

Board Minutes for Feb 11, 2010 – Open Session

Meeting was called to order at 5:32pm

6 members were present, Rachael Bennett-Paul was absent

A motion to go into closed session was given by Marvin and seconded by Moore
6-0 vote

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Bedolli to suspend closed session
6-0 ayes

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Marvin to accept the amended agenda for
Feb 2010

6-0 ayes

The Tri-City CUSD #1 action team made a presentation to the board of education to show district focus and teacher intentions to better the learning community. Their presentation was based around the William Daggett information. This is the focus of the staff and administration in building an improved educational environment as well as an enhanced working relationship between the staff and the administration.

The Bus report was given by Mr. Bruno and Mr. Boston. A radio system was discussed due to new State laws and requirements. Mr. Bruno gave multiple ideas and bids to accomplish this requirement.

The facility report discussed some upcoming needs or possible preventative attention. Mr. Bruno also discussed the County tax proposal and how this would work with our building needs.

The athletic report was given and discussion over our hosting of the JH Volleyball County Tournament, the HS Scholastic Bowl Conference Tournament as well as information of Tri-City contacting the IHSA to try and become a regional site for softball. Mats for the old gym are in and in the process of being installed.

Mr. Bruno's report consisted of a summary of the Daggett information as well an update on occurrences such as the K-9 drug search we had as a preventative measure for the school climate. The administration team met and discussed streamline ideas to better prepare the school for success in these financial times. Mr. Bruno also discussed the tax proposal to possibly be put on the ballot.

Mrs. Cummins reported on an RtI conference she and Mrs. Kindel attended as well as current happenings in relation to RtI in the elementary. She reported that pre-school staff attended a workshop on Feb 5th and that our screening as presented 35 new applicants for our pre-school program. Mrs. Cummins then reported that the parent group is attempting to raise enough money to purchase a smart board for the elementary through their fundraisers. ISAT testing is upcoming and Mrs. Cummins reported on events planned and the Olympic theme that will run through the elementary during the testing week. There were a group of staff members sent to a gifted workshop through the ROE and this group will meet again with the presenter in April. Mrs. Cummins reported on the spelling B as well as spring pictures.

Mr. Bruno updated the JH and HS events as well as reviewed discipline issues on note. There are many things happening within the system and to the credit of the staff, most are teacher driven or teacher led movements to better the educational environment.

Mrs. Kindel reported on curriculum to include the curriculum committee meeting date as well as future improvements district wide from the committee. She also reported that Mrs. Heberling and Mrs. Kindel are working on contacting colleges to obtain skills needed according to the colleges for success. This is being accumulated and distributed to the action team to get a better picture of what students need and how we can provide this service for or to them. This process also includes the Act and PSAE tests and how to help students better themselves on these all important evaluations.

Mrs. Kindel has developed the IST schedule for testing, it is similar to the process used last year. She also reported that the RtI aide has been fully trained and is currently assisting students and staff in testing, small groups and interventions to benefit students. As for the professional development aspect, Mrs. Kindel as set up a conference through Apple at Lincoln Magnet school to enable staff to see the 21st century learning in action as well as having an opportunity to discuss techniques and delivery options with the current staff and Lincoln Magnet.

In the Elementary, the weekly meetings will focus on technology based projects to range from imovie, iphoto or ibook presentations.

There is also a group of teacher attending a conference related to differentiation and ways to address gifted learners.

Through technology department, she reviewed the ARRA funds and how they well be spent. She spoke of the idea of online classes in-house as well a pilot programs to work kinks out before full implementation if that avenue is decided upon.

The board discussed the IASB board retreat option and decided to look into board only first before looking towards a community or expanded version.

Mr. Bruno presented some ideas for financial outlook. Form account balances to CD's as well as streamlining to continue to be fiscally responsible.

The trophy case idea is in the hands of Mrs. Hughes at this point, she is collecting money to develop and build a case to hold all old trophies. We will be updated periodically by Mrs. Hughes as she puts this together.

Our CD's come due in March and Mr. Bruno is currently looking for the best investment options.

The census comes out in March and is needed to qualify for many federal grants. As a school Mr. Bruno is requesting everyone to spread the word on the importance of this census and help deliver the message to fill out the form and return it to the government.

The Professional development / curriculum / technology contract was developed and will be offered for consideration.

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Ostermeier to approve the consent agenda
6-0 vote

A motion was made by Ostermeier and seconded by Boggs to re-enter closed session
6-0 vote

A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Bedolli to come out of closed session
6-0 ayes

Mr. Brunson adjourned the meeting by common consent at 10:20pm

Board President

Board Secretary