

# Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

05/20/21 6:00pm LaCrosse School

## **1. Open Meeting**

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

## **2. Minutes from 4/22/21 Board Meeting**

Chad Howell made a motion to approve the 4/22/21 minutes. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

## **3. Personnel**

- David Prokop- Resignation- Varsity boys basketball coach- Melanie Mills made a motion to approve the resignation. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!
- Richard Snodgrass- Varsity boys basketball coach- Melanie Mills mad a motion to approve the new hire. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!
- Austin Heise- Spanish teacher- Chad Howell made a motion to approve the new hire. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

- Victoria VandeBunte- M.S. track asst. – Chad Howell made a motion to approve. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!
- Heather Ligda- M.S. CC coach- Melanie Mills made a motion for approval. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!
- Mikaela Gordon- M.S. CC coach-Chad Howell made a motion for approval. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

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

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

#### **5. Balance Sheet- information**

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

A concerned member of the public asked Superintendent Shepherd for a rough time line for the bond issuance for the project. Superintendent Shepherd replied July or August has been the last time frame discussed.

## **7. RIF Notices**

As an insurance policy to guard against enrollment fluctuations, many schools are issuing reduction in force notices as a precautionary measure. We would issue three notices at the elementary level. If enrollment improves and the positions are needed, the notices are rescinded and those employees would have a position for next school year.

## **8. Technology Upgrades per March Tech Presentation**

Three upgrade options were provided to the board that Jacob, our IT director has provided. It is Superintendent Shepherd's recommendation, based on cost and projected life cycle that the board chose path 3. This will provide the most robust infrastructure with the best warranty options. Melanie Mills made a motion to approve path 3. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

## **9. Tiger Den Roof Scan**

Recalling the TREMCO presentation from last month, Superintendent Shepherd would like approval to have the infrared scan of the Tiger Den roof completed. This will provide an in-depth analysis of its current condition. The proposal was presented in the board packet at a cost of \$1,800. Superintendent Shepherd believes it is best to

hold on a decision with the roof restoration at Wanatah. We know it is in very good shape considering its age. We do want to keep it that way, but we can revisit this a little further down the road perhaps after some more research. Chad Howell made a motion to approve the scan on the Tiger Den. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

**10. Resolution Approving Form of Lease, Plans & Hearing Notice**

The school corporation is funding our project through lease financing, just as it has done on past projects. The building corporation will purchase a portion of the building at closing and lease it back to the corporation. The corporation then pays the lease rental from property taxes. Hearing Notice will be provided tomorrow for publication. Melanie Mills made a motion to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES!!

**11. Resolution Determining Need for the Project**

As required by school leasing statute (IC 20-47-3) the board must determine that there is a need for the project. Chad Howell made a motion for approval, Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

**12. Resolution Reapproving Formation of Building Corporation**

Superintendent Shepherd is seeking approval to Reapprove Building Corporation who will issue tax-exempt bonds on behalf of the school corporation. Chad Howell made a motion for approval. Melanie Mills seconded the motion, ALL AYES!!

**13. Field Trip Policy- information**

Superintendent Shepherd has added language to the field trip policy to limit the annual 8<sup>th</sup> grade and senior class trips to day trips or extended day trips. Essentially, he would like to take the need for over-night accommodations out of the equation. There are three main reasons: exclusionary to some students, myriad liability concerns and finally cost and the association to fundraising. This is for information purposes for now and will be visited again at a later time after board thought.

**14. Principal Reports**

- Superintendent Shepherd introduced Modern Woodmen to present one of their “Home town Hero” awards to our school nurse, Allison Wright. This award recognizes Allison for all the hard work and

dedication she has provided TTCSC with during this school year, and navigating a pandemic.

Modern Woodmen would like to recognize her for all of her hard work at Tri-Township. They presented Allison with a certificate along with a first aid basket for her nursing station. They will also be donating \$100.00 to the non-profit organization of her choice.

- HS Principal Brian McMahan wanted to thank Modern Woodmen for the wonderful luncheon they provided during teacher appreciation week! Also, thank you to Fast Tracks in LaCrosse for the softball/baseball senior night food.

Prom is 6/3 and graduation is 6/4.

- MS and Elementary Principal Chris Gabriel explained to the board that the momentum for being in person all year is still going strong at the end of the year. Throughout this tough year our students and staff have done wonderfully. Our Girls on the Run program is finishing up. Our field day is planned as well. 8<sup>th</sup> grade farewell will take place 6/2. Summer school starts 6/7.

## **15. April SA-5 Reports**

Chad Howell made a motion to approve the reports.

Melanie Mills seconded the motion. AL L AYES!!

**16. Superintendent Report**

Recently 100% of our buses passed inspection!

**17. Adjournment**

Chad Howell made a motion to adjourn. Melanie Mills seconded the motion.

**Next Board Meeting June 17, 6:00pm, Prairie Township**