

Minutes from October 8, 2009 – Open Session

Members present were Mr. Brunson, Mr. Boggs, Mrs. Moore, Mrs. Ostermeier, Mr. Marvin, Mrs. Bedolli
Mrs. Bennett-Paul was absent

Meeting was called to order at 6:40pm

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

A motion was made to suspend closed session by Marvin and seconded by Moore at
7:43pm

6-0 ayes

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Ostermeier to approve the agenda
6-0 ayes

A presentation was made by the cheerleaders and the coach to approve a trip for some of the cheerleaders who qualified to participate in the Disney World Holiday Parade.

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Ostermeier to approve the trip

6-0 ayes

A presentation was made by Mr. Moore (Agriculture Teacher) over the computer-based class he is currently handling with a Rochester student. He went over the technology being used, the ease of the programs and the benefits this type of education provides for the out of district students as well as the Tri-City CUSD #1 students. An example of the class was shown and an overview of the lessons was explained to the Board.

Mr. Bruno presented the bus updates that included the arrival of the small buses as well to our fleet. At this moment, we have an entire new fleet of busses and are currently on the program to replace them every 3 years at this point. All busses have cameras as well as the newest safety items provided.

Mr. Bruno continued on to discuss briefly the District scores, which will be covered by the rest of the administration. He discussed the promotion aspect of the school through add and magazines with the help of Mr. Schleicher as well as the news letters for the district. He spoke to the board through the written reports on policy updates for public behavior at events. The recommendation to move the April 8 meeting to the 15th due to Spring Break and the availability of the staff to fully prepare for the board meeting. Mr. Bruno then discussed the cancelation issues we have been facing in our sports programs. He described the latest event with Porta and then expanded into other reasons we are having issues. These reason include but are not limited to the changing of conferences to only the MSM. He paraphrased information the Rep. Rodger Eddy gave to a group of Superintendents at the Abe Lincoln Superintendent Meetings. This included the budget, the outlook for funding and the hole the State faces without even beginning to talk about what is needed for education or other agencies. His explanation of money borrowed or pushed back in payments is for every \$1 it will turn into \$39 later of money owed.

There was also talk from Mr. Eddy about raising the retirement age to 67 while capping the public pension amounts. Instead of an average of 4 of the last 10 years they may propose 8 of the last 10 years to reduce the overall cost of retirement to the State.

Mrs. Cummins then reported on the ISAT scores, which are to be published in the local paper. Overall, Tri-City CUSD #1 is doing very well on our State Assessment in the Elementary. Our fire prevention week took place this week and we have had the local fire department out to allow the students to go through the smoke house to teach them about fire prevention and what to do in case of a fire. Mrs. Cummins reported the evaluations were in progress for all non-tenured and tenured staff for the upcoming year. Mrs. Cummins then reported that through Benedictine College, we will have 3 student teachers in the building this year.

Mr. Schupp reported on the discipline report for the month, he then described the communication piece that the RtI staff would like to implement into the information for parents to see the levels and progress of students throughout the year. Mr. Schupp described the professional development piece for the JH and HS part in Skyward was to learn and begin attaching documents to the program to allow parents and students to have access to lessons, work and other items from the teacher. He also stated that the email system in skyward was causing issues and that the staff would focus on the common or regular email system to contact parents when possible. The State scores were also discussed and put into the local paper for review. Overall the core groups of students are exceeding all expectations. Our core subject area results are well above the state requirements.

Mrs. Kindel reported on the professional development activities going on throughout the district. She went over the techniques and schedules she is using to reach all staff members within the district. Mrs. Kindel then reported the purchase of 10 ipod Touches for the elementary teachers to check out for class usage. She went over future purchases through the ARRA funds for Special education, as well as additional material and equipment for RtI. She reported on the V Math program in the elementary and middle school and how it is being implemented into the curriculum to better serve the students. Mrs. Kindel explained the updates to the web site and new links that are not available for the community.

A motion was made by Ostermeier and seconded by Moore to accept the first reading of the sportsmanship policy update.

6-0 ayes

A motion was made by Bedolli and seconded by Boggs to approve the first reading of the Press Plus updates from the IASB.

6-0 ayes

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Moore to move the Apr 8, 2010 meeting to April 15, 2010.

6-0 ayes

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Moore to approve the posting of the district salaries on the website

6-0 ayes

Discussion over the board and staff retreat took place with possible date recommended and Mr. Bruno will take that to the union for confirmation or scheduling.

A motion was made by Marvin and seconded by Bedolli to approve the recognition status of the district schools.

6-0 ayes

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Moore to accept the resignation of Amanda Fitchens from HS cheerleading coach.

6-0 ayes

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

6-0 vote

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Ostermeier to reenter closed session

6-0 ayes

A motion was made by Boggs and seconded by Marvin to come out of closed session

6-0 ayes

a motion was made by Moore and seconded by Bedolli to adjourn

6-0 ayes

Board President

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