

TRI-TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION

BOARD MEETING MINUTES

9/13/2022 6PM TRI-TOWNSHIP SCHOOL

1. Open Meeting

Board President Tim Guse opened the meeting followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes from August Board Meeting

Chad Howell made a motion to approve the August minutes. Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

3. Personnel Items

- Gayla Porch – Title 1 Teacher
Chad Howell made a motion to approve seconded by Aaron Rust. ALL AYES!
- Sara Satkoski – ½ Para / ½ High Ability
Daron Bruder made a motion to approve seconded by Aaron Rust. ALL AYES!
- Adjustment to Student Pay /Summer Pay rate; Range \$8-\$10
Melanie Mills made a motion to approved seconded by Chad Howell. ALL AYES!
- Hayden Mills – 7/8 Boys Basketball Coach
Aaron Rust made a motion to approve seconded by Chad Howell. Melanie Mills Abstained. ALL AYES!
- Aaron McMeans – 5/6 Boys Basketball Coach

Melanie Mills made a motion to approve seconded by Daron Bruder. ALL AYES!

- Austin Heise – Spanish

Aaron Rust made a motion to approve seconded by Chad Howell. ALL AYES!

4. Claim Docket

After board review Chad Howell made a motion to approve the claim docket. Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

5. Balance Sheet

For information.

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Public comments or questions will be noted by the school board and superintendent. But we will not conduct dialogue during the meeting. Follow up discussion through phone call, email, or scheduled in person meeting can be arranged through the superintendent's office. This will allow us to focus on school business on behalf of students and staff, as well as provide better information to our public after time to research. Thank you for understanding.

7. Education Budget Hearing

Aaron Rust made a motion to open the Education Budget Hearing. Chad Howell seconded the motion. The budget information was provided in the packet to the board. After board review Aaron Rust made a motion to close the Education Budget Hearing. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

8. Capital Projects Plan Hearing

Daron Bruder made a motion to open the Capital Project Plan Hearing. Chad Howell seconded the motion. The Capital Projects Plan is budgeted within the Operations Fund. A Project Description was provided in the packet to the board. After board review Aaron Rust made a motion to close the Capital Projects Plan Hearing. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

9. Bus Replacement Plan Hearing

Chad Howell made a motion to open the Bus Replacement Plan Hearing. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. The Bus Replacement Plan is budgeted within the Operations Fund. A Bus Replacement Plan was provided in the packet to the board. After board review Daron Bruder made a motion to close the Bus Replacement Plan Hearing. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

10. 2023 Capital Projects Plan

Aaron Rust made a motion to approve the 2023 Capital Projects Plan. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

11. 2023 Bus Replacement Plan

Aaron Rust made a motion to approve the 2023 Bus Replacement Plan. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

12. TREMCO Roof Update

A pre-bid meeting was held, and three contractors attended. Sealed bids are due Thursday, September 15th, 2022. TREMCO will walk us through the process of hiring the appropriate company for the job. The first area that is being

concentrated on is the hallway which causes the most difficulty depending on which way the rain is coming. This hallway will be priority number 1.

13. Enrollment Update

Our enrollment status is looking great! We are up 10 students from a year ago without the pre-k and up 12 students with the pre-k. We are happy to say our total enrollment is up to 310 students.

14. Investment Update

Included in the board packet Mr. Shepherd provided the board with the CD investment breakdown options. While trying to decide on how to spend some of these dollars, we can take advantage of the CD rates to create interest. We can earn roughly \$50,000 in interest while we wait to decide on our next projects or while we are waiting for materials for projects already decided on. Aaron Rust made a motion to purchase the CD's, seconded by Chad Howell. ALL AYES!

Included in the boards packet is the first reading of the board minute dates for 2023.

15. Principal Report

Our Girls Cross Country Team won the 421 Run Invite, for the 2nd year in a row. Mr. Shepherd received an invitation to the Education Gala in Indianapolis for September 8, 2022. He was asked to bring the 2nd (Miss Haley Smith) and 3rd (Mrs. Lori Martin) grade teachers to attend this celebration which was a black-tie affair. Literacy awards were presented. Tri-Township School was one of 15 schools represented in the state of Indiana. Tri-Township was the only school corporation with 100% of 3rd grade students passing the I-Read exam. With this award comes a grant up to \$160,000. Congratulations to our teachers and students! In June we applied for a very competitive 3E Grant, and we received just over \$22,000 in grant money that will go entirely to the STEM and Engineering Programs. We

have (4) - 3D printers on order and have a laser printer that Mr. Clifford will have up and running shortly. Ms. Warren, the art teacher, is very excited about putting together a photography and art club. Mr. McMahan would like to give a shout out to staff for being so flexible and working so hard the first four weeks of school. Mrs. Lantz took 3 students to Indianapolis to participate for INpact Band of Indiana. They went down for two days and practiced with 500 students from across Indiana. They performed as part of the opening ceremony for Drum Corp International World Finals at Lucas Stadium with Al Chez former trumpet player of the David Letterman Show.

16. Superintendent Report

On August 22, Mr. Shepherd was asked if there was enough parking and cafeteria space for staff and students. He was pleased to say that there are 24 extra parking spaces for staff and students. Event parking is still a little short on space. There are 40 extra seats in the cafeteria for the 3rd lunch hour, classes 7 – 12. Melanie Mills reported that she had spoken with some high schoolers over the weekend, and they are pleased with the move and much more. As you enter the school on each side of the gym doors there are lit boxes with nostalgic pieces from Wanatah and LaCrosse. On the left are items from LaCrosse and on the right are items from Wanatah. Please come in and take a walk down memory lane. The pictures of past graduating classes are being worked on to be digitalized from both schools. Once this process is complete the pictures will be shown on a TV screen in the back of the cafeteria. Mr. Shepherd is checking with the libraries to see if the pictures could be hung up there.

17. Adjourn Meeting

Motion made by Aaron Rust to adjourn meeting. Seconded by Chad Howell. ALL AYES!

Next Board Meeting:

October 11, 6pm @Tri-Township School