

Minutes from March 11, 2010 – open session:

The board meeting was called to order by Mr. Brunson,

All board members were present

A motion was made by Marvin to go into closed session and seconded by Moore
7-0 vote

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

7-0 ayes

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Ostermeier to approve the amended agenda as presented

7-0 vote

Seniors made a presentation to the board of education to ask permission to proceed with their senior trip. It will be to Tennessee and will require overnight stay. The HS presenters answered any and all questions proposed by the board and the board gave consent and wished them the best of luck.

The Bus report consisted of Mr. Bruno and Mr. Boston reviewing the conditions of the fleet and updating the board on any needs or upcoming issues.

The Athletic report consisted of a summary of financial outlook for the athletic budget as well as an update on tournaments. All games and officials have been finalized for the spring seasons and the Winter Sports Awards night is March 24th. Mr. Schleicher also reported that the new mats were installed in the old gym and that the District newsletter has been mailed to the community.

The Facility report consisted of Mr. Bruno updating the conditions of the building and going over a report from the University of Illinois showing aspect to help conserve energy.

The superintendents' report consisted of the investments of CD's that have come due as well as ideas of cost saving items to help streamlining the district finances. There was an update on the county sales tax meeting that Mr. Bruno and Mr. Marvin attended in Chatham. The board was informed that the bus radios are on order to meet the requirements of the State. Mr. Bruno updated CACC and SASSED on finances and needs for the district. Mr. Bruno floated the rumor that the State legislators are looking and a fund raid from all the school districts in the State. This is a rumor of the State leaving 102% of last year expenses and sweeping the rest into their accounts to cover bills and payments. Mr. Bruno will update everyone if anything comes from this or any news is floated in reference to this idea.

The Elementary report by Mrs. Cummins consisted of a pre-school update with numbers of possibilities as well as a future outlook into what we as a district may be dealing with both in students and finances from the State. Mrs. Cummins updated the parent group and their ideas for the betterment of the school as well as relaying the message of the district newsletter to and from all elementary teachers. She then

updated the Positive Principal Award and spoke about ISAT testing. Mrs. Cummins spoke of the businesses that donated to the cause as well as the breakfast and talent show that students enjoyed throughout the week. Mrs. Cummins spoke about the gifted conference and a group of staff members who participated. She then reviewed the total number of field trips taken by the elementary as well as an RtI update for next year.

Mr. Bruno reviewed the discipline issues and occurrence's as well as some classroom ideas with the board in the JH / HS portion of the report.

The Professional Development report by Mrs. Kindel consisted of a description of a new schedule next year to include a flex position as well as new offerings that will be done through technological means in the lab instead of through a book. She spoke of teacher movement and assignments as well as a pilot idea of math in a multi-level classroom through the usage of computer programs. The 8th grade rotational class will be redesigned to accommodate a reading portion for the JH. This will enhance the reading opportunities by requiring all JH students to participate in a reading program at some point. This idea is the next step in ensuring reading is present in the curriculum. This philosophy is a change from the current curriculum that has taken reading out of the program of studies for JH students. The board members questioned the reasons for the lack of reading previously and the reasons for putting it back in the curriculum at this time. The overall consensus is that reading is the foundation for all subjects and we will work towards improvement in all areas through reading.

Through Curriculum, Mrs. Kindel spoke about the Action Team meeting and the areas of work and concern to benefit all students of Tri-City from Pre-K to 12th. She also reminded everyone that the PSAE would be given in April.

Mrs. Kindel spoke about a group of staff members who attended an apple leadership conference in Springfield as well as the plans for the upcoming district training in May.

The technology plan has been submitted and approved by the State as she is currently working on a K-2 computer lab since laptop seem to be an issue for this age of students.

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Ostermeier to approve the professional development coordinators contract for the next 3 years.

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Boggs to purchase a radio system for the buses to meet State requirements

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Boggs to pass a resolution in support of the Countywide sales tax proposal

7-0 vote

Mr. Bruno presented the board with a list of possible streamlining actions to reduce the overall cost of operating the district. These ranged from fees to salaries from

positions to equipment. The board will review the possibilities and look forward to Mr. Bruno's suggestions at the April meeting.

A FRISS report was passed out to show the amount of money the State owes Tri-City CUSD #1 at the current time. This amount is approximately \$200,000.

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Bedolli to accept the resignations of Mrs. M, Mrs. Reed and Dana Schneider

7-0 ayes

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Bennett-Paul to provide notice of non-renewal to Ms. Wilson and Ms. Cooper

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Ostermeier to release all aide's in the district

7-0 vote

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

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Bennett-Paul to re-enter closed session.

7-0 vote

A motion was made by Bennett-Paul and seconded by Boggs to come out of closed session

7-0 ayes

Mr. Brunson by common consent adjourned the meeting

Board President

Board Secretary