

Minutes from July 2011 – Open Session

Mrs. Bedolli called meeting to order

5 members present, 1 being via skype/cell phone (Marvin)

2 were absent (Bennett-Paul and Boggs)

A motion was made to enter closed session by Vetter and seconded by Heck

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Pickrell and seconded by Vetter to suspend closed session

5-0 ayes

Mrs. Bedolli asks audience if there are any comments on agenda items

No comments made from audience

A motion was made by Vetter and seconded by Pickrell to approve the agenda

5-0

Bus report consisted of a summary that the Governor has put out that transportation would be cut by 50% this upcoming year. Mr. Bruno also reports that both he and Mr. Boston are working on option to reduce costs as we go forward to ensue a plan is in place if and when the time comes to take action.

Facility report consisted of an update on the tile removal in the elementary the rooms being moved as well as offices and the general upkeep of the building. Summer expectations are being met and the administration is please so far with the progress.

Athletic report consisted of a summary of the written report as well as questions form the Board regarding SV girls coop as well as the notification that Aug 1 – Aug 9, the gyms will be closed to refinish the floors.

CACC report consisted of an update on the numbers, which currently are at 640 students, which are about 150 less then 2 years ago. Some hope is placed at the fact that all the Springfield schools have yet to register and more students may end up taking CACC offerings. CACC contract is being negotiated and the next meeting is set for Aug 4. Mr. Bruno will keep the board updated on the process and the movement as it happens.

SASED report consisted of an update from Mr. Bruno on the decentralization process. The report consisted of the future decision the board will make on how and if they wish to employ the special education personnel as Tri-City CUSD #1 employees or remain hiring employees through SASED. This decision as well as many others will be made within this year to prepare for the decentralization process with SASED. SASED is also negotiating their contract and it appears it is farther off then CACC at this time. Mr. Bruno is not on that committee but reports a deal is hopefully in place prior tot the start of the year if possible. Mr. Bruno also reports that he has been asked to be a sitting member of the Aventa board for the national organization. He will attend multiple videoconferences as well as attend the yearly meeting to sit on the on-line learning committee of Edulink12, which is the national board of on line learning. The annual meeting this year is in Indianapolis this year. A board member asked how or why did Tri-City CUSD #1 get chosen to represent small schools on this National Board for Aventa. Mr. Bruno responds with the explanation that we are willing to try new processes and through Mrs. Kindels expertise

Mr. Bruno's report consisted of the written presentation to include the GSA (General State Aid) reduction of 4% possibly as well as the 50% reduction in

transportation for the upcoming year. He also answered questions and updated the board on the insurance progress for the staff. He suggests that the union will choose Blue Cross and the plans of choice are being worked out now. The payment structure will be working out through the agent and Mr. Bruno for the districts part. Options include traditional payment and or HRA style of payment. More information will follow as decisions are made.

Mrs. Cummins reports the end of the year surveys are complete with the traffic plan as the number 1 concern as well as school reach contacts throughout the year. She also reports that the bike trail is complete around the creative.

Mr. Day reports the development of the teacher manual and gives a copy to the board to review. He then discusses the new bills passed by the legislators and hands out a packet for review. He offers his assistance in answering questions in the future if they have any after reviewing the new policies.

Mrs. Kindel reports in addition to her written report the critical reading training that she and a group of staff members will attend this month. She also talks some about the Apple loan and what is going to be purchased.

District fees were next on the agenda, a discussion surrounding Art Fees and CACC were brought forward. Art was discussed first with the idea that the fee should not exceed a science or lab fee. Discussion took place with items on both sides of the point until a motion was presented to the board.

A motion was made by Better and seconded by Bedolli to change the art fee
3-2 vote against – motion fails

The discussion over CACC resulted in the allowance of a split payment of \$250 to be paid twice throughout the year. ½ at registration, and ½ by a set date prior to the beginning of second semester. If the second payment is not paid by the set date, the students will be removed from second Semester CACC classes.

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Heck to approve Mike Thompson as treasurer
5-0 vote

The board then looked at the proposed language for residency that Mrs. Bennett-Paul developed. In conclusion the board took no action in changing policy but instead directed the Principals to develop a more stringent procedure for next years registration.

The budget proposal was given out to the board members for review, next month the board will be asked to approve the first official reading and place the budget on display for a month prior to the September approval of the 2011-2012 budget.

A motion was made by Vetter and seconded by Pickrell to approve the Apple Loan as presented
5-0 vote

A discussion on changing 3 board meetings due to scheduling issues. As a result 3 motions were made.

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Vetter to change the November meeting to November 3rd

Voice vote approval

A motion was made by Heck and seconded by Pickrell to change April to April 5th

Voice vote approval

A motion was made by Vetter and seconded by Bedolli to change Feb to Feb 16th

Voice vote approval

The TCEA agreement was discussed and reported that the board will receive a copy by the end of the month to review prior to approval in August. The union will have ratified the contract prior to board approval

A motion was made by Vetter and seconded by Pickrell to appoint Ms. Devos as the IMRF agent and custodian of cash accounts

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Vetter and seconded by Pickrell to approve the 1st reading of the Press Plus update

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Vetter and seconded by Pickrell to approve Ms. Devos as the HS and JH volleyball assistant coach.

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Pickrell and seconded by Vetter to hire Mr. Moll as HS S.S. teacher

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Heck and seconded by Pickrell to hire Mr. Sturdy as the Rtl director

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Vetter to hire Kirsten Moore, Stephanie Schrader and Sherri Taapkin as elementary aides.

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Heck and seconded by Vetter to approve the maternity leave of Mrs. McRae for the upcoming year

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Vetter and seconded by Pickrell to hire Liz Johnson as the Pre-K bus monitor

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Vetter and seconded by Marvin to approve the consent agenda

5-0 vote

A motion was made by Vetter and seconded by Pickrell to go into closed

Board comes out of closed session and by common consent, Mrs. Bedolli adjourns the meeting.

Board President

Board Secretary