**Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation**

**12/17/2020 - 6:00pm - Wanatah School**

1. **Open Meeting:**

Board President Tim Guse opened the 12/17/20 meeting followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

1. **Minutes from November 19, 2020 Meeting:**

Board member Aaron Rust made a motion for approval. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

1. **Personnel**

* *Will Pryor- 5/6th & 7/8th GBB Coach*

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

* *Lauren Yacks- 7/8th GBB Asst. Coach*

Aaron Rust made a motion for approval. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

* *Angela Pryor- 5/6th GBB Asst. Coach*

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval. Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

* *Mallorie Schoon- 5/6th GBB Asst. Coach*

Aaron Rust made a motion for approval. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

1. **Claim Docket**

Aaron Rust made a motion to approve the claim docket. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

1. **Balance Sheet**

Information

1. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

A concerned citizen questioned Superintendent Shepherd regarding item no. 8 on the agenda. He asked for an explanation for this item. Superintendent Shepherd explained that Pugh Pipeline is looking for a small office space for rent. They rarely use the space but are required to maintain a business office space. The annual rental would be $2,500.

A concerned citizen questioned what physical space would be assigned to them. Superintendent Shepherd explained it would be the old A.D./transportation office in the basement of the building.

A concerned citizen asked if the person renting the office would have access to the office in the summer. Superintendent Shepherd replied that yes, they would have access.

A concerned citizen questioned the safety of having someone coming into the school using the office. Superintendent Shepherd replied that background checks would be required.

A concerned citizen asked if there were plans for renovation of this office before the rental would take place. Superintendent Shepherd answered there are no plans for that.

A concerned citizen asked what the balance report is that was approved which Superintendent explained.

A concerned citizen asked if the claim docket would be available for review after the meeting. Superintendent Shepherd asked that he submit a written records request for the information.

The same citizen questioned why Superintendent Shepherd was reimbursed for mileage on the claim docket. He explained that there were several meetings which he had to attend so there was travel. He made several trips to purchase bottled water for the students since the water fountains are unable to be used. He also used his personal vehicle several times for shuttling buses. Various trips for school essentials- keys needed to be made so a trip was made to Valparaiso.

The same citizen questioned other mileage claims on the past docket for other administrators. Principal McMahan explained that the mileage claims submitted were for several months of mileage- not one month of mileage. This is the same circumstance for Superintendent Shepherd.

The same concerned citizen asked when the technical committee would be appointed and who would be making the appointments. Superintendent Shepherd explained the board would be making those appointments to the committee. He would also like to know if the technical review committee meetings will be open to the public. Both Superintendent Shepherd and board president Tim Guse replied that they would check into whether those meetings would be open to the public. At this time they were unsure but will look into this.

The same concerned citizen asked if the office lease agreement would be finalized at this meeting. Superintendent Shepherd replied that would be up to the board.

The same concerned citizen asked what the executive session being held after the regularly scheduled meeting was being held for. Superintendent Shepherd explained it was a meeting for preparations for collective bargaining with our teacher’s union. He has some information he would like to share with the board regarding that.

1. **High School Dismissal Time Adjustment**

As a solution to the end of the day bussing issues the high school bell schedule needs changed. By adjusting 2 or 3 minutes from each 90 minute class period and adjusting a minute from the passing periods, many of our day end bussing issues will be resolved.

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

1. **Office Space Rental @ LaCrosse**

Superintendent Shepherd explained earlier in the public comments portion the possibility of Pugh Pipeline renting an office space from the high school. As he said earlier, the space would be rarely used. The board has asked that this item be tabled for further board review. Aaron Rust made a motion to table the issue. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

1. **Electronic Valve Replacement on Wanatah Boiler**

The Wanatah boiler has an electronic valve that can no longer be repaired and must be replaced. This is at a cost of $5,000. The valve is 22 years old.

Aaron Rust made a motion to approve. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

1. **Principal Reports**

Mr. Gabriel reported that the in person holiday concert was greatly missed this year. The teachers and staff are working very hard to continue in person learning for our students. He would like to thank the staff for all of their hard work during these trying times.

Mr. McMahan reported he was in quarantine for part of the past month and wanted to thank his staff for all they did to help cover during his absence. He is very pleased with his staff, students and parents for all they are doing to keep our students in school. Our students have done an amazing job with accepting the changes that have taken place this year due to COVID.

1. **November SA-5 Reports**

Aaron Rust made a motion to approve the reports. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

1. **Superintendent Report**

This year has been a challenge trying to fill all needs with COVID challenges.

Superintendent Shepherd would also like to thank the staff for all they are doing during these trying times.

1. **Adjournment**

Aaron Rust made a motion to adjourn. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

***Next Board Meeting January 21, 2021, 6pm @ LaCrosse***