

Tri-County Area School District

Plainfield, Wisconsin
Minutes from Regular School Board Meeting
Held October 24, 2023

Call to Order

Cindy Baumgartner-President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the board room.

Roll Call of Members/Declaration of Quorum

School board members present were Mark Bacon, Cindy Baumgartner, Sherry Caves, Jim Cesar, Dakotah Smiley, Wayne Cummings, Jim Knutson, and Wes Meddaugh. Randy Thurley was absent. A quorum was declared.

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited

Adoption of the Agenda

Jim Knutson made a motion; Wayne Cummings seconded and carried on a unanimous voice vote to adopt the agenda.

Revenue/Expense Report

Jamie Delikowski, District Administrator, stated that 6.27%, \$760,112.02 of the anticipated revenue had been received to date and 14.37% or \$1,780,118.02 of this year's budget has been spent.

Bills/Receipts Approved

Jim Cesar made a motion; Mark Bacon seconded and carried on a voice vote to approve checks 986234 through 986402 in the amount of \$170,175.66 and receipt of revenue for the amount of \$294,293.66 from Sept 27, 2023, to October 24, 2023. Motion carried on a unanimous voice vote.

Public Forum

Jim Miller from Hancock addressed the Board about the Hancock Library. The trustees voted to postpone the addition of the library until more money can be raised. They did receive a grant to offset funds and are waiting to hear from another organization. Sherry Caves is working on digitalizing documents from the library.

The craft fair is coming up. There are 24 vendors

Virginia McGregor addressed the Board stating how much she appreciates our new counselor.

Chief Kevin Fenske reported on the first few months of school. He talked to 6-8th graders about cell phone safety and keeping their hands to themselves. Brian Wenzel came in with Thor (drug dog) and did locker searches.

Brittney and Jamie introduced new teachers to the Board. Elisabeth Dean our new 5th grade teacher. Sara Goldberg is our new 7-12 Spanish teacher. Emily Krystkowiak is our 6-12 Counselor. Noah Bunge is our new HS Social Studies teacher. Carey Mullenburg is our new Alt Education teacher.

Jessica Rettler gave a special Thank You to Dave and Mary Troxel for sponsoring the band to come to the volleyball game in Oshkosh.

The Board thanked Jessica for a great job with the volleyball season.

Consent Agenda Items Approved

Jim Cesar made a motion, seconded by Jim Knutson. The motion carried on a voice vote, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- A. Approve the minutes from the Regular Board Meeting, on September 26, 2023.
- B. Approve the minutes from the Curriculum & Program Evaluation Committee meeting on September 26, 2023.
- C. Approve the resignation of Ray Applebee as the Fitness Center Supervisor.
- D. Approve the resignation of Hailey Sawyer as an Educational Aide.
- E. Approve the resignation of Heather Demma as an Educational Aide.
- F. Approve the resignation of Kasey Bates as JV Softball Coach.
- G. Approve Jody Congdon as the Media Coordinator with a stipend of \$ 2,000.
- H. Approve the hiring of Clancy Farago as MS Wrestling Coach at Step 1.
- I. Approve the hiring of Jolene Lorenz as a Cook at Base.
- J. Approve the hiring of Anna Talbot as an Educational Aide at Base.
- K. Approve the hiring of Brisa Banda as an Educational Aide at Base.
- L. Approve the hiring of Martha Becher as an Educational Aide at Step 5.
- M. Approve the hiring of Brian Siegenthaler as HS BB Assistant at Step 2.
- N. Approve the hiring of Samuel Grywacz as HS BB Head Coach at Step 1.
- O. Approve the hiring of Annette Carroll as HS Math Tutor 2 days a week at Step 10.

Unfinished Business:

New Business

- A. Discussion and action to approve the budget and tax levy for the 2023-2024 school year. Jim Cesar made a motion to approve the budget and tax levy for the 2023-2024 school year. Dakotah Smiley seconded. The motion passed on a voice vote with none opposed. This is the first balanced budget for the TC School District in the last 15 years or longer. Our July state estimate for General Aid

from the state was \$4.2 million but in October, the state lowered their contribution. They will be giving us only \$3.8 million which raises our mill rate from 7.37 to 7.77.

- B. Discussion and action to approve the new GED Program. Jim Cesar made a motion to approve the GED Program. Dakotah Smiley seconded the motion. The motion passed on a voice vote, none opposed. This will be a district-offered course to help individuals who live in the district complete their high school diploma or equivalent. This could also help with our graduation rates.

Correspondence

Thank you letter from Ann Labucki.

Reports

- A. School Board Members- Cindy Baumgartner and Jim Cesar. Reported out about the WASB Fall Regional Meeting held in the Wisconsin Dells. This is a time to meet other Board members. Cindy went to a workshop before the dinner and she learned about open meeting laws. She asked the Board to please consider going to a workshop.
- B. District Administrator-Jamie Delikowski
 - Multi-factor authentication for the district is going to be implemented due to liability and safety. Multiple neighboring districts have been hacked.
 - County Emergency Response Planning Jamie led other county superintendents and emergency officers to implement a county-wide crisis response plan.
 - NEOLA procedures are underway and Jamie will meet with the policy committee to go over them and bring them to the Board meeting for a first reading hopefully sometime in November. When the second reading is done, all the policies will take effect.
- C. 6-12 Principal Report -Nicholas Marti
 - Day of Caring will be rescheduled for the spring due to the weather.
 - Fall sports have wrapped up. The soccer program was successful and it's good to have the program back. Volleyball had a great team this year and had a successful year as well. Football improved over the year and had a great last game for our seniors.
 - Quiz Bowl will begin soon, Noah Bunge will be the advisor.
 - Math League will be starting soon. The first meet is on November 6th. Hattie Knutson and Jon Panis will be the advisors.

- The National FFA convention is next week. They will report at next month's meeting.
- TC 6-12 Lockdown & Off-Site Evacuation Drill (10/3) went really well.
- Pre-ACT & Practice ACT Day (10/17) was a good day for the 6-12 grades. Our seniors went to Midstate to tour, the 6-7 grades went to Parfrey's Glenn to hike, and the 8-11 grades did some testing to get district-wide baselines.
- TCMS Mini Lock-In (10/26) will take place. This is for 6, 7th 8th there will be a movie and capture the flag. It will not be overnight this time.

D. EC-5 Principal Report -Brittney Lau

- Elementary students also participated in the School Safety Lockdown/Evac—drill Report. Teachers and staff got them to their evacuation sites and back safely.
- Standards-Based Grading is in the final stages for Fall Roll-Out. Brittney addressed the Board about the value of this type of assessment reporting.
- Brittney attended a Principals Convention in Brookfield.
- Act 20 is doing a literacy push for the Science of Reading. Heading in the right direction with the curriculum that we already have.
- November 8th Veterans Day program.

Future Agenda Items

- A. Election Notices – Open in December
- B. Non-intents to Run – Due by December 22
- C. Fall Sports Report
- D. Consider agenda items for curriculum meeting reports

Announcements:

Set Meeting Dates:

Next meeting: November 28, 2023, at 7:00 pm

Curriculum Meeting: November 28, 2023 at 5:30 pm

Dakotah Smiley made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Wes Meddaugh seconded it.

Recorded by: Jody Congdon

Submitted by:

Mark Bacon, Clerk