medical/fire assistance as needed as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

3. **Approval to authorize administration to notify the Bedford-Somerset Health Care Consortium of the district's decision to withdraw from the consortium.**

Gerald Conn moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion to approve to authorize administration to notify the Bedford-Somerset Health Care Consortium of the district's intent to withdraw from the consortium 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 – verbal
G. Principal's Report – Chris Shilk – verbal

1. **Approval of Senior Class Fundraiser**

Gerald Conn moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion to approve a fundraiser for the senior class of 2027 as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

H. Superintendent's Report – Thomas Podpora-verbal

1. **Approval for Superintendent to attend the Special Education Law Symposium 2026**

Gerald Conn moved and Remy Bonnell seconded a motion to approve for Tom Podpora, Superintendent, to attend the Special Education Law Symposium presented by Beard Legal Group at the IU08 on September 23, 2026 at a cost of $249.00 as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

2. **Approval of PATTAN Training – Establishing Component Skills through Evidence Based Practices – Courtney Frye and Melynie Ryan**

Gerald Conn moved and Remy Bonnell seconded a motion to approve for Courtney Frye and Melynie Ryan to attend the PATTAN training – Establishing Component Skills through Evidence Based Practices, September 28, 29, and 30th at the PATTAN West training facility as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

3. **Approval of MOU with Adagio Health**

Gerald Conn moved and Remy Bonnell seconded a motion to approve the MOU with Adagio Health at no cost to the district as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

Executive Session

Terry Bender moved and David Tannehill seconded a motion that the Board go into Executive Session for Personnel/Student matters at 8:12 p.m. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

The Board of Directors resumed their regular meeting at 8:44 p.m.

ITEM #4. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

1. **Approval of Tenure**

Gerald Conn moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve tenure for James Pyne and Yolanda Michelle Harman as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

2. **Approval of Resignation – Betty Digruttolo**

Gerald Conn moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the resignation of Betty Digruttolo effective end of day August 31, 2026 as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

3. **Approval of SADD advisor – Amy Foster**

Gerald Conn moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve Amy Foster as the SADD advisor for the 2026-2027 school year as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

4. **Approval of After School Tutoring Staff**

Gerald Conn moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Ben Phillian and Sara Smith as after school tutoring teachers at a rate of $25.00 per hour as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

5. **Approval of After School Detention Staff**

Gerald Conn moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the hiring of Jane Uphouse and Joanna Nieves as after school detention staff at a rate of $25.00 per hour as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

6. **Approval of paid Paraprofessional internship**

Gerald Conn moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve the paid internship for Gage Murphy at an hourly rate of $9.25 per hour pending all necessary clearances and paperwork as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

7. **Approval of FMLA leave – Employee 2026/2027-01**

Gerald Conn moved and Natalie Perez seconded a motion to approve FMLA leave for Employee 2026-2027-01 as presented. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***

ITEM #14. NEGOTIATIONS AND GRIEVANCES COMMITTEE

ITEM #15. VISITOR COMMENTS

ITEM #16. ADJOURNMENT

David Tannehill moved and Terry Bender seconded a motion that the Board adjourn at 8:45 p.m. ***All members present voted in the affirmative.***