

Minutes for April 9, 2009

All Board Members present

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Armintrout to enter closed session (7-0)

A motion was made by Armintrout and seconded by Bedolli to come out of closed session (7-0)

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Ostermeier to approve the agenda (7-0)

The bus report consisted of details on our lease program and the benefits and drawbacks to such an agreement. The board discussed the advantage from a safety and economical viewpoint as well as the disadvantage of not technically owning your own buses in the future. After review of the proposed contract, the board accepts the recommendation of the Superintendent to lease the buses through Central Sate Bus Service on a 3 year basis, renewable each 3 year period beginning next school year.
(7-0)

The technology report consisted of updates on trainings, summer school proposal- offer the classes through the internet with our certified teacher overseeing the class electronically through Aventa. This will enhance the learning styles and create an interactive learning environment for our students while reducing cost to the district and community.

The “outreach” part of the technological plan is to provide the summer school to other districts. We also intend to provide some upper level courses to our own students next year that is currently not offered as well as provide this to outside districts who are interested. We currently have an experimental program for next year to provide an Agriculture class to a student at Rochester.

As part of the Superintendents report, ARRA funds were discusses, these are funds related to President Obama’s plan for each State. The new library issue for our community was discussed to include possible locations and how we as the local school can help in providing such a resource to the community.

A recommendation came not to pursue bringing the soccer program back to Tri-City CUSD #1 at this time. The costs and student numbers without a coop situation is to risky at this point in time.

Mrs. Cummins reported she has applied for a fourth session of Pre-K once again with the realization that in these fiscal times, the State is unlikely to grant us this request. Our 4th grade teachers, Mr. Ori and Mrs. Booker participated in a web conference with a Pueblo Indian Reservation as part of a class project. Our 4th graders spoke and asked questions to the representatives from the reservation. This is the goal of technology, to introduce our students to outside sources and experiences that they may never experience on their own due to location and timing.

Mrs. Cummins also reported that the Kindergarten class size is a concern for her. She is watching their numbers and insured the board she would keep everyone updated on what is best for the students and the district. Mrs. Cummins also proposed her handbook to the board for the upcoming year.

Mr. Schupp reported on the past months discipline issues, the handbook proposal for next year with some minor changes. Mr. Schupp reported that the seniors last day would be May 15th, 2009. As a result of the Regional Office Presentation that Mr. Price, Mrs. Kindel and Mr. Schupp took part in last month; we have received advanced programs as well as information to better serve our students. Mr. Schupp reported that the FBI would be making a presentation to the students over internet safety and security. He discussed the band interviews, the JV baseball and softball tournaments, PSAE preparation and the senior trip. Upcoming events will consist of the ACE Awards, which are given to JH students for academics, extra curricular and leadership. Also the NHS inductions are upcoming.

A motion was made by Armintrout and seconded by Marvin to pursue and sign the bus lease with Central State Bus Service
(7-0)

A motion was made by Ostermeier and seconded by Thompson to hire three new elementary teachers for the 09-10 school year (Nicole Schleicher, Krista Wilson and Rebecca Roe)
(7-0)

Administrative contracts were discussed and reported that they are close to being finished and there should be a contract presented to the administration in the May meeting. A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Thompson to approve the school calendar for the upcoming year
(7 ayes)

The CACC update was focused on the new programs offered and the programs that were cut for the upcoming year. It was also reported that Mr. Bruno would be part of the CACC negotiations this year with the understanding that CACC has financial concerns. SASSED update consisted of the Rochester pull out and the development of a new decentralized SASSED for the remaining members of the co-op.

New board members were recognized but not seated due to the timing of the canvassing of the ballots from the county. Board members will be seated on April 30th at a special board meeting.

A motion was made by Thompson and seconded by Armintrout to approve our membership in IHSA.

(7-0)

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Ostermeier to approve the seniority list for the employees of Tri-City CUSD #1

(7-0)

A resolution was made to release all the Tri-City CUSD #1 Aids for the upcoming year

(7-0)

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Marvin to accept the consent agenda

(7-0)

A motion was made by Armintrout and seconded by Thompson to enter closed session again (7-0)

A motion was made by Armintrout and seconded by Thompson to come out of closed session (7 ayes)

Motion to adjourn by Armintrout and seconded by Thompson

(7 ayes)

Board Secretary

Board President