

## **Minutes from Jan 14, 2010 – Open Session:**

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 on Jan 14, 2010

All board members were present

A motion to go into closed session was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Boggs

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A motion was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Marvin to reconvene

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A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Boggs to amend the agenda as presented

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The bus report was given by Mr. Bruno to include the maintenance and upkeep of the fleet as well as the benefits of new busses.

The Athletic report included an update of fees that have been paid for various events. An update on the gym mats resulted in a time line of about a month or so to get the mats completed and then installation to follow for the old gym.

Mr. Schleicher noted that due to school cancellation, the games missed were non-conference games and the attempt is being made to reschedule.

Mr. Schleicher also noted that Skylar Morris and Ellie Krone have been nominated for the IHSA All-State Academic Team.

All sports schedules for next year have been completed and scheduled with contracts.

Facilities Report updated the conditions of the buildings as well as an update on the 10 Year Health Life Safety Evaluation. Mr. Bruno discussed possible issues of concern such as the roofs as well as the mortar issues. Upkeep is continuous with the age of the building but overall the buildings are holding up well and safety is not a concern at this time.

Mr. Bruno reported that the Tech Plan is moving forward with the assistance of the State workshops to meet the State requirements. Mr. Bruno also reported that the Districts tax levy has been submitted to the County.

Mr. Bruno reported that there have been two meetings with local politicians and area Superintendents to try and create an open dialog now and in the future to assist in educational items.

Many projects were completed over Christmas Break to include the gym and the painting of the old gym.

The staff / board retreat was cancelled due to unforeseeable circumstances and dates are being looked at to reschedule.

Next years schedule for the students has begun development and will focus on student needs within its development.

A review of the principal situation was discussed as well as upcoming events and conversations that need to will happen to conclude the investigation.

Mr. Bruno has assumed the additional responsibilities of JH and HS Principal position during this overlap.

Rochester Elementary has contacted Tri-City CUSD #1 to inquire how we are using and scheduling technology into our elementary. They are looking a revamping their system and want to use our ideas as a building block.

Channel 20 news interviewed Mr. Bruno over the budget and finances of small schools.

Mrs. Cummins reported on the RtI training as well as the comprehension testing that is associated with RtI. Mrs. Cummins reported at the 3, 4, 5 grade teachers would be given a collaboration time to better prepare after ISAT testing.

The Elementary is planning on sending several teachers to the gifted workshop sponsored by the ROE, to better provide professional development to enhance their classrooms.

Mrs. Cummins also reported that a group of teachers would attend the K Standards conference to better prepare for the upcoming k -1 loop.

It was also stated that there are 4 students teachers in the district this semester and these individuals are assisting with the RtI math portion in the elementary.

Mrs. Cummins also listed the Pre-school Music Family night, Picture day, Pre-schooling screening, ISAT, Spelling Bee and the Miles of Smiles.

Mr. Bruno reported on the JH / HS report. He discussed the discipline to date as well as the operating agenda at this time. He stated that the main focus is to get a handle on what is being done, what needs done and how he as well as the district can facilitate in accomplishing teacher and class goals.

Mr. Bruno then attempted to explain what AYP is and how it is calculated.

He explained the special education numbers and how that affect a total score in comparison to previous years where that total number was much lower.

Mrs. Kindels reported on the action team developments within the district. They have met as a group as well as with the district to promote the direction needed to prepare students in today's environment. This team is using the Daggett training as a model to prepare and move forward in the Tri-City CUSD #1 district. This team has thought about surveys to attain information from the staff and community on the direction and focus that is of greatest need for the students.

Mrs. Kindel mentioned the interview process for the RtI aid position that will assist our students and be paid through the ARRA grant funds for this upcoming year. She also went over the weekly meetings that take place with elementary teachers. There will be upcoming district workdays to enable collaboration on curriculum related issues.

The ARRA grant has been approved and material has been ordered to assist the students in their learning.

Information is being looked at and analyzed to determine the extent of online education in the district.

Mrs. Kindel is currently writing the Technology Plan for the State.

SASED update included the fact that Chatham is at the point where they will dissolve their membership with the coop. This step causes many possible changes due to staffing and funding for the remaining members of the coop. Mr. Bruno is meeting with other Superintendents to look at option to help reduce costs. Our estimated bill for SASED next year will increase from this year's total payment.

CACC update includes the conditions of the facilities as well as the budgetary constraints that this school is facing in providing a well-supported program for all students.

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Bedolli to accept the resolution on Chatham's departure.

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A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Ostermeier to hire Lynn Buckels as the RtI aid

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The administrative section of the agenda had no motion at this time

A motion was made by Ostermeier and seconded by Moore to accept the consent agenda

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A motion was made by Moore and seconded by Bennett-Paul to go into closed session

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

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A motion was made to post an additional board meeting at 1 pm by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Marvin

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By common consent, Mr. Brunson moved to adjourn the meeting

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Board President

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Board Secretary