

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation**

**1/15/15 6:00pm LaCrosse School**

- 1. Open Meeting**  
**Pledge of Allegiance**

- 2. Oath of Office**

- 3. Board of Finance-**

**Officer election- Tim Guse, President-motion made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved. Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary- motion made by Daron Bruder, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.**

**The board received a copy of the Tri Township investment policy for review and a copy of current investments.**

**Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to adjourn the Board of Finance meeting, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.**

- 3. (cont) Election of Officers-**

**Tim Guse- President – motion made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.**

**Daron Bruder-Vice-President- motion made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.**

**Joyce Spoljaric-Secretary- motion made by Daron Bruder, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.**

- 4. Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer**

**Judy Roslansky- Treasurer Dara Guse- Deputy Treasurer**

**Motion made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.**

- 5. Minutes from December 18, 2014 meeting**

**Motion made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.**

**6. Personnel**

- JoAnn Brown, resignation, kitchen
- Shannon Ryion, kitchen

Motion made by Daron Bruder, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

**7. Claim Docket**

Motion made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

**8. Balance Sheet**

For information purposes

**9. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None at this time

**10. Recognition-**

Both Ms. Deprey and Mr. Somers would like to recognize and thank Bethany Heavilin and Scot Spoljaric for helping in the LC gym to prepare for games.

**11. Request for Proposal-**

Joyce Spoljaric made motion, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**12. Attorney Engagement Letter**

Tim Guse made motion, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**13. Miscellaneous Items for Discussion**

Mr. Somers explained to the board that both school buildings are in need of new servers. Quotes are being obtained from different vendors for servers being replaced. More information will follow as it is received.

Mr. Somers explained to the board that technology in the Wanatah building discussions with the Wanatah staff has begun. Before the beginning of next school year he would like to have new technology in place.

Mr. Somers explained details regarding the Rachel's Challenge Program that he would like to see brought to our schools. More details will follow.

Discussions need to be had regarding updates at the Wanatah building such as painting the red stripe, new curtains. Also, possible updates at LaCrosse for bleacher updates.

Mr. Somers would like the board to prioritize updates that need completing. He will obtain figures to help the board with this.

14. Review of Compensation

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve compensation schedules. Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

15. ESL Complaint Resolution

The ESL complaint has been resolved by the addition of an ESL teacher's assistant part time daily at Wanatah School.

16. Principal Report

Ms. Deprey reports she is involved in her long evaluation process of teacher's currently.

The spelling bee is on Friday at January 30<sup>th</sup> at Wanatah.

Mr. Somers reports PCC Varsity tourney is this weekend.

17. December SA-5 report

Information

18. Adjournment

Motion made by Joyce Spoljaric to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Daron Bruder.

**Next board meeting February 19, 2015 at Wanatah School**

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Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

02/19/2015 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of minutes from January 15, 2015 meeting

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric to approve the minutes, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

3. Personnel

- Anna Susdorf, track coach, resignation
- Scot Spoljaric, track coach, resignation
- Tyler Wasick, part- time IT
- Mitch Semans, track coach
- Glen Heinold, bus driver
- Greg Mohlke, baseball assistant coach
- Andrea Mitzner, MS boys volleyball coach
- Yvette Battleday, bus driver resignation

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the above personnel changes, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.

4. Claim Docket

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the February claim docket, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

Current balance sheet shows all revenue for 2013 and 2014. Another draw will not be received until June.

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None at this time

7. Recognition

Mr. Somers would like to recognize Jessica Westerhoff. The manufacturing class which she is teaching has 13 students in it, 12 of which received 6 college credit hours for this class all ready. These students will also be receiving certifications at the end of the year for enrolling and succeeding in this course. Mrs. Westerhoff is doing an excellent job teaching this higher technology class.

Ms. Deprey would like to recognize Lori Martin for all of the work she did to make the spelling bee, which was held at Wanatah School, a success. Dianne Collins should also be recognized as one of the judges in the spelling bee.

8. Rachel's Challenge

Mr. Somers has discussed the Rachel's Challenge program with the board in a prior meeting. The cost for the entire program is \$4,500.00. A \$2,700.00 deposit is required to secure the date for our program. This program will focus on being kind to others and helping one another. The story behind Rachel's Challenge is heartwarming and Mr. Somers feels our school and our community will benefit greatly from this program. This program will include an elementary portion, a junior high and high school portion, and a community portion.

Discussions took place regarding partnering with South Central School for this program. More details and discussions will be had regarding this matter.

Paul Malecki made a motion to put the deposit down for Rachel's Challenge and secure our date. Daron Bruder seconded the motion, all approved.

9. ISTEP

Mr. Somers presented the board with information regarding test times for ISTEP testing that may possibly be shortened.

10. 2015-2016 Calendar

The 2015-2016 Calendar was presented to the board. A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

11. 5-year Capital Projects Plan

Mr. Somers put together an outline of possible projects that the future may hold for our school corporation. This outline was presented to the board and included such items server upgrades, bandwidth upgrade and possible roofing projects. This outline was done to help the board begin prioritizing projects on the horizon for both school buildings. When asked what the number one priority for current projects would be Mr. Somers replied, server upgrades and computer lab. He would also like to see the bleachers at LaCrosse updated. Ms. Deprey would like to see the backdrop curtain and front curtain on the stage replaced at Wanatah.

12. Bus Routes

Mr. Somers spoke with the board about the possibility of running two routes in the morning and two routes in the afternoon in order to limit the number of routes/buses/drivers needed. He is currently compiling information on high school students who drive in order to put this together. This change would mean that the high school may start later than the elementary/middle school. There is more information including number comparisons and discussions that need to take place on this before any decisions can be made. Mr. Somers would like the boards blessing to continue with this comparison. The board agrees that this is worth looking into as an option.

13. Recruiting New Students

Mr. Somers would like to do a mailing to the North Judson area for student recruitment. The cost of the mailing would be approximately \$1,500.00. This mailing would go out early May. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the mailing, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

14. Technology

Information

15. Extra-Curricular Activities During School Closures

Mr. Somers initiated a discussion with the board regarding extra-curricular activities during school closures. The board feels that the ruling should stand that has always been in place that if school is cancelled all after school activities are cancelled. Mr. Somers and the board both agree that if school is cancelled and the weather clears a coach may call an "optional" practice.

16. PSI Update

The board received a copy of the update provided by Performance Services regarding the 2015 Wanatah Entryway and Administration Renovation, LaCrosse Gym Renovations and the Master Planning Phase.

17. Policy- Section 504

The board received a copy of a suggested policy for the Rights of Individuals with Disabilities Under Section 504 and the ADA. This copy is for the board to review for an approval at the board meeting next month.

18. Summer School

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve our summer school program for the summer of 2015. Daron Bruder seconded the motion, all approved.

19. Part-time Custodian at LaCrosse

Mr. Somers explained to the board that the building at LaCrosse is in need of a part-time (3 hrs. per day) custodian. Our current full-time custodian is doing a good job and is able to clean approximately 2/3<sup>rd</sup> of the building during the school day. Mr. Somers would like to hire Katie Bailey for this position. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval and Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

20. Principal Reports

Ms. Deprey reports that the I-Step pep rally will take place on March 2<sup>nd</sup> at Wanatah. This pep rally will have a Family Feud theme where students will play against other students answering questions related to I-Steps. I-Step pencils will be given to students. Tiger Ink is printing t-shirts for the staff members involved in I-Step testing. The testing begins on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. I-Read testing begins on March 17<sup>th</sup>. MacBook's will be distributed to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students on February 20<sup>th</sup>. 5/6 and 7/8<sup>th</sup> boys basketball is finished, the girls seasons are just beginning. Mr. Somers presented the board with Current 2016 & 2017 School Formula Simulation.

21. January SA-5 Report

For information purposes

22. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn meeting, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

Next Board Meeting March 19, 2015 at LaCrosse School

*Joyce Spoljaric*

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Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

03/19/2015 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. **Open Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

2. **Approval of minutes from February 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting**

A motion was made by Daron Bruder to approve the minutes, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

3. **Personnel**

- Dick Bucher- volunteer baseball coach
- Aaron Rust-volunteer baseball coach
- Laura Roth- MS track coach
- Christian Porter- golf coach

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the above personnel changes, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

4. **Claim Docket**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the March claim docket, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.

5. **Balance Sheet**

For information purposes

6. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

A community member asked the status of the master plan from Performance Services regarding the LaCrosse building upgrade. Mr. Somers reported that next Thursday, March 26th at 6:00pm at Wanatah School, Performance Services will present pricing for the administration area and present the master plan with pricing for LaCrosse.



7. **Recognition**

Mr. Somers would like to recognize Jeff Mitzner and Seth Culver for their contributions to the "Michel Bucher" night at LaCrosse. He would also like to thank the West Central fans, players and coaches for the sportsmanship portrayed that evening.

Ms. DePrey would like to recognize the teacher assistants at Wanatah for stepping in and covering in the absence of another staff member. In addition to the teacher's assistants the entire staff at Wanatah stepped up to the plate to help by making donations, preparing food and helping out when necessary in this time of need.

8. **Rainy Day Resolution**

A resolution was presented to the board for approval to transfer \$92,629.98 from the Capital Projects Fund, fund #035 to the Rainy Day Fund, fund #0610. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the resolution, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

9. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip**

Mrs. Leffew presented plans for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to the board for approval. This trip would be on Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup>. The class would like to visit Sky Zone which is in Fishers, Indiana and then all have lunch together. Following lunch they would like to visit White River Paint Ball and Zip Line which is in Anderson, Indiana. John Sullivan has agreed to drive for this trip if needed. Ms. DePrey has agreed to drive her personal van behind the bus in case another vehicle is necessary. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the trip and Travis Younggreen seconded the motion, all approved.

10. **Bus Replacement**

Mr. Somers presented to the board a proposal to purchase a new bus in order to replace John Sullivan's bus which is a 1998 with high mileage. Kerlin's has a bus on the lot now which he would like to purchase. This bus will be equipped with a camera. The total price of the bus is \$84,206.00

which includes a warranty for parts. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the bus purchase, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**11. Indiana Virtual Academy**

Approval is needed from the board to continue the relationship we have with the Indiana Virtual Academy for students who need credit recovery or, would like to get ahead on credits needed for graduation. Daron Bruder made a motion for approval and Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**12. Annual Performance Report**

The annual performance report was presented to the board for review. This report is generated by the state and must be published in the paper. A motion was made by Paul Malecki for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**13. Mid-year Graduation**

Four students have approached Mr. Somers in the hopes that they can graduate at the end of the first semester next school year. This does affect the ADM for the second count of the school year. These students have various reasons for wanting to utilize early graduation such as cosmetology school and beginning college early. By graduating early these students would not be allowed to participate in prom or the senior trip since they would no longer be a student. Walking at commencement at the end of the school year will be allowed. Travis Younggreen made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**14. Summer projects**

Mr. Somers is investigating whether the servers that need to be purchased can be done so using ERATE reducing costs. Several quotes have been received by the corporation for the replacement of the servers. This summer Mr. Somers would like to see the bleachers in the gym completely redone. The quote from Performance Services is more than what the corporation would like to spend since it is upwards towards \$200,000. Mr.

Somers will be investigating other options for refurbishing the bleachers. The other summer project that Mr. Somers is looking into for summer is the thermostat control system in the gym being replaced. He will be obtaining quotes for this replacement. The gym floors will be being redone at Wanatah on June 25<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Somers will be putting together figures for the board for painting gym floor, new scoreboards and backboards. He would like the board to prioritize for him the color change process at Wanatah as to which item color changes would be most important.

**15. Principal Reports**

- Ms. DePrey~ Basketball season has come to an end. Our boys' volleyball season is over. I-STEP and I-READ first sections are complete.
- Mr. Somers~The PCC Principal/AD meeting took place on 3/18/15 and Mr. Somers brought up the amount of games that middle school girls play during I-STEP testing. The athletic directors and principals were open to discussing changes in scheduling to help with this. Further details will follow.  
Any high school student that attends a game at Wanatah School wearing either a Tri-Township shirt or a Wanatah shirt will be admitted into the game at no charge.

**16. February SA-5 Report**

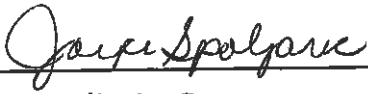
Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the SA-5 report, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**17. Adjournment**

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**Additional board meeting: March 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm , Wanatah School**

**Next regularly scheduled board meeting April 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm, Wanatah School.**

  
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Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation**  
**3/26/2015 6:00 pm Wanatah School**

1. Open Meeting - The meeting was opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Vocational Operating Agreement – Mr. Somers explained to the board that the vocational MOU needed to be signed and returned to the vocational director. It is the same agreement as last year except with a reduction in fees. Paul Malecki motioned to approve the vocational MOU, Travis Younggreen seconded, all in favor. Mr. Somers forgot to bring the agreement but was given permission to use board members' signature stamps on the MOU.
3. Recovering One School Day – Mr. Somers informed the board that he had discussion with the teachers about adding minutes to the school day to recover a snow day and the teachers voted to not add minutes by a vote of 11-9. We will finish on June 5<sup>th</sup> and teachers' last day will be June 8<sup>th</sup>.
4. PSI Update – Representatives from Performance Services attended the meeting to discuss progress on bid submissions for the administrative area and discuss their preliminary findings for the Facility Master Plan. Those in attendance were Tony Kuykendall (sales), Pete Beiriger (engineer), Matt Burress (project manager) and Gerry (architect). Tony K. began the discussion saying that they were not ready to give the board final project numbers because the bids had come in over budget. PSI requested 2-3 more weeks so they could reach out to additional contractors in an effort to bring the price down. After a short discussion, the meeting was turned over to Gerry to discuss the Facility Master Plan.

Gerry presented the Executive Summary which included the information about the LaCrosse facility and the Wanatah facility. The summary included problems with each facility and recommended solutions with an estimate of costs to solve any issues and upgrade the buildings to current code and building utilization.

At LaCrosse the following issues were discussed:

1. An extremely inefficient heating system with no central cooling system. It was estimated and backed up with data that the LaCrosse gas and electric bills could be reduced by 2/3 if efficient HVAC were utilized
2. A lack of handicapped accessibility. LaCrosse is a split level building and although currently ADA compliant, the lack of accessibility needs to be addressed.
3. There are deteriorating original plaster walls, wood flooring, wood doors, wood door frames and slate chalkboards in many locations.
4. Toilet rooms do not have proper spacing fixture spacing.
5. A required 2<sup>nd</sup> exit from the third floor is by an exterior exit stairwell. The exterior stairwell is allowable by code but the stair is not constructed to meet current code requirements for guardrails and handrails.
6. No secure entrance. The main entrance is locked and visitors must be buzzed into the building, but once inside the building the visitor has free access to the entire facility.
7. Aging electrical service with components of various ages and styles.
8. A load bearing wall structural system limits the ability to change the original building configuration to meet ideal program space requirements.

Recommendations to address the major issues were as follows:

1. Replace the existing HVAC system and provide new high efficiency boilers, a central chilled water system and variable speed classroom vertical unit ventilators.
2. Add an elevator to gain access to each building level.

3. Provide new gypsum drywall interior walls over existing plaster walls by furring out the existing walls. The cavity created would provide for new electrical cabling. Additionally, the furring would create an insulated area.
4. Completely rebuild the toilet rooms to provide proper fixture spacing.
5. Remove the exterior exit stair from the third floor and build an enclosed exit stairwell that could be combined with the elevator addition.
6. Provide a new secure entrance with a reception area that is adjacent to the entrance.
7. Completely replace the aging electrical system.
8. Carefully analyze any proposed wall revisions to ensure structural feasibility.

By addressing the significant items, the estimated cost for renovating the facility at LaCrosse was between \$2.7-3.5M.

To move the high school up to Wanatah the following proposals were given:

1. A minimum of six new classrooms are needed to accommodate the high school programs.
2. An additional serving line is needed. It was assumed that no additional seating space was needed but after discussion it was decided that an additional eating area would be needed. This cost was not in the estimate.
3. Additional administrative office space would be acquired through renovation of one classroom which would increase the minimum number of new classrooms.
4. Mechanical systems would be expanded to accommodate the building addition.

The estimate that was given for the facility improvements to accommodate the high school was \$2-2.3M but did not include some of the other discussion items such as the continued need to improve the efficiency of the LaCrosse gymnasium, additional eating area or entire kitchen, additional bathrooms, and a second nursing area in order to keep elementary and secondary students separate.

5. Adjournment – Paul Malecki motioned, Daron Bruder seconded, all in favor.

  
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Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Tri Township Consolidated School Corporation

4/16/2015 6:00pm Wanatah School

**1. Open Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Approval of minutes from March 19<sup>th</sup> and March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meetings**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the minutes, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**3. Personnel – Paul Malecki motioned to approve the following personnel changes, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.**

- Janelle Mitzner, 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade boys volleyball volunteer asst. coach
- Veronica Hawkins, custodian
- Bethany Heavilin, custodian resignation, bus driver approval
- Heather Brown, cheer resignation
- Aaron Rust, LC mowing
- Tawana Banks (tabled)
- Raven Foreman, kitchen- Daron Bruder motioned for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**4. Claim Docket**

Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the claim docket, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.

**5. Balance Sheet**

For information purposes

**6. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

A concerned citizen would like school lunch time allotment looked into. He has a son in 5<sup>th</sup> grade that does not have enough time to finish his lunch each day. Ms. Deprey explained that the lunch monitors always tell students that if they need more time to eat their lunch they can stay in the cafeteria during recess time. They also advise that even if the student is still eating when the noon bell rings they do not tell the student that they need to leave the cafeteria. Ms. Deprey has spoken with both the teachers and the students in 5<sup>th</sup> grade about the importance of lining up in a quiet and timely manner for lunch. This will allow the students maximum time to eat their lunch before going to recess.

**7. Recognition**

Mr. Somers would like to recognize Paul Malecki and Dale Meiss for their assistance with the water situation at LaCrosse. Bailey Kiff should be recognized for his efforts in initiating the fund drive for the rear window on the custodian vehicle.

**8. Insurance Renewal**

Upon comparing renewal rates with Selective Insurance and the quote from Liberty Mutual it would be beneficial to continue our coverage with Selective Insurance. Mr. Somers recommends that we remain with Selective Insurance for our continued coverage. Paul Malecki motioned for approval, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

**9. Retirement Incentive**

Mr. Somers presented the board, for approval, the Resolution of the Board of Trustees for the Tri-Township CSC 2015 Retirement Incentive Program. This resolution outlines the incentive program that will be offered to retirement eligible teachers using the rule of eighty-five. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.



## **10. Technology**

Mr. Somers advised the board that upon comparing costs to replace and upgrade our servers without the E-rate discount and the cost to purchase an insurance policy that will cover replacement parts to repair and upgrade our servers has been done. The benefit/cost of purchasing the insurance (\$62.00/month) at this time would be more cost efficient. This should hold us for a year or so giving us time to obtain quotes and apply for the E-rate discount for new servers.

Currently we are one to one with MacBook's for our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. This year we have 30 students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade. Next year, our 8<sup>th</sup> grade class will have 40. We will need to purchase additional MacBook's for next school year if we continue to utilize MacBook's in our 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. Mr. Somers is also looking into upgrades/updates for our computer labs at Wanatah and knows further discussions need to be had in regards to the labs. Discussions have been had regarding additional MacBook purchases, I-Pad and Chrome Book purchases. Everyone agrees that this area needs further investigation as we would like to keep the operating systems we use to a minimum and adding a third system may become overwhelming. Tim Guse would like the option of Chrome Books investigated for the 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes. The recent MacBooks purchased could then be used at the high school level where they are better utilized.

Mr. Somers would like to see additional I-Pads purchased for the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classes.

## **11. Ivy Tech Classes**

Ivy Tech classes were conducted this year on-line without a professor present in house. Mr. Somers has discussed the likelihood of this continuing with the present sophomore class and junior class. Most students agree they do not mind continuing to take these classes online, however, they prefer to have one class instead of two as technical issues arise that create difficulties. Mr. Somers has spoken with Ivy Tech regarding this situation and is trying to resolve the issue with assistance from Joe at Ivy Tech. Options being looked at are

providing transportation for the students to the Valparaiso Ivy Tech location for classes and continuing the search for professors willing to travel to LaCrosse. Mr. Somers will continue to work with Joe on solutions to this problem. No approval needs to be made at this time; the board will table this for further discussion.

**12. Vocational Classes**

Board approval needs to be made to add Work Based Learning as a class option in the Agriculture field through vocational and the removal of PLTW Biomedical classes.

We have two students interested in this program for next school year. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**13. Educational Services**

Mr. Somers would like to reach out to Bob Harris for budget assistance again this year. He is requesting board approval for a "not to exceed amount of \$3,000.00". Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**14. Policy-Section 504 Administration of Medication at School (annual policy)**

The board was presented with the Section 504 policy that Mr. Somers would like approval on at the last meeting. Upon review by the board, he is now looking for approval of this policy. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the policy, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**15. Projects**

Mr. Somers is looking for guidance from the board as to what projects they feel have the most importance to be completed this summer. The board agrees the bleachers in the LaCrosse gym and an expanded area for wheelchair seating is a priority.

Mr. Somers is still working on quotes for LED Signs for both schools. He has received one quote but is still waiting on two others. This is still of importance to the board however, there are other items that take precedence.

The curtains for the Wanatah stage have been ordered and will hopefully be in for spring concerts.

LaCrosse is in need of an updated HVAC control system in the gym. A wireless control system would be ideal. Mr. Somers is obtaining quotes for this, further details will follow.

The board would like Mr. Somers to obtain a quote for painting the hallways and lockers at Wanatah.

#### **16. Principals Report**

- Ms. Deprey- Dan Barkus coached girls 7/8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball this school year and has donated the salary for this to the athletic department for new volleyball equipment.

The second round of I-Step testing will begin a week from this coming Tuesday.

There are many field trips planned for May at the elementary and junior high level.

Ms. Deprey would like the merry go round taken out of the playground area. Many students get injured on this piece of equipment or, they stay on too long and have upset stomachs afterwards. The PTO has agreed to help purchase a new piece of equipment to replace the merry go round. Further details will follow.

#### **17. Waiver of Liability**

Mr. Somers worked with Ross MacLennan to develop a waiver of liability for our school corporation which will need to be completed when an outside group uses our school facilities. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the waiver, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

18. March SA-5 Report – information purposes

19. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved.

Next Board Meeting May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at Prairie Township

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joyce Spoljaric", is written over a horizontal line.

Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

## Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

5/21/15 6:00pm Prairie Township

### 1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

### 2. Approval of minutes from April 16<sup>th</sup> and April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meetings

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric to approve the minutes, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

### 3. Personnel

Gayla Porch, retirement

Kathy Pearson, retirement

Chris Jones, retirement

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved

Colleen Hunsley, resignation

Dan Barkas, resignation

Dianne Collins, resignation

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved

Amy Lawrence, new hire (mowing)

Bethany Heavilin, new hire (cheer coach)

Matt Kerns, new hire (MS Math)

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved

### 4. Claim Docket

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the claim docket, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A concerned citizen questioned why the last meeting was not put on the school website. Superintendent Somers apologized for the error. He explained that the meeting was posted properly but was inadvertently left off of the school website. He did point out that at the meeting in question no decisions were made, it was informational only.

7. Recognition

Ms. DePrey recognized Avery Karch and Carter Welkie for both receiving a perfect 650 score on the I-Read test! Both students received a certificate of excellence and a medal. Congratulations for a job well done!

8. Summer Projects

Superintendent Somers discussed with the board a quote received from Travis Keehn for painting the hallways white, the lockers and the stripe. He will be obtaining other quotes for the purposes of comparing prices. A new HVAC control system for LaCrosse is also being looked into. Preliminary estimates are coming in at \$14,900.00. This is lower than the estimate received a few years ago for the same project. This system would be wireless sensors which would come back to the thermostats that are wired into the roof systems. Also being

looked at is a new lighting system for the gymnasium which will lower utility costs.

Adding approximately (100) Chrome books to the middle school students is being investigated. Further discussions will follow.

Hamstra Builders has been to LaCrosse to look at the bleachers. A quote has not been received at this point.

Ms. DePrey would like to see the Merry Go Round removed from Wanatah due to student injuries. The PTO will help purchase a replacement for the Merry Go Round. Ms. DePrey will present this option at the board meeting for approval.

Tony from Performance Services presented the newest estimate for the building project at Wanatah to the board. The original estimate presented to the board for this project was \$1,304,000.00. A request was made by the board to look at cost cutting measures that could be taken to lower this estimate therefore making it more in line with the budget. PSI is committed to completing this project before the beginning of next school year. The new final estimate presented by Performance Services is \$1,150,000.00.

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the building project, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved. Ms. DePrey was very excited about this approval.

#### **9. 4-Star School**

For the third year in a row LaCrosse High School has earned the distinction of being named a 4-Star School.

#### **10. Appointment of Library Board Member**

Tim Guse made a motion to approve Janetta Adams as a board member for the LaCrosse library. Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved.

#### 11. Addendum to Retirement Incentive Resolution

An addendum was made to the incentive program resolution which corrected the renewal rate for Plan B, Anthem insurance. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve, Paul Malecki seconded the motion, all approved.

#### 12. Summer School at Westville

Westville High School will be offering government and economics during the summer. Mr. Somers would like approval for the few students who are considering mid-term graduation to be eligible to take these classes at Westville. There is no cost to the school corporation. The student fee will be \$25.00 which will be reimbursed to the student upon completion of the course. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

#### 13. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey

Mr. Drook would like to invite everyone to the middle school social studies fair which is Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 8am until 12noon. The next few weeks are going to be very busy at Wanatah School. There will be a talent show on Tuesday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Next Friday is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip. Kindergarten graduation is June 1<sup>st</sup>. Field day is June 2<sup>nd</sup>. June 3<sup>rd</sup> is the 8<sup>th</sup> grade farewell. June 4<sup>th</sup> is the Indiana Beach field trip for junior high and high school. Enrichment Day for the elementary is June 4<sup>th</sup>. June 7<sup>th</sup> is the retirement parties for Kathy Pearson, Gayla Porch and Chris Jones at Gelsosomos Pizza from 4:30 to 8:00pm.

- Mr. Somers



Mr. Somers would like to begin discussions in regards to full day nurse coverage at Wanatah School. He would also like to discuss the possibility of hiring one level two and one level one IT technician. Both of these items will be further discussed.

14. April SA-5 Report

Information

15. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

Next Board Meeting June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Wanatah School.

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Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

6/18/15 6:00pm Wanatah School

### **1. Open Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

### **2. Approval of minutes from May 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 meeting**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the minutes, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.

### **3. Personnel**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the following personnel changes, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.

- Vernonica Hawkins- summer custodial work
- Katie Bailey- increase summer custodial hours
- Aaron Rust- summer mowing bid increase \$800.00
- Matthew Kerns- MS Math
- Kalyse Reimbold- MS English, HS Volleyball
- Naomi Culver, Hanna Terry, Alissa Tucker- MS Volleyball
- Traci Robertson- 1<sup>st</sup> grade
- Michael Peterson- IT
- Bill Stark (resignation)- 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls basketball
- Laura Roth- MS XC
- Carrie Miller- Title I / High Ability
- Crystal Hinkel- 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Isebel Martinez- 1<sup>st</sup> grade

4. **Claim Docket**

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the claim docket, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

5. **Balance Sheet**

For information purposes

6. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Lacey Earl, PTO president at Wanatah School presented the board with an idea to update the cafeteria. The PTO would like to see the photographs hanging in the cafeteria removed. They would consolidate these photographs into a nicely bound scrapbook which will be displayed at the Wanatah Public library. The PTO would like to have a colorful mural which will be voted upon by the school families at open house.

Sample mural pictures were shown to the board.

Joyce Spoljaric explained that the pictures have been taken down before and it caused upset in the community. Tim Guse also explained that the board promised the community that there would be one area in the school building that contained the schools heritage, including the red/white color scheme.

The PTO and the school board would like to work together to come up with a solution to keep the pictures and be able to accommodate the mural. A suggestion was made that the pictures could be moved from the West wall and relocated to the other three walls available. The PTO liked this idea and will visit the cafeteria to see if this solution would work.

This will be revisited at the next school board meeting.

7. **Recognition**

Ms. Deprey would like to recognize the social committee from Wanatah School for the nice retirement party they threw for our retiring teachers. She would also like to recognize Robin Huhnke for her efforts during enrichment day.

**8. Textbook Fees**

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve 2015/2016 textbook rental fees. Paul Malecki seconded the motion, all approved.

**9. Lunch Prices**

Paul Malecki made a motion, Daron Bruder seconded the motion to approve the following lunch prices for 2015/2016, all approved:

- \$2.10 elementary
- \$2.15 middle school/ high school

**10. NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Association)**

A presentation was made to several teachers and administrators by the NWEA. The NWEA has a program for student assessment. The board was presented the information from the NWEA along with a quotation. There may be funding available through the DOE for this program but a final decision has not been made yet.

This was presented for information purposes and will be further looked into and discussed.

**11. Computer Recommendation**

Mr. Somers is recommending a 1 to 1 initiative in the middle school with Chrome Books. This would be 105 chrome books at a cost of approximately \$280.00. He would also like to see each K-5 classroom has 4 I-Pads. I-Pads are at a cost of \$400.00 each, we would need 29. There is \$40,486.00 left in the bond issue from last year that could be used for these purchases. Chrome books will remain at school and students will not be taking chrome books home with them.

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**12. Furniture for Renovation**

The office staff at Wanatah, including Mr. Somers, met with furniture salesmen regarding office furniture for the renovation. Two quotes were

obtained (Sharp Schools and School Furniture) which were both similar in price, \$19,000.00. Mr. Somers is also going to look into Kramer and Leonard. He would like the board to approve the furniture purchase at a maximum of \$19,000.00.

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

### **13. HVAC at LaCrosse**

A quote was presented to the board from Trane Building Services to provide a new Trace SC control system at LaCrosse. This system will be wireless. The quote received in the amount of \$14,788.00 is much less than quotes that have been received in the past which were all over \$20,000.00

Paul Malecki made motion, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

### **14. Bleachers at LaCrosse**

A quote was presented to the board from Indiana Remodeling in the amount of \$53,291.00. Mr. Somers is waiting on one other quote from Kurt Simic which will be submitted to him by Monday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. He would like an approval for a "not to exceed" amount of \$54,000.00. This payment would be made from the construction fund. Paul Malecki made a motion, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

### **15. Painting at Wanatah**

Bids were received for painting the red stripe at Wanatah, the lockers, the red in the gymnasium and the locker rooms. Rose Bros. & Sons was the best price with \$8,400.00 (inside painting), \$6,625.00(outside painting). Several community members have recommended Rose Bros. as they have done painting for them personally and at a local church.

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**16. Policy for Number of Transfer Students**

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the policy, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**17. Radio Ads**

Mr. Somers would like to advertise on WKVI.

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval to run back to school radio ads like we have done in the past. Daron Bruder seconded the motion, all approved.

**18. Stools at LaCrosse**

The art room at LaCrosse needs 10 additional stools. These stools are at a cost of \$90.00. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**19. Bandwidth Upgrade**

Mr. Somers presented the board with information from ENA regarding our bandwidth and a possible upgrade. Mr. Somers will be further investigating increasing our Mbps with not only ENA but with other carriers. Prior to the start of school in August Mr. Somers would like to upgrade the Mbps. Mr. Somers will present for approval in July.

**20. Full-Time Nursing Position at Wanatah**

Mr. Somers would like a full time nurse at Wanatah. These hours will be split between our three current nurses. Joyce Spoljaric made motion, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

## **21. Principal Reports**

- Ms. Deprey would like one change in the Wanatah student handbook regarding attendance. This change will amend the section regarding vacation days/trips. The policy will fall in line with the policy that LaCrosse is currently using. Paul Malecki made a motion for this change approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

There were two students in middle school and two students in elementary school with perfect attendance this school year.

- Mr. Somers advised the board that LaCrosse will be amending their attendance policy that an attendance committee meeting will be required after 7 absences.

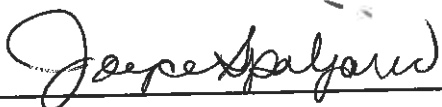
## **22. March SA-5 Report**

For information purposes

## **23. Adjournment**

Paul Malecki made a motion for adjournment, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

Next Board Meeting July 16, 2015 at Prairie Township

  
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Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

7/16/15 6:00pm Prairie Township

### **1. Open Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

### **2. Approval of minutes from June 18, 2015 meeting**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the minutes, second by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

### **3. Personnel**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki for the following personnel changes, second by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

- Matt Bien, Girl's JV Volleyball Coach

### **4. Claim Docket**

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the claim docket, Daron Bruder, second, all approved.

### **5. Balance Sheet**

For information purposes

### **6. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Lacey Earl, PTO president at Wanatah School, presented the board with a plan for the cafeteria mural. This item was originally presented at the last school board meeting. At that time the board advised the PTO that they loved the idea of the mural but they do not want the pictures removed from the cafeteria. The PTO has met with Ms. DePrey and Mr. Spoljaric and has decided the pictures will be moved to the East wall in the cafeteria where they will fit nicely. The mural will be located on the



West wall. A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**7. LaCrosse High School Student Handbook**

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric to approve the 2015/2016 LC Student Handbook, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**8. Software Used at Wanatah and LaCrosse**

Mr. Somers presented the board with a spreadsheet outlining software programs we will be using during the 2015/2016 school year. This was for information purposes.

**9. Budget Process Update/Schedule**

Mr. Somers would like approval to advertise the budget, CPF plan and Bus Replacement plan. Paul Malecki made a motion, Joyce Spoljaric second, all approved.

**10. Construction Update**

Mr. Somers advised the board that the steel for the Wanatah building project should arrive next week. This project is approximately 2 ½ weeks behind schedule which means we will be looking at a September completion date. Tim and Vicky will be working on a system for pick up and drop offs for the start of the school year. Performance Services will have a buzzer system and monitor installed at the new temporary entrance for safety purposes.

**11. Principal Report**

- **Mr. Somers**

Kim Iseminger is an employee of LaPorte County Special Education Co-op. Currently Kim is our junior high special education teacher. Kim will be transferring to South Central in the 2015/2016 school year. Katie Wright will be interviewing for the position open to replace Kim Iseminger.

Approval is needed by the board for hiring a cleaning service for the LaCrosse School building. This would be a 55 hour per week service at \$15.00 an hour. This will be split between several people at the cleaning service. Paul Malecki made the motion, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

Our first teacher day will be August 17<sup>th</sup> and our first student day will be August 18<sup>th</sup>.

On-line registration is now open.

Summer building maintenance is going strong in both buildings.

**12. June SA-5 Report**

For information purposes

**13. Adjournment**

Paul Malecki made a motion for adjournment, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

**Next Board Meeting August 20<sup>th</sup> at Wantah School**

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joyce Spoljaric", is written over a horizontal line.

Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

8/20/15 6:00pm Wanatah School

**1. Open Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Minutes from July 16<sup>th</sup> and August 6<sup>th</sup> meetings**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki approving the minutes, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.

**3. Personnel**

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the following personnel changes, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

- Matt Bien, girls JV volleyball resignation
- Magaly Bope, Spanish teacher resignation
- Katie Wright, special education teacher
- James Bohan, special education para-professional
- Crystal Hinkel, girls JV volleyball coach
- Kim Iseminger, moved to SC
- Carrie Miller, safety specialist
- Richard Dolson, bus driver
- Lisa Denger, Spanish teacher

**4. Claim Docket**

Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the claim docket, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**5. Balance Sheet**

For information purposes only

**6. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Tiger pride t-shirts were presented to the school board. The PTO relayed the information that the first day of school t-shirt idea was a hit and all of the students, parents and staff got involved.

The PTO presented the board with five options for murals in the cafeteria. The board narrowed the choices down to three. The decision process will now continue with the students and staff.

A concerned community member addressed the board regarding personnel in the special education department. The board listened to concerns and will address issues as necessary.

A concerned member of the community addressed Mr. Somers and the school board in regards to a busing error that occurred on the first day of school. Mr. Somers assured the community member that steps are being taken by school staff to ensure that any younger students who must do a bus transfer are properly placed on the appropriate bus each day.

A concerned citizen would like the school to consider installing shower curtains in the boy's locker room. Mr. Somers will be looking into this option and further discussion will follow.

A community member who relocated to this area wanted other members of the community and the board to know how happy they are with the school corporation and the community at large.

#### **7. Recognition**

Ms. DePrey would like to thank her staff for their efforts on the first day of school. She would also like to thank the PTO for their efforts providing t-shirts to all students.

Mr. Somers would like to thank his staff for their efforts which took place over the summer preparing for the new school year.

#### **8. Insurance Issues**

Mr. Somers would like to bring in a company to discuss insurance options in the near future.

#### **9. Evaluation Plan**

The evaluation plan that administration uses was presented to the school board. It is required that this plan be approved by the school board each year. This is the same plan used last year. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

#### **10. Technology Update**

Computers have been released to students at LaCrosse. Wanatah computers will be released shortly. We are making progress in efforts to have top notch technology offerings at Tri-Township.

**11. Ivy Tech Classes**

A professor for college English is in place. We will also have a professor in place for speech class. These professors will be in house for our students.

**12. Pay Raises for Non-Certified Staff**

Mr. Somers would like approval for our non-certified staff to receive a raise this year. Non-certified hourly staff proposed raise is .50 cents an hour. Non-certified salary staff proposed raise is \$1,000/ year. Bus driver extra-curricular trips increased from \$10.00/hour to \$12.00/hour.

Travis Younggreen made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**13. Additional IT Person**

Mr. Somers approached the board for approval for additional IT support. Technology in both buildings has increased so additional support is needed. After discussion, Daron Bruder made a motion to approve a full time IT person not to exceed \$30,000/year. If possible a ¾ time person would be ideal, not exceeding 29 hours per week. Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**14. Internet Speed Upgrade**

To increase internet speed from our current rate of 10mb to 20mb would be approximately \$400 with our current carrier. Next year we can look into changing carriers, when our contract is up, which would be a savings for the corporation. Daron Bruder made this motion, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**15. Second Coat on Bathroom Walls**

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

**16. Projects**

The bleachers at LaCrosse look very nice. It brightens up the gym. The handicapped area will be a very nice asset to the gym this year.

Mr. Somers would like approval to replace the intercom system at Wanatah at a rate of \$15,287.00. Paul Malecki made this motion, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**17. Principal Reports**

Ms. DePrey shared a panoramic photo of the student body on the first day of school, all wearing their Tiger Pride shirts.

Mr. Somers shared that Rachel's Challenge will be presented on September 24<sup>th</sup>. The elementary portion will be presented at Wanatah, the middle school and high school portion will be presented at South Central and the community portion will be presented at Wantah. Community outreach will begin soon letting everyone know this program will be being presented. This program is about being kind to others.

The LaCrosse FFA chapter is scheduled to go to the National Chapter Convention October 28-31<sup>st</sup>. Due to the fact that Mrs. Stamper will be ready to deliver her baby at any point during that time, she will not be chaperoning the students to the convention this year. Mr. Somers will be looking for a chaperone to go with the students to the convention. We are planning to share a bus and driver with South Central for this trip to help reduce costs. LaCrosse has four drinking fountains, two of which are not working right now. The other two are very old and out of date. Scot is working on quotes for the fountains.

**18. August SA-5 Report**

For information purposes

**19. Adjournment**

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to adjourn, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**Next board meeting September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 LaCrosse School**

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Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation**

**09/17/15 6:00pm LaCrosse School**

**1. Open Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Approval of August 20, 2015 meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Travis Younggreen, to approve the minutes, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.

**3. Personnel**

Connor Scroggins, IT – new hire

Morgan Derby- resignation 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade cheer

Michael Peterson- resignation IT

Greg Mohlke- MS baseball assistant

Brandon Gorski-MS baseball volunteer

Cheryl Williams- cutting back to 1 day per week aide position

Joyce Smith- resignation kitchen

Amanda Cox- 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade cheer coach

**4. Claim Docket**

Motion made by Daron Bruder to approve, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

**5. Balance Sheet**

For information purposes

**6. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

The Wanatah PTO would like an approval from the board to ask our families for donations at the open house for the mural. The family would then be recognized with their name being displayed on a plaque near the mural. After discussion the board agrees that the donations are a good idea however, there should be no set amount to donate in order to be recognized on the plaque. This was just an initial discussion from the PTO, more information will follow.

A concerned community member addressed the board regarding confidentiality in the office at our school. After discussion the board reassured the community member that confidentiality is of utmost importance at our school. Mr. Somers

explained that we are currently working on a social media policy which will be in place shortly.

**7. Recognition**

Ms. DePrey would like to recognize her entire staff for working with her at the beginning and the end of the day to insure our students arrive and depart safely. The building construction project has caused many changes to take place at the beginning of the year and their support is crucial.

Mr. Somers would like to recognize Judy Roslansky and Dara Guse for their efforts in our current State Board of Accounts audit. They were notified on the second day of school the audit would begin on the third day of school. Audit procedures for the SBOA have vastly changed causing audits that normally took one week may take a month or more.

**8. Public Hearing 2016 Budget**

Tim Guse opened the public hearing for any questions that the board or the public may have regarding the budget.

A concerned community member had a question regarding line items on the budget. Mr. Somers advised more detailed information including line items for the budget could be viewed in the administrative office.

Tim Guse made a motion to close the hearing, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**9. Public Hearing 2016 CPF Plan**

Tim Guse opened the public hearing for any discussion regarding the 2016 CPF Plan. No comments were made. Tim Guse made a motion to close the hearing, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**10. Public Hearing 2016 Bus Replacement Plan**

Tim Guse opened the public hearing for any discussion regarding the 2016 Bus Replacement Plan. No comments were made. Paul Malecki made a motion to close the hearing, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**11. 2016 CPF Plan**

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the plan, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

**12. 2016 Bus Replacement Plan**

Travis Younggreen made a motion to approve the plan, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.



**13. Resolution to Reduce Line 2**

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

**14. Master Contract**

A copy of the master contract was presented to the board for approval. The board was given time to review the contract. This is a one year contract. Mr. Somers highlighted a few items that were changed for the board. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**15. Rachel's Challenge Update**

The preparations are well under way for Rachel's Challenge which will be held on Thursday, September 24<sup>th</sup>. The high school students will depart from LaCrosse at 7:45am on Thursday morning for South Central with the program beginning at 8:15am. Friends of Rachel will immediately follow the program. The elementary and junior high program will take place in the afternoon at Wanatah. The community event will take place at 6pm that evening at Wanatah.

**16. Building Project Update**

The board was presented with a project schedule outlining approximate dates for delivery/installation of many items for the building project. A proposal was made by Mr. Somers to resurface the road in front of the school building instead of just patching the surface while the construction project is underway. The cost for this project would be \$12,450.00 with a potential of an additional cost for stone removal. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**17. Principal Reports**

**Ms. Deprey-** On September 23<sup>rd</sup> the mobile dentist will be visiting Wanatah. Flu shots are on October 1<sup>st</sup> from 7:30am-8:30am for staff. Middle School fall concert is on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The end of the first nine weeks is October 16<sup>th</sup>. Chrome books were distributed yesterday to 8<sup>th</sup> grade students. All of our middle school staff members are working diligently to include the usage of the chrome books in their classrooms. The fundraiser for Wanatah School started yesterday.

**Mr. Somers-** The process is being conducted to cover all coaching positions for this basketball season. The 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball position is currently open.

**18. August SA-5 Report**

For information purposes

**19. Adjournment**

Motion made by Paul Malecki for adjournment, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**Next Board Meeting: October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at Wanatah School**

## Board Meeting Minutes

### Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

10/15/2015 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of September 17, 2015 meeting minutes

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the minutes, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

3. Personnel

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the following personnel changes, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

- Travis Zippel, 5<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball
- Rebekah Meyers, aide
- Mary Peirson, kitchen

4. Claim Docket

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the claim docket, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

The PTO announced that mural three was chosen for the cafeteria project. The goal for the PTO is to have the mural completed for the students return from Christmas break.

A concerned community member would like to bring to the board's attention her disappointment in the way the High Ability is being handled at school. She is upset that only one student in first grade was selected for this program and feels as if there are other students who would benefit from the program that are being looked over.

Superintendent Somers explained the assessment process for students in both the High Ability and Title I programs. He explained that the state requires a student be assessed before admittance to either of these programs. With that being said, helping students reach their full academic potential is a priority at Tri-Township. Superintendent Somers feels confident that Mrs. Miller is capable of handling both the Title I and High Ability program however the possibility of hiring a teacher's assistant for the High Ability Program is not out of the question. A meeting will be scheduled for next week between Superintendent Somers and any parents with concerns regarding these programs.

A concerned community member addressed the board regarding the Title I program. She feels as if this program got a late start this year which has caused her son to revert back. She would also like to see a phone call reminder made when there are Title I meetings which parents can be involved in.

Superintendent Somers explained that for four months we have been converting our School Reach program to School Messenger. With the School Messenger program our teachers will have the capability to target group listings for message purposes. This program will be utilized for these types of instances when meetings and or information apply to a select group only.

A concerned community member feels as if communication needs to be a greater priority for all. She would also like a plan for what parents can do to be more involved in their children's education such as volunteering in the classroom.

Several concerned community members addressed the administration and school board regarding the situation that occurred at school yesterday. They felt as if the school should have done a better job of communicating with parents regarding the situation that occurred. A concerned parent addressed the fact that the intercom is not currently working to alert the

school when a code red is in place. The board determined that a bull horn will be used in this situation which will be in place tomorrow. Both the administration and the board listened to all concerns and are aware that parents would like the communication between school and parents improved and will be working diligently to do so.

Mr. Guse, thanked the parents for bringing this information to the board and assured parents that these issues will be addressed.

7. Recognition

- Ms. Deprey would like to thank her staff for all they have done to help make the beginning of the school year great.
- Ms. Deprey would like to thank the PTO for sponsoring the open house and ice cream social. She is also very excited about the mural and thanks the PTO for their time and effort.

8. 2016 Budget

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the 2016 budget, Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved.

9. Projects

The projects at the LaCrosse gym are complete. The asphalt at Wanatah is complete. The intercom and video system will be installed shortly.

10. Social Media Policy  
Information

11. IT Contract

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the employment contract between Connor Scroggins and Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation. The motion was seconded by Paul Malecki, approved by all.

## 12. Connectivity Upgrade

Further investigation is being done for this item and will be discussed at a later date.

## 13. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey

Parent – teacher conferences will take place next week.

Red ribbon week will begin October 26<sup>th</sup>.

An 8<sup>th</sup> grade sponsored lock in will take place on Friday, October 30<sup>th</sup>.

The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class is sponsoring a "pie in the face" contest as a class fundraiser.

In November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade basketball will begin.

- Mr. Somers

A college visit to both Bethel and Ivy Tech took place for all LaCrosse students.

Possible new requirements are forthcoming for teachers who are teaching dual credit classes.

## 14. September SA-5 Report

Information

## 15. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

Next Board Meeting November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at LaCrosse

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation**

**11/19/15 6:00pm**

**1. Open Meeting**

Pledge of Allegiance

**2. Senior Trip**

Several representatives from the LaCrosse class of 2016 presented their plan for their senior class trip. The dates of the trip are Saturday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> thru Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. The class will be traveling via charter bus to Logan, Ohio and spending time at Woodland Ridge Cabins. All expenses for the trip will be funded by the senior class. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**3. Approval of October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting minutes**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the minutes, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.

**4. Personnel**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the following personnel changes, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

- Jeff Newburn, 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball volunteer
- Brandon Gorski, 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade basketball volunteer
- Jennifer Haddon, IT and High Ability

**5. Claim Docket**

Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the claim docket, Paul Malecki seconded the motion, all approved.

**6. Balance Sheet**

For information purposes

**7. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

A community member is concerned with the fact that the part time special education teacher provided by the LaPorte County Special Education Co-Op has been transferred from Wanatah to Westville. After discussion, Mr. Somers will be requesting a meeting with the Co-Op, where he will be in attendance along with the community member.

**8. Recognition**

Ms. DePrey would like to recognize the American Legion for the wonderful Veteran's Day Program which was given to the school. She would also like to recognize her staff and students for all of the hard work to make the program a success.

Mr. Somers would like to recognize Don Guse for his dedication to the school corporation. Don's presence in the school will be deeply missed.

**9. ESCRFT**

A representative from ESCRFT presented the board with information regarding property insurance options through ESCRFT.

**10. ISBA Membership**

Daron Bruder made a motion to enroll the school corporation in the ISBA for one year, Tim Guse seconded, all approved.

**11. Title I and High Ability Updates**

Mr. Somers advised that Jennifer Haddon will begin her position as the High Ability Director in early December. This will allow Carrie Miller to focus on the Title I program 5 days per week instead of her current 3 days per week.

Mr. Somers and Ms. Deprey had a meeting with all elementary teachers focusing on how to reach each student in their classroom with varying scholastic levels.

**12. eLearning**

Mr. Somers presented the board with information regarding eLearning opportunities for make-up days. (snow, fog etc.) The high school staff would like to proceed with the option. A representative from Boone Groove School (currently using eLearning program) is visiting our school to discuss how this program works. The high school would like to ease into this program by doing a trial run while the students are still at school and then possibly a ½ day



option. The high school would like to start implementing this program in December. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**13. Social Media Policy**

At last month's board meeting the social media policy was presented to the board. Travis Younggreen made a motion to approve the policy, Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved.

**14. Inventory of Capital Assets Policy**

This information was presented to the board for information purposes. An approval will be requested at the December board meeting.

**15. Principal Report**

Ms. DePrey reports that Wanatah has one 8<sup>th</sup> grade student who is "testing" a chrome book case. This student is taking her chrome book home with her at night and is very pleased with the case. In the future Ms. DePrey would like cases for 8<sup>th</sup> grade students so the chrome books can go home with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.

Ms. DePrey would like approval for the option of having Saturday school at Wanatah School which would last 2 hours. It is progress report time and she has many middle school students receiving D's and F's. She has middle school staff members who are willing to volunteer their time on Saturday's (possibly one or two Saturday's per month) to work with these students during this time on specific classwork. This is in essence a detention for students who are receiving failing grades.

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

Ms. DePrey would also like an amendment made to the handbook which would state that if a student receives a failing grade at report card time which makes them **ineligible** for athletics and raises the grade at progress report time (4 ½ weeks later) the student **is eligible** to return to athletics. On the flip side if a student receives a passing grade at report card time and receives an F at progress report time they will then be **ineligible** to participate in athletics. Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

Mr. Somers advised the board that there is a new INSEP requirement that is due in March. This is a new process put in place by the state. Both administration and staff are working to complete this requirement.

The current sophomore class will be required to take both the ECA and the 1-Step test.

At both the high school and middle school our staff is being instructed on using Google classroom.

School messenger has the capability for teachers and coaches to send messages to particular groups of students. The staff is currently being trained to utilize this feature.

Observations for teachers from Ms. DePrey and Mr. Somers are beginning.

Mr. Somers advised that we are working on the idea of having a fruit and veggie bar for students at lunch or some type of fruit or veggie snack during the day for our students. There is grant money available for this that we are looking in to. More information will follow.

A vocational trip to AK Smith will take place for high school students on November 23<sup>rd</sup>. On November 25<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class from Wanatah will be spending the day at LaCrosse for Tiger Team Up Day.

**16. October SA-5 Report**

Information

**17. Adjournment**

Paul Malecki made a motion for adjournment, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**Next Board Meeting**

**December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Wanatah School**

## **Board Meeting Minutes**

### **Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation**

**12/17/15 6:00pm Wanatah School**

#### **1. Open Meeting**

##### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Maul and her daughter Skylar Maul thanked the school for allowing Skylar to place a box at each building to collect donations for the veteran's home. Our schools donation was the largest donation in recent time to the home. A valuable lesson was learned by all involved in the operation.

#### **2. Minutes from the November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2015 meeting**

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

#### **3. Personnel**

- Matt Kerns, MS Math, resignation

A motion was made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.

- Mallorie Erikson and Crystal Hinkel, 5/6<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB
- Jeff Yergler and Amy Welkie, 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB
- Brian Wozniak and Craig Heavilin, 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls BB

A motion was made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

#### **4. Claim Docket**

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

#### **5. Balance Sheet**

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#### **6. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Mike Kellems, LaPorte County Sheriff Department expressed the department's gratitude for Tri-Township's efforts hosting "Honor Our Heroes" night at the Tiger Den.

A community member wanted to thank Mr. Somers and Ms. DePrey for their efforts in obtaining an additional teacher in the special education room at Wanatah School.

A community member expressed her gratitude to both the board, Ms. DePrey and Mr. Somers how happy she is with the progress that has taken place with the Title I program. Her son is progressing nicely with the help of this program.

**7. Recognition**

Ms. DePrey would like to recognize Mrs. Sharpe and the Wanatah Student Council for participating in the *bowl's of plenty* project at Sacred Heart Church.

Ms. DePrey would like to recognize the Wanatah Spell Bowl Team, along with Ms. Reimbold for receiving first place in their division at the LaPorte competition.

**8. New Bus**

Mr. Somers presented the board with information regarding the purchase of a new school bus. Upon review Paul Malecki made a motion, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

**9. K n' B Cleaning at Wanatah**

Mr. Somers would like to hire K n' B for 3 hours per day at a rate of \$50.00.

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**10. Board Meeting Calendar for 2016**

The board was presented with the projected meeting dates for 2016. Daron Bruder made a motion, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

**11. School Messenger Training**

A transition was made this year from School Reach to School Messenger. Mr. Somers did a training session with both the Wanatah and LaCrosse staff explaining how to navigate the program.

**12. Harmony Push Notifications**

Recently Mr. Somers was made aware of additional functions that are available through our Harmony program. These functions would allow parents to edit their student's profile and enable the system to make them aware of circumstances such as unexcused absences, tardiness, when tests are graded, or when a grade falls below the letter grade of their choice. It also has an option to send a weekly progress report. A letter is being constructed for parents explaining the process to register and use the notification program.

**13. eLearning Update**

The high school did a one period trial run for eLearning. The trial went well and both students and staff had positive feedback. A half day of eLearning will be planned for the second week of January. Once the high school eLearning is up and running discussions will start with the middle and elementary school staff.

**14. Five Star/Pivot Update**

The Five Star/Pivot testing will continue in January. The first set of testing was completed in October. This testing will show the progress our students are making this year.

**15. Principal Reports**

- Ms. DePrey- Google cases were successfully tested with the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. The XLMath program that Ms. DePrey started with the math students has gone well. Mrs. Rhodes is doing an excellent job with the students. She is very proud of the middle school students for working hard on this program.

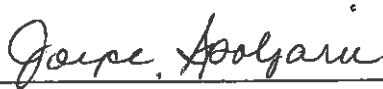
**16. December SA-5 Report**

Information

**17. Adjournment**

Paul Malecki made a motion for adjournment, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

**Next Board Meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2015 at LaCrosse School**



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary