

**Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation**

**Board Meeting Minutes**

**12/16/2021 6pm Wanatah School**

**1. Open Meeting followed by the Pledge of Allegiance**

**2. Approval of minutes from November board meeting:**

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

**3. Personnel Items:**

- Will Pryor- Assistant 7/8<sup>th</sup> gr. boys basketball coach  
Melanie Mills made a motion to approve. Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!
- Brody Kutch- resignation  
Aaron Rust made a motion to approve. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!
- Bill Stark-5/6<sup>th</sup> gr. girls basketball coach  
Melanie Mills made a motion to approve. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

**4. Claim Docket**

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

**5. Balance Sheet**

Information

**6. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

Public comments were heard with questions asked and answered by both the school board and Superintendent Shepherd.

**7. Teacher Appreciation Grant**

The TAG grant will be paid out on 12/17/2021 to any teacher or guidance counselor who were with us last year and are with us this year and have a rating of effective or highly effective. The total which will be divided amongst the qualifying pool is \$11,680.21.

**8. Pre-K Grant**

Our Pre-K teacher, Tina Augsburger, wrote a successful grant through the Build, Learn, Grow Grant program. Superintendent Shepherd is pleased to announce the grant has been awarded to us in the amount of \$31,568. These funds can be used for any Pre-K related items including equipment, curriculum and salary. We would like to thank Mrs. Augsburger for all of her hard work to obtain this grant.

**9. FEMA Funds**

We were notified that we are getting pandemic related FEMA funds totaling roughly \$32,000. This money will be used under the same guidelines as our ESSER I funds were used.

**10. Building Project Update**

Superintendent Shepherd would like to thank our staff members for being very accommodating to the progress and calendar of the construction teams and vice versa. They have been respectful of our needs to the best of the abilities as we conduct school each day. We have accommodated them to help them remain ahead of schedule. Our tech director has moved twice. Over Christmas break they will begin the inside work on the new office space. We

will tour the new space this evening once the meeting is adjourned.

**11. LaCrosse Library Appointment**

The LaCrosse library has requested that Peggy Stalbrink, a current board member, be reappointed to for a four year term. Chad Howell made a motion for approval. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

**12. Botvin Life Skills Training**

Mrs. Clemons presented the board with information regarding the Botvin Life Skills program that is being taught at our schools. This program was made possible by the Healthy Foundation Laporte. A handout was presented to the board explaining this research based program. Lessons from this program have been taught in order so no concepts are missed. This program has been well received by the students. Some topics covered have been self-esteem, decision making skills, peer pressure and how to deal with stress. The goal of this program is to promote psychological as well as physical well-being.

**13. Principal Report**

Principal McMahan reported that our Christmas concerts were very well attended. A surprise visit from Santa was exciting for all. He would like to thank the Wanatah Lions Club for sponsoring cookies and milk with Santa.

Our Tiny Tigers basketball league is well under way with games being played on Saturday's at the Wanatah gym.

If you are available to come from 8am-10am on Saturday it is really fun to come watch the kids play. We are up to 60 kids in our program. Mr. McMahan would like to than the Wanatah Christian Church for allowing us to use their gym on Tuesday nights for Tiny Tiger practice.

Mr. Heise, HS Spanish teacher took his Spanish students on an excellent field trip to South Bend. This trip was made possible by a grant from the Harold Welter Foundation. Mr. Heise made a video explaining the trip which will be shared with the board. The LC Leo Club pledged to make 80 blankets to the residents of Golden Living Nursing Home. Each resident will receive a blanket on Christmas morning!

Homecoming is Saturday against OD. The theme is this year is Super Heroes. The dance will follow the basketball game.

The students have been busy all week with fun homecoming activities.

**14. Superintendent Report**

Mr. Shepherd reported that on Monday evening several staff members along with the Wanatah Lions Club packed 103 backpacks for our Blessings in a Backpack Program. This program, made possible by the Wanatah Lions Club, the LC Leo Club and the ODD Fellows Lodge #56 provides all our TTCSC students who are eligible for the free lunch program a backpack full of healthy options to eat while away from school on Christmas break.

**15. Public Hearing on Proposed Superintendent Contract**

Aaron Rust made a motion to open the hearing. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

**16. Public Comment**

Public comments were heard with questions asked and answered by both the school board and Superintendent Shepherd.

**17. Close Hearing**

Chad Howell made a motion to close the hearing. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

**18. Adjourn Meeting**

Aaron Rust made a motion to close the meeting. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!

**Next Board Meeting: January 11, 2022 6:00pm @ LaCrosse**

**\*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 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 your understanding.**