

Minutes form March 10, 2011 – Open Session

The meeting was called to order with 5 members present, the other 2 arrive shortly after the beginning.

There was a motion to go into closed session by Ostermeier and seconded by Brunson 5-0 vote

A motion by Boggs and seconded by Bennett-Paul to suspend closed session 7-0 vote

A motion was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Moore to approve the amended agenda as presented.

7-0 vote

Mrs. Marvin presented the music department a donation of \$500, which she won through Horace Mann. The money is earmarked for the madrigals upon her request.

Mr. Bruno gave the Transportation report. He went over details of the accident, which resulted in an overturned bus and the timeline along with Mr. Boston on its return to the fleet. Mr. Boston reported that our bus millage account was in good shape and at this time there are no concerns with going over the millage requirements within our lease.

The SASSED report consisted of an update with the decentralization committee. Mr. Bruno reviewed the situation and discussed contract concerns when decentralization happens but reported no new information at this time. Mr. Bruno did report that both He and Mr. Root from Williamsville will be interviewing candidates for the SASSED administrator for the both districts. Mary Ann Zack is our current administrator but is retiring at the conclusion of the school year.

The CACC report reviewed the situation both financially and educationally through CACC meetings. Mr. Bruno reported that later this month he will meet with the advisory board to look at programs and initiatives to be offered for the upcoming year.

The facilities report included a review over the conversation with TRANE in reference to our HVAC system and the ideas to help. The proposals for updating the HVAC were given as a reference to the board. These numbers are represented in the facility plan as presented.

Job descriptions and duties were given out to custodians and maintenance personnel. The building itself needs work as documented prior and a plan is in place to address some of that need over the summer and to continue to take preventative measures where and when possible.

Mr. Schleicher developed the activities report and it included a MSM update on conference members, a summary of the winter sports programs as well as an invitation to the winter sports awards night sponsored by the sports boosters' organization. Due to the fact that there is only 13 boys this year out for baseball, we have been forced to cancel our JV season in order to save enough innings for our student athletes to participate in the Varsity games throughout the year.

Mr. Schleicher reported he is working on a general set of rules for JH and HS sports. He intends to put these in the handbook under the athletic section next year. He then updates upcoming events for all sports this spring.

Mr. Bruno reported that job descriptions are being updated for non-certified persons and will continue to do so throughout the year. Mr. Bruno reviewed the MAP testing and training for the staff as we prepare to implement the program this year.

The administration is reviewing applicants for 5 positions at this time and will have a recommendation for the board soon in order to set our staff and curriculum for next year.

CACC has brought the idea being passed around the State House to the local district. That idea is one that would allow local district to levy for funding to support career centers. It would be an additional tax and would not count against the tax caps in order not to effect funding for local schools. Mr. Bruno presents this as an upcoming item asks the board to take no action today but did want to bring it to the attention of the district. Mr. Bruno has not made a recommendation as of yet because the issue is not before us as an option but he does express concerns for such an increase in taxes.

The 2010-2011 revised calendar was presented and will be voted upon to approve this month. The 2011-2012 calendar has been given to the union and now the board for review and will be brought to the board as an action next month for approval.

The school's CD's have come due and the Superintendent has moved the money to a money market, which is currently gaining 1.71%. The average CD is only gaining less than 1% and has a 2-year timetable. The intention is to move this money back to a CD once the rates begin to climb. This is the money saved from the refinancing of bonds that has been earmarked for an emergency and not day-to-day expenses.

JH/ HS handbook has been given out for review and adoption will take place next month during the April Meeting.

Mr. Bruno presented information from the State Superintendent to the Board. The State Superintendent is recommending that the General State Aid amount go up by \$297 per kid. He also says that this is a pipe dream and do not expect an increase of this magnitude. He responds with information on the Governors plan to cut transportation money, increase GSA and increase early childhood. The Gov. would also like to cut the Regional Office of Education and increase the payment of retirement for schools. He proposes to eliminate the State portion of retirement to save money in the States budget and put the payment son local school districts. The Gov. also proposes to consolidate school district from 858 to about 300 throughout the State.

The State Supt. Then goes on to talk about Core testing which will replace the ISAT and how this will be electronically based. He recommends all schools begin preparing students for this style of test today if we are to be ready and comfortable with the format. Mr. Bruno continues the conversation by bringing up the Apple loan idea again, which will be brought before the board in the future. This is the loan that has just expired that

allowed the district to borrow money from Apple at 0% over 3 years to purchase technology for the district.

Mrs. Cummins reported on pre-school screening results and the competitive grant format. She continued with an explanation of a reduction in early childhood this year from 2 classes to 1, which allows for the possibility of a year of transitional Kindergarten.

Mrs. Cummins thanked the TCPVG for their hard work and volunteerism in cleaning as well as the sponsorship of the Zumba fitness classes. She continued by thanking Mr. Ori and Mr. Lewis for their hard work on the spelling B.

Mr. Day reported that the handbook was completed for the first reading and he is waiting on responses from the board. ISAT tests went well and he thanked Mrs. Kindel, Mrs. Brock and Mrs. Heberling for their hard work on all aspects of preparation.

Mr. Day explained that the interview process was continuing and he has about 450 applicants to go through at this time. He hopes to have recommendations for the board in April on some of the openings.

Mrs. Kindel reported that all ISAT tests for Elementary and JH are complete. She went on to explain the action team met and discussed possible class offerings for next year.

Mrs. Kindel reported that the district bought 10 iPads through ARRA funds and SASED as well as receiving a \$3000 grant and a laptop from the Regional Office of Career and Technical Education. This office also granted us a wireless printer from their grant funds.

Mrs. Kindel reported that she had to purchase another 10 seats in the online program due to its success. We currently have 30 students from Tri-City and other schools enrolled and still have a waiting list to begin the program. Again, these seats are good for a full year of usage so we can put 3 or 4 students into each seat each year.

The board discussed the current reading program with input from the administration on its purpose, goals and appearance.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Ostermeier to begin a transitional Kindergarten (1 class) next year. This would be a ½ time position.

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Bennett-Paul to approve the amended calendar for the 2010-2011 school year

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Ostermeier to keep the closed session materials sealed.

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Ostermeier and seconded by Boggs to adopt the presented Board Goals for the District.

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Brunson and seconded by Bennett-Paul to approve the 1st reading of the press plus updates

7-0 ayes

Mr. Marvin responds to the possible future question of a levy for the Career Centers. He states that though the district fully supports and appreciates the center, Tri-City CUSD #1 is very uncomfortable with this idea of a tax levy but will be happy to look at the option if it becomes law.

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Brunson to approve the 1st reading of the 2011-2012-student handbook.

7-0 ayes

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Bedolli to retain all non-tenured staff in years 1, 2 or 3 as recommended by the administration.

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Brunson to grant tenure to Mrs. Booker

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Bennett-Paul to grant Mr. Schleicher tenure

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Brunson and seconded by Bedolli to grant Mrs. Heck tenure

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Brunson to grant Mrs. Heberling tenure
5-2 vote (no votes were Ostermeier and Bedolli)

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Ostermeier to grant Mrs. Ventress tenure

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Brunson and seconded by Boggs to approve the consent agenda

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Brunson to continue closed session

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Ostermeier to come out of closed

7-0 vote

Mr. Marvin responds to Mr. Bruno about his evaluation, tells him he will receive a copy in the morning and offers the board to meet on March 31st at 6pm to discuss the evaluation if Mr. Bruno wishes to do so.

Mr. Marvin then by common consent adjourns the board meeting

Board President

Board Secretary