

Board Meeting Minutes
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
1/9/2012 6:00 pm LaCrosse School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Norm Kleist, Superintendent, Tim Somers, LaCrosse Principal; and Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community Members In Attendance: Approximately 10

1. **Open Meeting:**
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Minutes from December 12th Meeting:**
Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved without changes following a motion made by Joyce Spoljaric and seconded by Bob Younggreen.
3. **Election of Officers:**
Election of officers was held. Dick Bucher made a motion to leave everything the same. Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion. Motion carried. Tim Guse will remain as President, Dick Bucher as Vice President, and Joyce Spoljaric will remain as Secretary.

4. **Personnel:**

New Hire:

- Wendy Medbourn Study Hall Supervisor
- Cheri Birky Sub Bus Driver
- Judith Lionberger Bus Driver
- Ronald Birky Sub Bus Driver

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric and seconded by Bob Younggreen to approve the new hires above. Motion carried.

Salary Adjustment:

- Diane Pick, Bus Driver will be paid back pay in the amount of \$900.00 and her daily rate increased by \$10.00 per day. The rationale for this is that she has had an additional stop added in the morning.
- Cheri Birky, Bus Driver will have her daily rate increased \$10.00 per day for an additional stop in the afternoon.
- Yvette Battleday, Bus Driver will be paid back pay in the amount of \$450.00.
- Brandi Banks, Bus Driver will be paid back pay in the amount of \$450.00.

A motion was made by Bob Younggreen and seconded by Joyce Spoljaric to approve the salary adjustments for the above personnel. Motion carried.

Resignation:

- Nancy Rosenkranz Bus Driver

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric and seconded by Paul Malecki to approve the resignation of Nancy Rosenkranz. Motion carried.

Retirement:

- Norm Kleist Superintendent

Norm Kleist indicated it has been his pleasure to work with the Board and Trustees and feels their goal has always been to do what is in the best interest of the children. He complimented the Trustees for their time and commitment. A motion was made by Dick Bucher and seconded by Joyce Spoljaric to approve the retirement of Norm Kleist. Motion carried.

5. Claim Docket:

A motion was made by Dick Bucher and seconded by Joyce Spoljaric to approve the claim docket. Motion carried.

6. Presentations:

- CAD Class: Jessica Westerhoff indicated her students started with hand-drafting and then moved into Auto-CAD. She finished the semester off with Photo-Shop. Scotty Schultz liked the Auto-CAD and is now interested in pursuing this in college. Blake Papageorge liked the Photo Shop side where he could see a realistic 3-D view with color. They started with Mrs. Westerhoff's room, tape measures, rulers and teaching the basics. The students could then turn it into whatever they wanted. Jeremy Adkins gave her a black and white in CAD and then a color view in Photo-Shop to show the difference. Travis Younggreen liked doing all the rendering and was pleased when he was able to bring the project to completion. For their next project, they are going to Chicago to see the sight they get to design. They are also going to Harrington College Design where they get to see a college that specializes in design. Her class is growing-she gained another four students this semester by word of mouth from other students. Mr. Somers indicated the guys in particular really like this class. The students showed up after the presentation. Scotty indicated he liked designing the actual project. Blake indicated he liked the Photo-Shop part where you take a box and turn it into a bed. Mrs. Westerhoff indicted Blake went online and problem solved some of his own issues. Mrs. Westerhoff indicated the projects they did were like a first year project in college. Joyce Spoljaric mentioned she thought there were competitions that the students could enter their projects in.

- Solar Panel:

David Purcell and Brian Burkholder from Solar Energy Systems gave a presentation on solar panel systems. Solar energy is not new. The sun can produce enough energy in one hour to power every home in the world for one year. It is a very clean, renewable source of energy. It reduces the carbon footprint. Maintenance is minimal as there are no moving parts. You receive credit back from the utility company for the energy you produce. NIPSCO offers a Feed-In Tariff system, a payback program that currently pays 30 cents per kilowatt hour. It is possible to generate a positive cash flow using the solar panels. Brian Burkholder says there are two ways to tie into the grid: Net Metering or Feed-In Tariff. Net metering if you pay the utility company 11 cents per kilowatt hour, you are reimbursed 11 cents. In the Feed-In Tariff system, they pay you 30 cents per hour and you still pay 11 cents per hour for the electricity

you use-so you gain a positive cash flow. We would not qualify for the federal grant, but would be eligible for the USDA grant (25% off which is only available until May). They could put in a 10K system (or close to it) on the south side of the LaCrosse School and they could also put a system on the dome only. Panels can be moved and there is a 30 year warranty. The inverter they use is generally 95% efficient. You could also use the system as a teaching tool. Mr. Somers asked about using property off sight and tying into Nipsco. Brian indicated the first 10K can be a Feed-In Tariff system, but the rest would be Net Metering. On a 10K system it will generate almost \$300 per month. It can be done on or off sight. Dick Bucher asked if other schools have committed. Brian Burkholder indicated one school has, but is waiting on State approval. Norm Kleist indicated there are some issues with the State Board of Accounts, so that may be the approval they are waiting on. The electric companies have not denied any systems yet because they have to produce a certain amount of their energy through solar panels. Dick Bucher indicated West Central was putting in a wind turbine.

7. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

There were no public comments on the agenda.

8. 1:1 Computer Initiative:

Tim Somers indicated part of the school vision is to go toward 1:1 computer initiative. Mr. Somers indicated today an email came indicating Tony Bennett wants to mandate that every student take at least one online computer course. Tim Somers indicated he wants to start a pilot program and wants approval to purchase 35 computers and rotate them through the classes three weeks at a time. The laptops would stay at school. Eventually, he envisions the laptops going home but not yet. Tim Somers has some different options. One is the Dell Vostro-the price is \$647, but the battery life is only 3 hours. The display was also inferior. He also looked at the Dell Latitude. Good display, battery life was 5 hours. He also looked at the MAC book, which has a good display, and good battery life. Mr. Somers uses his all the time and he can virtually use it for the whole day. Durability is superior. The Dell laptop in Mr. Hunt's room held up for 2-3 years, but he does not think they are as durable. The MAC book also offers some other software programs that he feels the students will like. Mr. Somers prefers the PowerPoint version of MAC over Windows. The movie presentation software is also easy to use. You can incorporate music and still pictures. Maintenance issues are less using a MAC. They would not have to buy virus software, as they do not get viruses. Tim Somers recommends going with the MAC books. Tim's concept is to purchase laptops for all the freshman and sophomores next year. If we purchase 35 computers this year, those would go toward the computers for the freshman and sophomore classes for next year. He feels he needs to give his teachers some time to transition their lesson plans. Students would use the same laptop and when they leave their senior year they would take the laptop with them. Joyce Spoljaric asked if a student could bring their own laptop whether they would be charged the technology fee. Mr. Somers indicated when they switch to a technology fee that they would remove the book fee for that class. He is thinking of about \$125. He indicated the typical book fee this past year was about \$98. Mr. Somers indicated at LaCrosse there is virtual one computer for every student now, but they are not laptops. Since Mr. Somers has been here, he believes they have spent about \$20-30,000 on technology each year. Going this route, costs \$30,000 but he will be recouping \$15,000. He anticipates that he would be able to reduce the cost for virus protection as well. Mr. Bucher asked what other technology needs were upcoming for 2012. Mr. Somers indicated he and Vicky DePrey have talked about the need for a

mobile lab at Wanatah also. He feels at the Middle School level they could use Netbooks-which would cost less. Mr. Somers indicated with the wireless now available at Wanatah, the teachers could use one or two carts of netbooks. Mr. Somers indicated the primary server at LaCrosse is reaching the end of its life and will need upgraded. The Apple servers cost much less. Dick Bucher asked Vicky DePrey to get numbers together for the February meeting. Joyce Spoljaric asked if an IPAD was an option for the Middle School. Sandy Moser expressed concern that they would be easy to walk out with. Joyce Spoljaric thought the IPAD would be cheaper, but Chris Jones indicated they paid about \$500 for the netbooks and cautioned the need to be careful that the right operating system was on the computer/IPAD to allow the access to the network. Tim Guse indicated he also likes MAC books. Joyce Spoljaric asked about a bulk rate. Tim Somers indicated that Apple does not dicker much. Tim Guse asked about the maintenance issues. Chris Jones indicated everybody she talked to has said there are not as many maintenance issues, but she and the teachers are not as familiar with MAC books, so it would take some training. Dick Bucher requested a price for upgrading the server. Chris Jones said when they deal with Dell there is a 3 year warranty and it is next day service. Tim Somers does not know what warranty comes with the Apples. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to table this item, seconded by Bob Younggreen or Paul Malecki until quotes from Vicky regarding her technology needs are available. Dick Bucher also requested warranty information. Mr. Somers indicated training would be mostly for programs. He felt training from Apple would be good. Jessica Westerhoff asked about teachers using Dells and students using Apples and how it would work together. Tim Somers indicated the teachers would have the Apple laptops when their students were using them. Mr. Bucher asked if there was a time frame for phasing Dell out. Tim Somers indicated it would be gradual. Mr. Somers indicated they would need to look at how the Student Management System (Harmony) would work with Apple. Vicky DePrey indicated she felt the elementary/middle school would stay with Netbooks and then learn Apple at the high school and when they graduate they would know both systems. Tim Somers indicated he would like to remove the requirement for students to take keyboarding, as most of them already know it. Joyce Spoljaric questioned what fund it would come out of. Mr. Kleist indicated it would come out of the Capital Projects fund. Dick Bucher asked Vicky to come up with a wish list that includes Smart Boards and all technology needs. Tim Guse asked if we knew how much we would have in the Capital Projects fund. Mr. Kleist indicated the Capital Project funds will probably be about \$500,000. He indicated you could right away take off boilers, insurance, technology service, utilities, and encouraged the Board to maintain an emergency fund of about \$200,000 in that fund. Dick Bucher asked if we have computers sitting around that we could offer families in the community. Mr. Kleist indicated we really do not have any. Vicky DePrey indicated she had two companies give them computers last year and they have put them to use.

9. Conflict of Interest:

Forms will be signed after the meeting.

10. Section 125 Benefits Plan:

American Fidelity is the company that Wanatah used previously. Mr. Kleist recommended that we go with them now. Mr. Bucher questioned if that is what AFLAC did for LaCrosse before. Norm Kleist indicated this was for the insurance reimbursement. The Board has to implement and approve the plan. They have to approve that we will keep appropriate records and abide by their rules. Paul Malecki made a motion to establish the plan, Dick Bucher seconded. Motion carried. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the plan, Paul Malecki seconded. Motion carried.

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to keep the appropriate records, Paul Malecki seconded. Motion carried. Paul Malecki made a motion to have American Fidelity Trust to be the trust to administer the plan, Joyce Spoljaric seconded. Motion carried.

11. Dismissal Time & Transportation:

Today was the first day for the 2:45 dismissal at Wanatah. Norm Kleist indicated the Wanatah staff did a great job of having students come out in small groups. The routes went okay. Nobody got any calls. The new route that was implemented was done by 4:00. Diane's route may go until about 4:15, Mr. Kleist had not talked to her. Vicky DePrey had sent information home in the newsletter and Mr. Kleist sent a message and text via School Reach. Mr. Kleist indicated he loves School Reach.

12. Purchase of Buses:

Mr. Kleist gave different options (new and used buses) to the Board. A 66 passenger bus fits three to a seat for elementary students; middle and high school students will not fit as well three to a seat. Mr. Kleist asked the Board the direction they would like to go. Mr. Kleist indicated the '97 bus is the one that needs replaced the most. He indicated with the 12 year old buses, the bodies are starting to have deterioration. Mr. Kleist recommended just replacing one bus per year if they bought new. He suggested buying 72 passenger buses instead of 66 passengers. Mr. Bucher indicated the 2008 (66 passenger) bus would be adequate for LaCrosse. Mr. Bucher felt at some point we will have to buy two buses in one year. Bob Younggreen said in 2008 it was the emissions that they had problems with. Mr. Bucher asked where else we could get buses. He would like to get a price from Midwest. Mr. Kleist said in the time he has been around, Kerlin has always had the best price and has the State bid. Joyce Spoljaric is in favor of buying one new bus a year. Mr. Guse expressed the same. A motion was made by Dick Bucher to approve the purchase of a new bus (the specs on page 12). Seconded by Bob Younggreen, Motion carried.

13. Recognition:

- Wanatah: Vicky DePrey recognized her Social Committee's efforts for putting together a wonderful Christmas party.
- LaCrosse: Tim Somers wanted to recognize the CAD Class and Jessica Westerhoff.
- Dick Bucher recognized Vicky DePrey and Tim Somers for educating the Board on items that they are not familiar with.

14. Calendar:

Norm Kleist provided the Board with the new Board Meeting dates previously adopted.

15. Eighth Grade Celebration:

Vicky DePrey asked the Board how they wanted to handle the Eighth grade celebration. Sometimes Vicky DePrey feels the students are capable of handling an overnight stay, but sometimes she feels the students cannot handle it. Vicky DePrey would like to see a couple of day activities planned, but not an overnight stay. Vicky DePrey reminded the Board to think of the age and hormonal level of middle school students in making a determination. Joyce Spoljaric stated she thinks a day trip into the night is fine, but does not feel overnights stays should be done, due to the extra cost and supervision concerns. Tim Guse felt it makes more sense for the Board to make a policy, rather than have to explain from year to year their decision. Dick Bucher made a motion to not approve overnights. Joyce Spoljaric second and the motion was approved.

16. Wireless Connection:

Sandy Moser indicated that Cody Jonas came in and set up the wireless connection in one afternoon. It does have a lock on it now. As you walk through the building, it updates you to the best signal. They can also monitor who has connected. Mr. Kleist indicated they are also looking at adding units at LaCrosse to improve the bandwidth.

17. Policies:

- Vehicle Idling
- Animals on School Grounds
- Chemical Management

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve all three policies. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion. Motion carried.

18. Principal Reports:

- Ms. DePrey indicated that Chris Jones was very helpful last week getting the Wanatah computers ready for ISTEP testing. Vicky DePrey thanked her staff for helping with the early dismissal. Report cards go out on Wednesday. The Kindergarten students were re-tested. There are now 35 Kindergarten students. Every child has improved so much in Kindergarten that they do not even need Title I. So, now Title I staff are helping 1st grade students because they need more help. Second grade also needs a lot of help. Carrie Miller is doing a fantastic job. Natalie Wenzel, Janetta Adams and Carrie Mann have been working with those students. Fourth grade was also tested. Some students moved from a 6.1 grade reading level to a 12.3 grade level-these are fourth grade students. Ms. DePrey provided the Board members with the schedule of upcoming events. Mr. Kleist shared a comment from Janetta Adams. She indicated she was a little apprehensive about going to Wanatah after the consolidation, but has no apprehensions now.
- Mr. Somers indicated the new scoreboards are up and look nice. He said they also repainted the East and West walls and are hanging the new banners provided by Tim Guse that look very nice. The students who didn't pass the ECA are being re-tested tomorrow and they are prepping students who will be taking it for the first time soon.

19. Possible Projects:

- Additions to Wanatah: Estimated costs were previously provided. Joyce Spoljaric suggested, to avoid long meetings, the Board consider picking a project and have separate meetings to discuss those projects. Vicky DePrey indicated the most urgent need is for additional bathrooms and adding classrooms would be next. Mr. Kleist will coordinate a meeting to talk about projects later this month in a public meeting.
- Bus Cameras: A Board member mentioned when they met with the bus drivers, they indicated they really didn't want cameras. Tim Somers and Vicky DePrey indicated it would be beneficial from an administrative point of view, to see events that happened on the bus. Dick Bucher made a motion to approve purchasing two cameras at a cost of \$1,281.00 each, one for Brandi Banks bus and one for the new bus. Motion was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

20. Maintenance and Repairs:

- Billboards: The DOT is now charging fees for some billboards. Tim Guse is checking to see if this would be an issue, prior to making new billboards.

- Repair of the East Re-locatable Classroom: Mr. Kleist indicated the room is nearly ready for repairs and hopes it should be done in the next couple of weeks.
- Scoreboards: Tim Somers indicated the scoreboards are installed.

Up-dates:

- Wanatah Brick Windows in Bathrooms: Norm Kleist indicated that it was Scot Spoljaric's recommendation to wait until spring to brick the windows.

21. December SA-5 Report:

Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the SA-5 report, seconded by Paul Malecki.
Motion Carried.

22. Adjournment:

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric.
Motion Carried.

Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: February 13, 2012

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Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

Work Session to Discuss Possible Future Building and Technology Needs

1/24/2012 5:30 pm Wanatah School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Norm Kleist, Superintendent, Tim Somers, LaCrosse Principal; and Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community Members In Attendance: One community member

Open Meeting:

Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting at 5:40 p.m. Mr. Guse reviewed the purpose of the meeting, which was to give the Board Members an opportunity to discuss building and technology needs and possible direction for the School Corporation in these areas.

Mr. Kleist provided the Board with the following information: Possible Projects and Needs presented at the November, 2011 Board meeting, information concerning the LaCrosse locker room project and the addition of classrooms at Wanatah School.

Mr. Kleist informed the Board that the administration had an additional option for the Board to consider. Mr. Somers presented the following option: Now that the Wanatah building is wireless, we could eliminate the two computer labs and purchase 60-90 notebooks/laptops and put them on carts (COW=Computer on Wheels). This would open up two classrooms and double the computers available to the school. This does not address the need for additional bathroom, but those could be added in the rooms currently being used as the Counselor's office and a portion of the office area in the library.

Much discussion followed concerning the bathrooms and technology needs at both schools, and whether the staff at both Schools are ready for the technology.

Each Board Member had an opportunity to express their individual feeling about the projects being considered. The general consensus of the members was:

- The LaCrosse locker room project is not a high priority at this time. Mr. Kleist asked that the Board still consider additional remodeling of current locker rooms at LaCrosse School.
- The most pressing needs at this time are space and restroom facilities at Wanatah School. The option to use the current computer labs as classrooms is a viable option to consider.
- Technology at both schools is also a high priority.

The Board asked that the administration do the following prior to the February 13th Board meeting:

- Present the option discussed concerning using the current computer labs as classrooms and the purchase of COWS with the Wanatah staff and report that information back to the Board prior to the February 13th meeting.
- Have Jeff Wolf look at the options available for placement of the restrooms. Look at turning the existing boy's and girl's restrooms into just a Girl's restroom with the Boy's restroom across the hall or just make the rooms across the hall an additional Girl's restroom. What are the possibilities and the costs?
- Provide the Board with the current committed cost from the Capital Projects Fund.

The meeting concluded at 7:15 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: February 13, 2012

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Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

2/13/2012 6:00 pm Wanatah School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Norm Kleist, Superintendent, Tim Somers, LaCrosse Principal; and Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community Members In Attendance: Approximately 30-40

1. **Open Meeting:**
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Minutes from January 9, 2012 Meeting and January 24, 2012 Meeting:**
Minutes of the previous Meeting were approved without changes following a motion made by Paul Malecki and seconded by Joyce Spoljaric.

3. **Personnel**
New Hire:

Superintendent's Position:

Mr. Guse made a recommendation to approve Tim Somers as Superintendent/Principal. Tim Guse explained the Boards' selection process which included consulting with Dr. Boyd for recommendations, evaluating the financial situation of the corporation and discussing the benefits of hiring a part time Superintendent. Mr. Guse stated Dr. Boyd indicated finding a part time Superintendent would not be easy. Tim Somers was interviewed by the Board and the Board felt comfortable with his answers. Dick Bucher made a motion to hire Tim Somers which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried. Dick Bucher indicated he felt the Board was comfortable with the answers Tim gave.

Maintenance Position:

Mr. Kleist recommended hiring Dave Berger for part-time maintenance. Mr. Kleist explained that Mr. Berger can do electrical work, painting and plumbing. He would work at both schools for a maximum of 60 hours per month. Dick Bucher made a motion to hire Dave Berger part-time which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

Bus Driver:

Mr. Kleist made a recommendation to hire Christina O'Hara. Dick Bucher made a motion to hire Christina O'Hara which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

Coaches:

LaCrosse

Softball:

- Varsity Coach: David Amor
- Assistant Coach: Ken Watson
- Assistant Coach: Tracy Bucher

Baseball:

- Varsity Coach: Brian McMahan
- JV and Assistant Coach: Craig Culver
- Assistant Coach: Dale Bucher Volunteer Coach
- Assistant Coach: Wes Bucher Volunteer Coach
- Assistant Coach: Aaron Rust Volunteer Coach

Track:

- Varsity Coach (Girls and Boys): Todd Dermody
- Assistant Coach (Girls and Boys): Katlyn Reyes Volunteer Coach

Dick Bucher made a motion to hire the above named coaches (pending the background check for Katlyn Reyes) which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried

Wanatah

Basket Ball Girls:

- 7th & 8th Assistant Michelle Mareska Volunteer Coach

Track Boys:

- Assistants Bill Drook
Amy Wozniak, Anna McVay

Track Girls:

- Assistants Kim Iseminger
Alissa Clemons, Erin Erwin

Boys Volleyball:

- Assistant Kim Iseminger
Melana Iseminger

Paul Malecki made a motion to hire the above named coaches which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried

Resignation:

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to accept the resignation of Yvette Battleday, bus driver, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried

4. Claim Docket:

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the claim docket, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items:

A person questioned whether the computer initiative pertained to Wanatah or LaCrosse Schools. The Board indicated both. The teacher indicated she is not a fan of the COWS. She has used them with her class. The students have a hard time logging in, and the computers die. Other teachers have to wheel them down, plug them in. If they don't work right away, they have to try to re-start them, and then if it still doesn't work they have to

try a different one, which is time consuming. In the computer lab, that doesn't seem to be an issue. The younger students have a hard time using the mouse pad. The teacher feels it will take a long time to be able to teach the student to use a netbook. The teacher likes the netbook if it just for typing a paper, but if you need a lot of screen space to research, it is not as good as the computers in the lab. The Board was shown what the current netbook looks like.

Another parents questioned the plans for the large Kindergarten class for next year. Ms. DePrey indicated the plans were to split the class for next year.

Natalie Wenzel indicated testing students for Title I would be very difficult without the lab and just using the COWS.

Mrs. Erwin indicated she gave the Principals papers for the rural summit meeting. Tim Guse asked Ms. DePrey to take care of that. Mr. Bucher suggested getting students from both LaCrosse and Wanatah. Two students from each school will be selected to attend.

A teacher pointed out that the testing (ISTEP, Acuity) is done on computers and the computers need to be reliable. Mr. Kleist suggested that laptops rather than netbooks might be an option. The teacher recognized the need for the space, but indicated the computer labs are used a lot and she feels they need to keep at least one computer lab.

Mr. Guse indicated he appreciated the input from the staff and people in attendance because they are not in the building and want to give the students and teachers the tools they need to be successful.

A teacher/parent indicated there are students out in the hallways for speech and other activities and that every inch of the building is being used. The teacher feels there is no more space and the current situation is not the best for the students. The computer labs are not always available.

6. Recognition:

- Wanatah: Vicky DePrey recognized and thanked Yvette Battleday who has been a bus driver since 1999. Ms. DePrey indicated she will be missed.
- LaCrosse: Mr. Somers recognized Lori Sievers who donated the salary she received from being the Assistant Girl's Coach back to the girl's program to help them out with summer camps. He also recognized Tim Guse for the donation of the Senior and PCC banners. Mr. Somers praised the LaCrosse and Wanatah students for their School Spirit during the PCC tournament.

7. Building Projects: Mr. Kleist indicated the Board met January 24th to discuss building and technology issues including the use of computer labs for classrooms, portable computer labs, and restroom facilities. The Board at that meeting asked for the cost to purchase COWS and also the cost if we just added two bathrooms on the South end of the school without adding the two additional classrooms which was provided. The Board also wanted to know the current committed obligations for the Capital Projects fund that was provided. Teacher input was also given to the Board. Mr. Kleist indicated the urgency is not to provide additional classrooms, but is to add additional restrooms. He indicated the

re-locatable classroom will be done in a few weeks. Additional space can be found by utilizing the office space behind the library, and using one of the shower areas that is currently being used as storage (the heat would need to be fixed). Joyce Spoljaric questioned if there are any regulations indicating that we would have to use Jeff Wolf for new building projects. Mr. Kleist indicated you can use the Design Build Process, but then you still have to have an architect approve the plan to make sure it meets code. Mr. Guse asked if the recommendation was to do this out of the Capital Projects fund or to get a loan. Mr. Kleist indicated now is a prime time to build because the interest rate is very low and people are hungry for jobs. Mr. Guse asked Ms. DePrey if the restroom Band-Aid would suffice for a short period of time. Ms. DePrey indicated the room is needed. Joyce Spoljaric stated her opinion was this school will always exist and if we build on we are showing the community that we are growing. She feels adding on is not wrong. Mr. Kleist indicated you could probably go 10-20 years on a loan. Mr. Kleist indicated rough prices for the options were:

- Option 1: Adding two classrooms and two bathrooms at the east end of the building--about \$760,000
- Option 2: Adding two classrooms and two bathrooms at the south end of the building--about \$816,000,
- Option 3: Adding four classrooms and two bathrooms--just under 1.2 million.
- Option 6: Renovating Room 134 into restrooms--about \$103,000.
- Option 7: Adding boys and girls restrooms at the south end of the building--about \$400,000.

Joyce Spoljaric suggested moving through the other items on the agenda and coming back to this item later. Tim Guse asked about how long it would take to complete. Norm indicated if it was just restrooms, he felt the project could be done over the summer. Dick Bucher asked about adding the four classrooms (but not the restrooms) under Option 3 and doing the restrooms under Option 6. He thought this would probably drop the cost for Option 3. Vicky DePrey asked about building south rather than east so they wouldn't lose the parking. Dick Bucher made a recommendation to see what the cost is with the changes he proposed. A staff member questioned where the counselor's office would go. Staff suggested that having a third locker room for visiting teams is desirable. Dick Bucher asked about getting a price for adding four rooms on the south side and renovating the restrooms. Mr. Kleist will get prices for adding four classrooms and renovating the restroom and then also adding two classrooms and renovating the restroom. Mr. Guse asked Ms. DePrey to consider how she would use the new classrooms. Ms. DePrey indicated that if she splits the Kindergarten class she will need one room. She would like to move the 5th grade down to the elementary wing. She would also need room for the counselor's office and would like to bring in Title I and/or the Gifted and Talented class. Ms. DePrey indicated as the numbers look, she may need to split the 4th grade at some point.

8. 1:1 Computer Initiative:

Mr. Somers indicated he had discussion with the LaCrosse staff and they had legitimate concerns. He would like to modify how they start with the 1:1 initiative. He would like to purchase computers and software for the teachers this year. Teachers would use the time left in this year with professional development, to learn the software. At the beginning of the next school year, he would like to have the COWS with about 30 computers to rotate between teachers. Mr. Somers indicated because we have mixed grade levels in classes at the high school, it would probably work better than just giving each grade computers. Mr. Somers indicated it would cost about \$7,500 this year to

purchase MAC books. They already have four and would need six more. He also wants to purchase overhead adapters that are compatible with the MAC books. Those are included in the \$7,500. For next year he would want to start with 30 computers and a cart. Joyce Spoljaric asked if most teachers were agreeable to going to the MACS and a staff member thought they were. Mr. Somers indicated we know we are short on funding. He knows that Oregon-Davis is already using MACS, and we may be able to pay their staff member to train our staff. There are also tutorials available. Students pick up the MACS quickly and could help teach the teachers. The teachers indicated part of their concern was whether their evaluations would include using the MACS and how the textbooks fit in. One staff member questioned how the parents would feel about moving to MACS. Chris Jones stated another concern, was whether we were moving too fast. The staff wanted to have the computers prior to the students. Chris Jones indicated from talking with other schools the MACS seem to have fewer problems. Tim Guse indicated that Cody Jonas indicated he would not want to touch the internal parts in the MAC book (for repairs). He indicated in Windows you can update many computers at once and with the MAC computers they would have to be done individually. Mr. Somers indicated the MAC books have more programs and have a bigger "wow" factor that would appeal to students. To find a comparable pc the price was just as much or more and the battery life was less. Mr. Somers stated MAC has done a nice job of incorporating the Office Suite. The IPAD print function is a deterrent to going that route. You have to email the document to be able to print it off a different computer. The MAC books have been out for a long time, they are not available to the public. There is the option to go to the MAC Book Pro, but it would cost more. Apple is very supportive of education. There is Apple U and a wide variety of tutorials. The question was asked if the student did their paper at home, could they still send it to school and Mr. Somers indicated yes. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the purchasing the MAC Books and other items for the teachers at a cost of about \$7,500.00, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.

9. Internet Connection:

Each building has 3 Mbps coming into the building with no connection between them. Both schools are currently at their maximum internet use based on our current band width. With adding additional computers at both schools our current internet connection will not handle the additional use. Mr. Kleist indicated he has looked at all the options available and believes the best option to keep up with the technology is the Fiber Optic connection to Wanatah School and a Fiber connection to LaCrosse School (which would give us 15 Mbps). It would cost about \$17,000 and would allow for networking between the two buildings. This option will also provide us with a Corporation wide network. The Corporation wide network will be an additional benefit to us and we might be able to save a little money in equipment.

There is another option to go with two Fiber Optic lines giving 10 Mbps to each school with no connection between the schools. If you go with four T1 lines, you would get 12 Mbps. Mr. Kleist stated they estimated it would take about six months to complete. Mr. Kleist indicated the E-Rate grant is 60% (based on the free and reduced lunch rate). It is a yearly grant; he said it could go away, but most likely will not. The Fiber Optic connection is used as needed by each school. Tim Guse questioned whether starting with the four T1's would be a stepping stone to save money. Chris Jones indicated maxing out the internet connection causes problems in the classroom when students are trying to do research and the connection times out. Mr. Kleist stated going to a 1:1 initiative will double your usage and he feels going with the four T1 lines will not be

sufficient. Mr. Somers indicated a lot of the state testing is done over the internet and we need to be able to download the data in a reliable manner. Vicky DePrey indicated this year only the 7th and 8th grade need to be tested online, but in the future, they are moving toward all grades testing online. Chris Jones indicated it would be easier if there was a connection between the schools for one person to manage both schools from one site. There would also be the advantage of only needing one server for Harmony (we currently have two servers). Mr. Guse questioned if you start low, how easy would it be to add more bandwidth later. Mr. Kleist indicated if you added 15 Mbps and 100 Mbps going to LaCrosse it would be many years before you needed to do anything. If you needed to increase the band width you would just flip a switch and pay more. Tim Guse made a motion to approve adding 15 Mbps of Internet Access at Wanatah and a 100 Mbps fiber WAN connection to LaCrosse. Paul Malecki seconded the motion which was approved.

10. Teacher Contracts

Mr. Kleist indicated the Master Contract and Extra-Curricular salaries have previously been approved. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the regular and extra-curricular individual contracts. Bob Younggreen seconded. Motion carried.

11. Annual Performance Report

Mr. Kleist explained school corporations are required by law to publish the Annual Performance Report. We cannot change the report. Because we are a new school corporation, we do not have historical data. The DOE sent Dewey Township and Cass Township's Annual Performance Reports. Mr. Kleist suggested the options are to not publish any report (it costs about \$1,700), or publish them separately. Mr. Kleist indicated the DOE said we could combine them, however he does not feel that would be legal. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to make a statement about the Corporation and publish the two school reports. Dick Bucher seconded the motion which carried.

12. Red Cross Contract

Mr. Kleist presented a contract from the Red Crosse to approve allowing them to utilize our buildings in an emergency. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the contract, Dick Bucher seconded. The motion carried.

13. Tobacco Free Policy for Corporation

Sandy Gleim sent a letter requesting that Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation approve a Tobacco Free Policy for our Corporation. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the Smoke-Free and Tobacco Free Policy. Paul Malecki seconded and the motion carried.

14. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey reported the early dismissals are going well. They have added a study table for those students who need to stay. They are having an ISTEP pep rally on March 2. Vicky DePrey recognized William Malecki for taking 3rd place. Vicky DePrey ran through the upcoming schedule of events.
- Mr. Somers reported the teachers are working with students in preparation for their ECA's. Spring sports are gearing up.

15. Maintenance and Repairs

- There is a quote to install heating and air conditioning in the Wanatah gym for \$84,741.

- There is a quote to prepare and recoat the gym floors for Wanatah (\$1,410) and LaCrosse (\$1,290). This is done annually and is the same price as last year. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve this, second by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.
- Mr. Kleist reported repairs to the east re-locatable classroom should be completed within the next week or two. There is still some stuff that needs to be moved out. Scot Spoljaric anticipates moving the stuff out by the middle of the week. Having this available will provide some additional space at the school.
- The new bus has been delivered and is in operation.

16. December SA-5 Report

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the SA-5 reports, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

17. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the SA-5 reports which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2012, 6:00 pm, at LaCrosse School

Executive Board Meeting will be held in the Wanatah School Library at the conclusion of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on 2/13/2012.



Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: March 12, 2012

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

3/12/2012 6:00 pm LaCrosse School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Norm Kleist, Superintendent, Tim Somers, LaCrosse Principal; and Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community Members In Attendance: Approximately 20-25

1. **Open Meeting:**
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Minutes from February 13, 2012 Meeting** were approved without changes following a motion made by Paul Malecki and seconded by Joyce Spoljaric.

3. **Personnel**

New Hires:

- Yvette Battleday Bus Driver
- Scott Goodwin Volunteer Softball Coach

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the re-hiring of Yvette Battleday and give her back her years of experience, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.
Dick Bucher made a motion to approve Scott Goodwin as a volunteer softball coach, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

Resignations:

- Chris O'Hara Driver
- Judy Lionberger Driver

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to accept the resignation of Chris O'Hara (who never actually started), which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried. Dick Bucher made a motion to accept the resignation of Judy Lionberger, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

4. **Claim Docket**
Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the claim docket, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried
5. **Balance Sheet**
Mr. Kleist presented information showing the transfers from Dewey-Prairie Consolidated School Corporation and also fund balances and investment balances. When the CD's come due, that money will be transferred into the other funds. Mr. Kleist indicated that this report will be generated monthly to show the receipts, expenditures and current balances.
6. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
There were no public comments.

7. Recognition

- Wanatah-Vicky DePrey recognized Justene Charlesworth for winning the "Pass, Swish and Dribble" competition in Orlando, Florida. She is the National Champion, but was sick tonight. Ms. DePrey also recognized William Watkins, who is the brother-in-law of Anna McVay. He is in the Army and volunteered his time to help the school put on an ISTEP pep rally with an Army theme.
- LaCrosse-Tim Somers recognized the LaCrosse Academic team that competed at the PNC Academic Competition. There were nine schools competing. The LaCrosse High School Fine Arts Team came in first. The Math Team came in second. The Science Team tied for second, but then lost the tie-breaker which placed them in third. Mr. Bucher shared that there was a break-in last October at the softball field. About \$19,000 of machinery/equipment was stolen. With the help of Kankakee Valley REMC's donation, there are now two security poles with high intensity lights at the field.

8. Building Projects

Mr. Kleist presented pricing information that was requested at the last Board meeting pertaining to the addition of classrooms or restrooms to Wanatah School. The estimate for adding two restrooms was \$86,927. This would also leave a 10X11 office space at the back of the library. This would double the restroom space for the girls. The estimate for adding two classrooms was almost \$577,000. The estimate for adding four classrooms was \$1,083,757. Dick Bucher made a motion to table adding classroom additions and get moving on adding the two bathrooms a.s.a.p. This was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

9. Loan on Boiler

Mr. Kleist indicated there is a balance of \$124,000 on the ten year loan for the boilers. If the loan was renegotiated, it would save approximately \$1,200 per year. Mr. Kleist also asked how the Board was going to pay for the bathrooms. One option was to establish a Debt Service Fund which would increase the tax rate; another option would be to pay for it out of Capital Projects. The boilers are currently being paid for out of Capital Projects. This would not increase the tax rate. If you add the \$90,000 to what we currently owe, you would also increase the number of years you are financing, and the interest rate would be 3.65%. The payment would be \$17,212 versus \$12,998 that we are currently paying, so the increase would be less than \$5,000 per payment. The third option would be to just pay for it out of the building fund from the Prairie Township funds. Mr. Kleist indicated he preferred using the money from the Capital Projects fund. He feels the interest rate is reasonable. Mr. Guse and Mr. Bucher felt either way it would be beneficial to re-finance the boiler loan. Mr. Somers indicated he anticipated tiling the kitchen and possibly the locker rooms, some painting and minor repairs. Ms. DePrey doesn't anticipate any major expenditures. Mr. Somers indicated Apple also offers leasing computers and that may be an option to look at. Ms. DePrey indicated they had talked about adding 15 computers each year. Mr. Guse indicated he did not want to establish a debt service fund, when we have money setting there available. Mr. Kleist indicated that was not his recommendation either. Dick Bucher made a motion to pay for the bathrooms out of Capital Projects and refinance the boiler loan. Joyce Spoljaric seconded and the motion carried.

10. Overpayment of Tuition Support

Mr. Kleist explained that he received a letter from the DOE that they overpaid the Corporation. When we received money for 2008-09, part of the money was from local funds and part of it from the Department of Education-which was based on our assessed valuation. Since we did not have an assessed valuation, for 2008 or 2009, the State estimated the payment based on 2007. We just received the funding for 2008. The assessed value for all three corporations increased. The state paid us too much money, so we have to pay back \$66,848.99. Mr. Kleist indicated this should be offset in local

taxes, but we don't know when we will get that money. The DOE gave the option of deducting it from our basic grant or we can just send them a check. This should not happen again, since starting in 2009, the state pays the entire basic grant. Mr. Kleist recommended paying this now. Mr. Kleist thinks in theory we should get this money back this year. Dick Bucher made a motion to pay the state. Bob Younggreen seconded, and the motion carried.

11. Salary and Benefits for Bus Drivers

Mr. Kleist presented a salary schedule for bus drivers. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the salary schedule as presented, seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

12. Expenditure Goals for 2012 Annual Performance Report

Mr. Kleist indicated we have to set goals annually for expenditures. His recommendation is to approve percentages for academic achievement at 60%, support services at 10%, overhead at 25% and non-operating expenses at 5%. Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the annual report and expenditure goals as presented, seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

13. Internet Connect

Mr. Kleist indicated at the last meeting the Board approved spending about \$17,000 for the internet connection. Mr. Guse talked to Mr. Kleist after talking with Cody Jonas and thought we may actually incur more expenses and time running and getting the connection set up. Mr. Kleist would like the Board to approve running a fiber optic line to both schools. There will not be any connection between the two schools, but each school would pick up more speed and we would save more money. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve Mr. Kleist's recommendation, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried. Mr. Bucher asked if ENA's plan was to keep the school locked in each year. Mr. Kleist said they would expect them to keep the service for at least one year.

14. Summer School

Mr. Kleist indicated we have not offered summer school for a long time, because of the stipulations the state has required. However, since the new requirement that students have to pass the third grade reading test, the time may be right to consider having summer school. There are different levels of payment the state provides. One of the reasons corporations quit providing summer school was because the state funding was only about 50% and the rest had to come out of the General fund. Mr. Kleist indicated his recommendation is to provide only reading and only for grades 1-3. He indicated level I funding is at 105%. Ms. DePrey indicated she would like to provide reading for grades 1-3 in reading. They could then test again prior to July. Ms. DePrey does have teachers willing to teach summer school. Mr. Bucher questioned whether there is a benefit to providing a week right after school and a week right before school, but Ms. DePrey indicated they need to be able to test the students in July. She thought perhaps if the coaches were willing, they could provide summer school and camps at the same time and then the students would be there for a full day. She indicated end of July runs into fair time. Mrs. Spoljaric felt this would be beneficial for our students. Mr. Kleist asked for blanket approval to go ahead as long as they meet the funding requirements for the 105% funding. Joyce Spoljaric made the motion, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen and carried.

15. Drivers Training

Mr. Kleist indicated Ken Roslansky is willing to be the instructor for Driver's Education. It would cost \$350 for each student and start June 4. Dick Bucher made a motion to approve offering Driver's Education, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

16. School Calendar 2012 -2013

Tim Somers presented a draft 2012-13 calendar. He indicated he has discussed the calendar with the teachers. The calendar has the first semester ending before Christmas break. The calendar is also fairly well aligned with LaPorte Community Schools. Mr. Somers indicated you will never have total agreement on the calendar. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the calendar, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried. Mr. Bucher asked if most of the teachers were in favor of a full two weeks off at Christmas.

17. Max Levy Approval

Mr. Kleist shared that the Maximum Levies have finally been approved. Capital Projects was approved for \$470,000, transportation for \$214,000. Mr. Kleist indicated he has been fighting this since 2004. Bus Replacement was approved at \$120,000.

18. Tax Rates

Combining the tax rates for 2007-pay 2008, (as if we were consolidated at that time) would put the Corporation rate at 32 cents, South Central would have been 85 cents, East Porter County Schools would have been 91 cents.

19. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey-Winter sports are wrapping up soon. She displayed the huge trophy that Justene Charlesworth won. They just finished ISTEP. They have Book Fair, Donuts for Dads, and Muffins for Moms this week. Kindergarten round-up is the last week of school. She indicated she is hearing 23 Kindergarten students will be coming from two pre-schools. The end of April the 7th and 8th grade students have to do testing in the computer labs, while the rest of the school is doing testing. An audience member suggested better advertising for Kindergarten round-up. Putting an announcement on the websites, and in all the papers, and school marquees was suggested, as well as putting in on the town marquee and water bills.
- Mr. Somers-Mr. Somers indicated spring sports have started. Students love Cat Reyes. Mr. Dermody has about 20 students out for track. Mr. Somers reported they are on track with evaluations. For MAC book professional development, teachers are leaning toward teaching each other.

20. Maintenance and Repairs

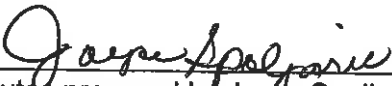
Mr. Kleist indicated the east re-locatable classroom should be done by the end of this week. The only thing left to do is the carpeting. This should alleviate the space issues.

21. January SA-5 Report

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the SA-5 reports, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

22. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.


Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: April 9, 2012

Executive Board Meeting met at the conclusion of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on 3/12/2012.

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

4/9/2012 6:00 pm Wanatah School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Norm Kleist, Superintendent, Tim Somers, LaCrosse Principal; and Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community Members In Attendance: Approximately 14

1. **Open Meeting:**
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Minutes from the March 12, 2012 Meeting** were approved without changes.
3. **Personnel**
Dick Bucher made a motion to approve having Amy Hucker be a volunteer softball assistant. Amy is a former LaCrosse High School pitcher and is attending Grace College. She will assist on weekends until she is done with college. The motion was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried. Bob Younggreen made a motion to accept the resignation of Rudy Troxel, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried. Mr. Kleist indicated Rudy has been an outstanding staff member and is sorry to see him go.
4. **Claim Docket**
Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the claim docket, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.
5. **Balance Sheet**
The balance sheet was presented for information.
6. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
Diane Russell retired as a teacher last year. She indicated two weeks ago she was called to sub for a class that her grandson was in, but was then called and told she could not sub in classes where her grandchildren were anymore. She requested an explanation as to why. Tim Guse indicated that was a personnel issue and could not be discussed in a public forum, but the Board could discuss it at another time. In previous years, she has taught her own children and grandchildren and would like a better explanation.
7. **Recognition**
 - Wanatah--Vicky DePrey recognized Mathew Underwood from Horace Mann for donating \$300 toward Perfect Attendance Awards. She also thanked Greg Hrunek for all the hard work he did while taking over for Mrs. Erwin during her pregnancy leave. Vicky DePrey recognized Justene Charlesworth for participating in the NBA All Star Game in Orlando, Florida. Justene Charlesworth

thanked Ms. DePrey, Ms. Clemons and her coach for writing letters of recommendations for her to compete in the NBA All Star Game. Justene also thanked the school for the balloons and LaCrosse High School for announcing her at the ball game and giving her an autographed ball.

- LaCrosse—Mr. Somers recognized LaCrosse Students and Staff for their participation in the "Penny Wars" that raised a total of \$900.00 for the Henryville Schools that were damaged by the tornados last month. ENA will be matching the School's donation, so a total of \$1,800 will be sent to Henryville Schools. ENA is the school's internet provider.
- Mr. Kleist recognized Tim Guse and Signature Graphics for donating the bus lettering and numbering. Mr. Guse indicated he thought the individual who applied the lettering originally was going to charge \$50 per bus, but Mr. Guse thinks he may donate that service now. Mr. Kleist indicated even if he charged \$50 that is a significant discount.

8. LaCrosse Senior Trip

Tim Somers indicated the Senior class was going to take a trip to King's Island. It is just a one day trip. They are thinking about using a charter bus. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the trip, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

9. Wanatah 8th Grade Trip

Vicky DePrey indicated she would be chaperoning this trip. They want to go May 11th to Brown County. They will take a charter bus. They will spend all day at Valley Retreat doing paint ball and zip-lining and other games. Each parent will need to sign a waiver. The students worked very well as a group to raise funds for this. The remaining money they will spend on a second day during the summer. Paul Malecki indicated they could take the money with them to high school. There will be a parent meeting Thursday night to decide what to do with the additional money. They have a 56 passenger bus and have 14 parents currently signed up to go. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the trip, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

10. Wanatah Bathroom Project

A motion was made by Paul Malecki and seconded by Dick Bucher to approve the contract for Jeff Wolf and go ahead with the bathroom project. Mr. Kleist shared the projected time-line. They will accept bids until May 11th and award the contract after the May 14th Board meeting. School will end on the 1st and construction would start on June 6th. It should be finished by August 1st. The contract will include a penalty if construction is not finished by August 1st.

11. Loan on Boiler

Mr. Kleist indicated the balance on the boiler loan is \$124,601. Interest rate is 3.05%. The loan will run for the balance of five years. The payment will be semi-annual in the amount of \$12,311.41 vs. \$12, 998.59. So over the life of the loan, about \$7,000 will be saved. Mr. Kleist asked the Board to approve the resolution seeking the loan. Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the resolution and loan, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Resolution was approved.

12. LaCrosse 1-1 Computer Project

Tim Somers indicated Chris Jones and Nancy Allen went to Plymouth Schools to see their 1-1 initiative. They indicated the timeline Plymouth used was very similar to ours. Mr. Somers indicated he is reviewing policies at this time. On April 17th and 19th our teachers will be teaching each other the different programs which will give them hands on training. Tim also has another individual who will provided free professional development for the teachers on the MACS. Tim indicated they were exploring having every student get a computer in August. One way to achieve this is to lease computers. Apple gave Mr. Somers an estimate. The estimate does not include insurance. Mr.

Somers indicated the lease price was about \$38,000 which includes the software and Apple Care. Chris Jones said about ten teachers have been using the MACS. They have set up Harmony and other programs on the MACS. Chris Jones said they were able to get the policies from Plymouth. They added a technology fee to their textbook rental. Chris Jones said she was amazed that all students had a computer and were using them. The math teacher was so excited about using the computers. They talked about how the kids use them for projects, and differentiation. This is the first year they have used the MAC books and the kids use them almost daily. They do no printing-which has a big cost saving for cartridges and paper. Plymouth does allow the computers to go home. At the middle school, they bought insurance with a zero deductible. At the high school they took the same amount of money and earmarked it for repairs. If it was accidental damage and happened at school, the school would pay. If it happened at home, it cost \$50 the first time, \$100 the second time and the third time they would get a "purse computer" that stayed at school. They are thinking they will take out insurance next year. Chris indicated the kids want to use the computers so much, that they keep their computers charged up. Mr. Guse questioned if there were many maintenance issues. Chris Jones indicated that Apple trained some of Plymouth's 8th grade students (who would be there for four years) to help with repairs. They charged \$65 last year for their technology fee. Their total book fee was about \$140. A parent indicated she was familiar with another school that used iPads and the school offered optional insurance for parents. Joyce Spoljaric suggested she thought the students could leave their computers at school until they were Seniors-then they could take them home. Dick Bucher questioned how they could get their homework done. Chris Jones indicated by using computers teachers could utilize flip instruction, (the teachers record themselves teaching the assignment and the students actually do the problems in class). Then the teacher is available while they are doing the work. The students do not have their computers at home over summer break. Dick Bucher asked about cheating and also the 1:1 initiative affects Special Education students. Chris Jones did not know the answer, but she felt the ability to differentiate would be advantageous to Special Education students. Mr. Somers indicated teachers need to teach (use open questions-rather than A,B,C,D answers) in a manner that makes cheating much more difficult. Chris Jones indicated there are programs to lock out other areas when students are testing. Mr. Somers indicated on average last year parents paid about \$100 for book rental, he recommends upping the fee to about \$125. Mr. Somers indicated if we are not teaching the students technology we are doing a disservice. Mr. Guse indicated the computers we wouldn't need at LaCrosse, could be given to Wanatah School which may save money there. Mr. Somers indicated there would be a cart of laptops, 14 computers in another room and computers in Mr. McMahan's room, in addition to teacher computers that could be given to Wanatah. Mr. Guse asked about inappropriate access on school computers at home. At Plymouth there is a software program called Lightspeed that has content filtering, which will restrict what sites they can access at home as well. Mr. Bucher indicated that content filtering is a must. Mr. Somers thinks he can get six years out of these computers.

13. Insurance Quote

The insurance renewal date is May 1st. There is a large difference between the quotes and Mr. Kleist indicated he is not sure why. He would like to have a committee meet with the agents, to ascertain a better understanding of the quotes and price difference and have the Board give Tim Guse approval to enter into an insurance agreement once the committee decides which policy is most beneficial. Mr. Kleist indicated they could also hire an independent insurance agent to compare the prices and give a recommendation. Bob Younggreen made a motion to move forward with insurance committee and give Tim Guse approval to enter into the agreement. The motion was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

14. Weekly Late Start

Tim Somers indicated the weekly late start provides the teachers the opportunity to offer in-service. With the Common Core Standards, PARC Assessment and 1:1 initiative he is not getting sufficient time to meet with his teachers. Mr. Somers has not had a chance to have parent meetings regarding the late start. He is suggesting the Board approve the pilot program. Then he could meet with parents and have time to address their concerns. Paul Malecki made a motion to have a trial period. The motion was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

15. Kindergarten Enrollment

Vicky DePrey indicated Kindergarten Round-up was held on March 29th. There are 27 students at this point. Ms. DePrey suggested the Board think about whether a divider could be added to that room, in case they need two sections of Kindergarten.

16. Kindergarten Full Day Program

The funding for the full day Kindergarten program has increased to \$2,400. In the past we have charged a nominal fee. Mr. Kleist indicated he does not feel we need to charge the parents for Full Day Kindergarten next year. Dick Bucher made a motion to offer full day Kindergarten and to not charge parents if the funding stays at \$2,400. This motion was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

17. School Corporation Property

When a township school or school corporation consolidates the old township school or school corporation is considered abandoned and the property and debt transfer to the new corporation. Mr. Kleist indicated we were in the process of changing all the property into the Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation. There is a piece of property where the Scarecrow Fest is held. Tim Guse indicated Cass Township would like to retain that property. If the new school corporation is not going to use that property they can Quitclaim the property back to Cass Township as long as the Township agrees to use it as a park and recreation area. Mr. Guse stated that if there is a further consolidation, he feels it would be important to the township and community to retain the property. If the Township Trustee positions are eliminated, there is an assumption that the property would go to the county. If the county got the property they could potentially sell it. Tim Guse asked if there was an option to put in a first right of recession would be to the School Corporation or town. In talking with Dick Bucher, where the softball diamond is, Dick Bucher would like to retain that property as Township property. If the school wants to continue to use the softball field, there would need to be a long term lease agreement, such as \$1 a year for 99 years and have first rights to use it. Bob Younggreen asked if another option would be for the property to go to the school and do a long term lease with the townships. Dick Bucher indicated as long as he was Trustee he would maintain the LaCrosse fields. Dick Bucher suggested doing a Quitclaim on the Wanatah property where the Scarecrow Fest is held. This matter was tabled to the next meeting.

18. Indiana School Board Association Membership

Mr. Kleist recommended that we join the Indiana School Board Association. Dick Bucher made the motion, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

19. Summer School

In the past, LaCrosse School has participated in the Indiana Virtual Academy. There is a fee for that, which is reimbursed. Wayne Township is now offering courses as well and there is no fee. Wayne Township can offer it free, as they will receive reimbursement from the state. Mr. Kleist requested approval to use both. Paul Malecki made a motion to participate in both programs. The motion was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

20. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey had Ms. Kasselmann speak about their participation in ISSMA. The choir of 14 students came back with a Gold rating and received very nice compliments. The band came back with a Silver rating. Ms. Kasselmann indicated she was very proud of the band which had 27 students participate. There are three weeks left until ISTEP. On Wednesday, Vicky Wade is having a book show with recipes. The spring concert is the 19th. The Corporation is having an Earth Day program on Friday, the 20th. They are looking for Senior Citizens that need some help with spring cleanup. All students grades K-12 will be participating. Progress reports come out on the 25th. The 8th grade will be going to the Reality Store at Westville School. Mr. Kleist indicated on Earth Day the students from LaCrosse School will also be coming to Wanatah to help the community there. Next year they will help the LaCrosse community.
- Mr. Somers indicated they are having a pork chop dinner on May 19th from 4:30-7:00. He indicated they sent a group of students to the Leadership training. Students who went were Jessica Bruder, Kim Bullert, Bobby Claypool, MacKayla Gordan and Cody Matthis. Taylor Guse was one of the student leaders. Jessica Bruder was selected to be a student leader next year. This Saturday and Sunday the High School is putting on a play. Jim Hunt is putting it together and about 16 students are participating. Track is doing well and has a lot of students participating. They are going to start practicing in Wanatah to combine the coaching staff to specialize in different areas. They are doing weight training in the morning.

21. Maintenance and Repairs

- The repairs for the East Re-locatable classroom are finished.

22. February SA-5 Report

The SA-5 Report was accepted.

23. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for May 14, 2012, 6:00 pm, at LaCrosse School


 Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: May 14, 2012

An Executive Board Meeting was held at the conclusion of the Regular Scheduled Board Meeting on 4/9/2012.

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

5/14/2012 6:00 pm LaCrosse School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Norm Kleist, Superintendent, Tim Somers, LaCrosse Principal; and Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community Members In Attendance: Approximately 20

1. Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Minutes from the April 9th, 2012 Meeting were presented for approval. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

3. Personnel

Mr. Somers recommended hiring Jacqueline Sterling for a 2/7 German position. We will be sharing her with South Central. This will be her first year teaching in a public school. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve hiring Jacqueline Sterling. Paul Malecki seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Somers recommended hiring Margarita Bope for a half time Spanish teacher. Bob Younggreen made a motion to hire her, seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.

Mr. Kleist recommended hiring Troy Wenger for JV Boys Basketball Coach, Chrystle Pfladderer as JV Girls Basketball Coach, and Jim Hunt as the 5th Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Dick Bucher made a motion to hire all three coaches, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

Mr. Kleist indicated that Diane Woolever was retiring after serving 40 years. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve her resignation, seconded by Paul Malecki, motion carried.

Mr. Kleist explained that since the consolidation, we have not addressed the accumulation of sick and personal days for non-certified. His recommendation was to allow those days to carryover. This would only affect the former Dewey Township staff, as Cass already allowed this. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve, seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

Mr. Kleist explained that there were three contract corrections:

- Diane Woolever's contract needed to be changed to add in her severance pay.
- Danielle Lawson's contract needed to be changed to add extra-curricular pay that she earned.
- Todd Dermody's contract needed to be changed to reflect the addition of education credits he earned.

Dick Bucher made a motion to accept the contract changes. Paul Malecki seconded and the motion carried.

4. Dick Bucher made a motion to accept the claim docket. The motion was seconded by and the motion carried. Paul Malecki questioned paying for plugging the bus in over the winter. Paul Malecki expressed that he thought that was part of their salary. Dick Bucher said they never compensated them at LaCrosse. The motion was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.
5. The balance sheet was given out as information.
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Lisa Battleday questioned paying for a workbook that was barely used and other textbooks that she did not feel they were going to get through. She is questioning why she should pay for books that are not being used. She feels there is a lot of difference in the amount of homework with two sections of the same grade. She expressed concern about a teacher bullying a student. Mr. Guse expressed that as a Board they cannot talk about personnel issues. She indicated she does not think the issue was addressed when a teacher allegedly bullied a student. She feels something should be done. Mr. Guse questioned whether she addressed her concern with the teacher or principal. She talked to the teacher at the parent-teacher conference. Mr. Kleist suggested she meet with Ms. DePrey and Mr. Kleist and then Mr. Kleist would provide a summary of that meeting to the Board.

Stephanie Vance expressed concern that the administration did not contact her concerning a discipline situation at school.

A parent asked about teachers being rified. She heard about a teacher and counselor being cut and was concerned. Mr. Guse indicated the after school program will continue. Mr. Guse indicated the new hires were already positions that we have had. They are not "new" positions. Mr. Guse indicated there is nothing set in stone regarding reductions and scheduling. He indicated they cannot put a dollar amount on exactly what they need to cut. He explained they need to operate as lean as possible. Mr. Guse indicated the state has changed the amount we receive per student.

A person questioned why we haven't considered raising taxes. Mr. Guse indicated they have not talked about raising taxes as a Board. He indicated with the teacher's contracts there are dates they have to follow. The person expressed concern that if we cannot offer the same programs, then students may go elsewhere, which would hurt the Corporation even more.

A person questioned whether cutting Ms. Zeltner would be cutting the only person with the FACS license.

Another person spoke as to what would happen with those cuts. She expressed when looking at money to consider how many students would be in the classes, as the Kindergarten class was very large this year. One person spoke to why there was the need for two fourth grades or fifth grades. Mr. Guse expressed that he shared the concern for the large Kindergarten class. Combining specials into larger groups was also expressed as a concern.

A person expressed concern about trying to draw more students to Wanatah School, considering the space crunch. He felt adding an addition would be beneficial.

7. Recognition

- Vicky DePrey recognized her entire staff at Wanatah School for their hard work every day, especially during Teacher and Staff Appreciation Week. She expressed that she has enjoyed having the former LaCrosse teachers join them.
- Mr. Somers recognized his LaCrosse Staff. He appreciates the communication and trust factors that have developed.
- Mr. Kleist recognized all of the students and staff for their participation in the Corporation-Wide Earth Day activities in Wanatah. He also thanked the cafeteria staff at both schools for working together and putting on a nice lunch at Lions Park for everyone.

8. Resolution For Retirement Incentive

Mr. Kleist presented a resolution to offer a retirement incentive, similar to the programs offered in prior years. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to accept the resolution, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

9. REAP & Title I Authority to Apply for Grants

Mr. Kleist requested the Board give the Superintendent the authority to apply for the REAP & Title I grants. Dick Bucher made a motion to grant that authority, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

10. Policies:

Mr. Kleist presented the following policies for review.

- Use of Tobacco
- School Age Child Care
- Home Rule Powers
- Criminal History Checks
- Discipline
- Providing Complimentary Tickets
- Homework
- Administration of Medication
- Prohibiting Retention For Athletic Purposes

Mr. Kleist indicated since we are a new school corporation, we have been operating under the old policies. He indicated we have been working together with the ISBA, the Corporation Attorney and our staff to update policies. He will ask for approval at the next Board meeting.

11. Appointment of Library Board Members

The State of Indiana requires the school corporation's to appoint the Library Board members. Both Wanatah and LaCrosse Libraries have provided a list of names (Marlene Mitzner, Joanna Clindaniel, and Gayla Porch for Wanatah and Denise Gorski, Linda Parlin and Shirley Frank for LaCrosse) they would recommend. Paul Malecki made a motion to appoint the suggested Board Members; Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which carried.

12. Wanatah Bathroom Project

Jeff Wolf presented the results of the bids that were received last Friday afternoon. Seven bids were received. Berglund Construction, Gariup Construction, Larson Daniels Construction, Tonn & Blanc Construction, Hasse Construction, Pangere Corporation & Precision Builders. The low bid from Larson-Daniels was \$73,063; the high bid was \$99,700. The construction will start June 6th and be done by August 3rd. Larson Daniels will self-perform the demolition, concrete and masonry work. They will sub-contract out the electrical, mechanical and interior finishes. Mr. Wolf recommended Larson Daniels as they were the low bid and best bid. They have a good reputation and are a LaPorte County company. Mr. Wolf will assist in getting the contract together between Larson

Daniels and the School Corporation. Paul Malecki made a motion to allow the Superintendent to sign the contract, seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

13. Loan on Boiler

There was an issue with the loan, it had to be re-worded. There is no collateral. Mr. Kleist asked the Board to re-approve the loan resolution. The new loan date will be May 15th. Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the new loan, seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

14. LaCrosse 1-1 Computer Project

Tim Somers provided prices based on leasing 120 computers for all HS students under a four year lease agreement for \$34,706 per year for four years. Insurance for the laptops, which covers virtually everything would cost \$41,760. Chris Jones found Lightspeed which will allow you to block non-educational websites and also has My Big Campus-which is similar to Moodle. It will allow students to turn their work in electronically. Lightspeed will track websites that students attempt to get on. The cost is \$5,000 for three years, which includes the first installation. The last item they looked into was being able to track a stolen computer and also allow them to make the computer inoperable. The cost for that was \$90 for three years. Mr. Somers made a recommendation to lease 110 Apple computers, which will reduce the above costs (that were based on leasing 120 computers). Mr. Somers thinks it will probably take about a month to get the computers. He would like to have them early in order to be able to install software. Mr. Guse asked how this would affect book rental. Mr. Somers indicated right now the average is about \$100 in textbook fees. He does not plan on buying any new textbooks. Some publishers are starting to make books available online. Mr. Somers indicated some of the programs will come pre-loaded. We will have to set up users and Lightspeed. Chris Jones indicated she generally works ten days, cleaning up the old computers. She thinks she will be able to set them up in ten days or less. Mr. Kleist stressed that the Lightspeed blocks the same websites at the student's home, that is does at school. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the one on one computer initiative, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried. It was clarified that the motion was to approve the leasing of the computers. The Board asked Mr. Somers to come back with specific insurance costs in June. Students will not be allowed to keep the computers over the summer.

15. Insurance

Mr. Kleist indicated that he, Tim Guse, Dick Bucher and all agreed with approving Selective Insurance, (they were low bid) and Tim signed the agreement with prior Board approval, which was effective May 1, 2012. He asked the Board to officially approve the agreement. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the agreement, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

16. Weekly Late Start

Mr. Somers indicated he would like to change the late start to 8:35, instead of 8:40 so the buses could stay on their regular routine of leaving at 3:00 instead of 3:05. Mr. Somers stated it has been very beneficial.

17. Book Rental

Ms. DePrey requested this be put on the June agenda, as she is negotiating with Follett.

18. Annual Financial Report

Mr. Kleist asked the Board to approve the Annual Financial report which will be published on August 2, 2012. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the report, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

19. Kindergarten Full Day Program

Mr. Kleist shared with the Board that Kindergarten funding would be \$2,400, but added the State stipulated that parents cannot be charged for Full Day Kindergarten, if we accept the grant money.

20. School Corporation Property

The Board tabled discussion on Corporation property to another meeting.

21. Study Island

Vicky DePrey requested the Board grant approval to renew Study Island at a cost of \$2,788 for next year. Ms. DePrey presented the Board with an activity report indicated Study Island is used frequently. Standards are cross-walked with the Common Core Standards. Parents can also get on at home and it can be used over the summer. It helps with math and language arts. Study Island is teaming up with the Kahn Academy. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to renew the contract for the next school year, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

22. Summer School

Ms. DePrey indicated there are currently 22 students. It will start May 30 for two weeks, at which time the 3rd graders will re-take the I-Read test. One student did not take the I-Read test and two students failed the test. Summer school is for 1st through 3rd grade.

23. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey reviewed recent past events and various upcoming events.
- Mr. Somers indicated high school is finishing up ECA's in Biology, English 10 and Algebra I. Academic awards night will be May 30. Athletic awards will be May 31 and graduation June 1st. The Senior Class is taking a trip to Kings Island. Hanover Central is seeking to leave the PCC. Westville doesn't have a conference. They would like to get back in. Mr. Somers is the new president of the PCC.

24. Maintenance and Repairs

- No items to discuss

25. March SA-5 Report

Mr. Bucher made a motion to accept the SA-5 report, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

26. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting is scheduled for June 11, 2012, at 6:00 pm, at Wanatah School.


Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: June 11, 2012

An Executive Board Meeting was held at the conclusion of this Board Meeting on 5/14/2012.

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

6/11/2012 6:00 pm Wanatah School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Norm Kleist, Superintendent, Tim Somers, LaCrosse Principal

Staff, Students and Community Members In Attendance: Approximately 20

1. **Opening**
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Minutes**
Minutes from the May 14th, 2012 Meeting were presented for approval. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.
3. **Personnel**
The following positions were recommended to be eliminated due to a reduction in force necessary due to an anticipated 20% budget reduction and the need to reduce costs. Mr. Kleist indicated the first thing the Board did was to cut administrative costs by hiring Mr. Somers as a half time Superintendent and half time Principal for LaCrosse School.. He also explained that the positions being eliminated would be covered by existing staff and reviewed that information for each position.

Teaching Positions:

- Paul Wagner, Music Teacher. This position will be filled by Wanatah Staff
- Rachel Zeltner, PE & FACS Teacher. PE will be filled by Wanatah staff, FACS will not currently be filled, but Mr. Kleist recommended re-visiting providing FACS.
- Deb Reason, Social Worker. This position will be filled by having the LaCrosse Counselor go between both schools.
- Alissa Clemons, Athletic Director. This position will be absorbed by the LaCrosse Athletic Director.

None-certified Positions:

- Mary Anne Myers, LaCrosse Secretary. Her responsibilities will be absorbed by other staff.
- Theresa McArdle, Instructional Assistant. This position will not be filled.
- Jamie Johnson, Instructional Assistant. This position will not be filled.

A community member inquired as to why the public was not informed in the past months. Mr. Kleist indicated that the financial position was made public prior to the consolidation and they were following there agreement not to cut staff when they consolidated. Mr. Guse indicated they understand the impact the cuts will have on these individuals and it is heart-wrenching. These decisions are not easy. They are trying to keep everything for the students. He stressed that they want to maintain the high test scores. A person spoke regarding the importance of having a counselor at Wanatah. Mr. Somers felt the Counselor could be housed at Wanatah and come to LaCrosse when necessary. She will

probably spend more of her time at Wanatah. Mr. Bucher indicated his biggest struggle was knowing that they needed to make cuts earlier, but he felt the Board's word to not eliminate positions during the first year had to be upheld. Joyce Spoljaric shared that the questions the public was asking were questions the Board asked when considering these recommendations. Mr. Guse shared that the Board is not there for the paycheck, but are on the Board out of their concern for the community and schools and their desire to make them the best they can. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to eliminate Paul Wagner's position, seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried. Dick Bucher made a motion to eliminate Rachel Zeltner's position, seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried. Paul Malecki made a motion to eliminate Deb Reason's position, seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried. Dick Bucher made a motion to eliminate Alissa Clemons' position, seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried. Dick Bucher made a motion to eliminate MaryAnn Myers' position, seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to eliminate Theresa McArdle's position, seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried. Bob Younggreen made a motion to eliminate Jamie Johnson's position, seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

New Hires:

- HS Boys & Girls Cross-Country Head Coach - Brian McMahan
- HS Boys & Girls Cross-Country Asst. Coach - Anna McVay
- MS Girls Volleyball Asst. Coaches - Melana Iseminger and Kelsey Hanthorne
- Basketball 7&8 grade Boys - Jack Wallace
- Basketball 7&8 grade Girls - Brian McMahan
- Basketball 5&6 grade Boys - Wes Bucher
- Basketball 5&6 grade Girls - Jim Hunt

Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the above coaching positions, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

Resignation:

- Danielle Lawson. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the resignation of Danielle Lawson, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

Retirement:

- Kathy Aigner. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the retirement of Kathy Aigner, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

Benefits:

- Participate in retirement incentive program. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the Kathy Aigner's participation in the retirement incentive program, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

Contract Corrections:

- Kathy Aigner-Severance Pay. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the corrected contract for Kathy Aigner which includes the severance pay which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

Contract Summer School:

- Dana Lippelt
- Carrie Miller
- Ken Roslansky

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the summer school contracts for Dana Lippelt, Carrie Miller and Ken Roslansky. Motion was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the claim docket. Motion was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.

5. Balance Sheet

The balance sheet was given to the Board for their information.

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

An individual asked if another Kindergarten teacher was going to be hired. Mr. Kleist indicated the numbers were pretty high, but no decision has been made yet. Mr. Guse indicated the Board has indicated they will not have a Kindergarten class as large as last year's class.

An individual asked about if a female 7th & 8th grade Girls Basketball coach could be hired. Mr. Somers indicated they did not have any female applicants and that he still needed an assistant. He indicated they would post the position and will look to fill that position with a female.

A person asked what the expenses for the 2011-12 school year were. Mr. Kleist indicated the budget for the Corporation was 3.2 Million. Mr. Guse explained salaries and computer, buses etc., come out of different funds. He stated they try to use money from other funds (than the General fund-where teachers' salaries come from) whenever they can.

A parent spoke in favor of increasing communication between the two schools. He indicated that an employee found out about their RIF on the streets, prior to finding out officially. Report cards come out a week later at one of the schools. The parent expressed communication as key. She said the website says school is open today.

7. Policies:

- Amendment to Open Enrollment Policy
- Use of Tobacco
- School Age Child Care
- Home Rule Powers
- Criminal History Checks
- Discipline
- Providing Complimentary Tickets
- Homework
- Administration of Medication
- Prohibiting Retention For Athletic Purposes
- Corporation Parent Involvement
- Student Locker Searches
- Prohibiting The Disclosure of Student Lists for Commercial or Political Purposes
- Drug Free Workplace
- Admission of non-Resident Students

Bob Younggreen made a motion to accept all the above policies, seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

The following new policies were given to the Board to review:

- Acceptable Use Policy
- Educating Of Minors On Internet Interaction
- Dual Credit
- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance

- Least Restrictive Environment
- Early Kindergarten Entrance
- Past Practices

8. Wanatah Bathroom Project

Mr. Kleist explained a resolution to use Capital Project Funds to pay for the bathroom renovations. In the CPF budget there was \$500,000 set aside for Emergencies. Mr. Kleist recommended that the bathroom project was an unforeseen circumstance due to the consolidation and restructuring of the schools. Mr. Kleist indicated the rainy day negative balance was because the maximum levy was reduced for transportation fund. In 2003 new legislation said whatever you raised was your new maximum levy. Both Cass and Dewey Township were running their schools with very little transportation money. They had appealed to the legislature and DLGF but did not get any help. This was recently corrected with the consolidation funding. Paul Malecki made a motion to accept the resolution to use emergency Capital Projects Funds to pay for the bathroom renovation. Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion which carried.

9. LaCrosse Lightspeed Software.

Mr. Somers explained the Lightspeed software provides in school and mobile filtering. The software will be able to filter websites students access even from their homes. The cost for three years is \$5,000 of which \$2,000 goes toward setup. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve purchasing the Lightspeed Software, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

10. Book Rental 2012-2013

Mr. Kleist reviewed the proposed book rental for Wanatah School:

KG \$65.89	5 th	\$83.36
1 st \$117.20	6 th	\$98.67
2 nd \$108.18	7 th	\$105.02
3 rd \$99.70	8 th	\$119.77 or \$119.55
4 th \$85.64		

Paul Malecki made a motion to accept the proposed book rental fees, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

Mr. Somers proposed a flat book rental and technology fee of \$125.00 for LaCrosse High School students in grades 9-12. This will help cover the MAC books and they will continue to use books they have. This is about a \$25 average raise per student. Paul Malecki made a motion to accept the proposed book rental and technology fee. Dick Bucher seconded the motion, which carried.

11. Handbooks:

- LaCrosse High School-Mr. Somers indicated he will send the Handbook electronically. He has a few small changes and the Acceptable Use Policy will be in it. He would like to download the Handbook on each computer and have each student sign that they received the Handbooks. It will also be posted on the website and the school will print a copy for a parent upon request. Mr. Somers would like approval by June 25th.
- Wanatah School-needs to get their Handbook to the printer by July 1. Mr. Kleist will provide the Handbook to the Board electronically. The Acceptable Use Policy needs to be added. Mr. Kleist asked for preliminary approval. Mr. Kleist will then do a telephone contact to each member after they have reviewed the Acceptable Use Policy. Bob Younggreen made a motion to give tentative approval, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

12. Vocational Classes

Mr. Somers indicated that the vocational classes below can generate money and are taught by regular teachers. Some of these classes we are already teaching such as Careers and CAD. Mr. Somers is seeking Board approval to seek State approval to offer these classes. Mr. Somers has talked to Rachel Zeltner who is a Certified FACS teacher. He thinks if he can get enough students, he could possibly bring her back as a HS/MS teacher. Mr. Somers thinks he should know in July if the State gives approval.

- Child Development \$250/student, 1 semester
- Advanced Child Development, 1 semester
- Nutrition and Wellness \$250/student 1 semester
- Advanced Nutrition and Wellness 1 semester
- Consumer Economics \$250/student 1 semester
- Preparing for College and Careers \$250/student
- Personal Financial Responsibility 1 semester
- Introduction to Design Processes \$250/student 2 semesters
- Business Management \$450/student

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion approve the listed Vocational classes and to permit Tim Somers to seek State approval for these classes. Bob Younggreen made a second. The motion carried.

13. School Corporation Property transfer.

This item was tabled to another meeting.

14. Maintenance and Repairs

No items.

15. March SA-5 Report LaCrosse & Wanatah

The SA-5 Report was presented by Board review.

16. Adjournment

Mr. Guse thanked the community members in attendance for their input at the Board meetings and also thanked Mr. Kleist for his service, since this was his last official Board meeting. Mr. Guse indicated the next Board meeting date has been changed to July 16, 2012 at LaCrosse School. Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn. Motion carried.

Executive Meeting was held following the regular scheduled meeting on June 11, 2012.

Joyce Spoljaric 7/16/12

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

7/16/2012 6:00 pm LaCrosse School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Tim Somers, Superintendent, Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community Members In Attendance: Approximately 3

1. Opening
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Minutes
Minutes from the June 11th, 2012 Meeting were presented for approval. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.
3. Personnel
Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the hiring of Mallory Schoon as a Kindergarten teacher. Dick Bucher seconded the motion and the motion carried. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the hiring of Molly Rice as a 3rd grade teacher. Dick Bucher seconded the motion and the motion carried. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the hiring of Ron and Cheri Bucher at a rate of \$65 per day for the afternoon route, which is above the set bus driver schedule. Mr. Somers explained they have driven for twenty years and the schedule does not give them credit for their experience and the route is also in the middle of their day. Dick Bucher seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Tim Guse made a motion to approve giving Tracy Bucher one additional hour three days a week in order to provide her time to call for substitute teachers and bus drivers as well as extra-curricular drivers. Paul Malecki seconded the motion which carried.

Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the retirement of Margo Brown. Paul Malecki seconded the motion, which carried.

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve rehiring Rachel Zeltner, who had been RIF'd at the last Board meeting. She is licensed as a FACS teacher and we may be able to receive funding from the State as a vocational program-but have not heard back from the state yet. Rachel has also done the after-school care. Mr. Guse indicated that this would be a year by year decision regarding her position. Dick Bucher seconded the motion, which carried.

Carrie Miller will be going on maternity leave. She would like to come back the first week to get her class off to a good start and then take off two weeks and then after Labor Day she would come back half days for two weeks. Mr. Somers is consulting with Monica Conrad.

Paul Malecki made a motion to reduce Connie Lippelt's secretarial position to half time. Dick Bucher seconded the motion, which carried.

4. Claim Docket

Vicky DePrey explained that the claim for CDW is to make the elementary computer lab wireless. Mr. Guse indicated most schools are going to wireless. Mr. Bucher asked about Robert Floors. Mr. Somers indicated they are coming to fix the swirls in the floors. Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the claim docket, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried. The balance sheet was provided as information.

5. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A request was made to use the school for 4-H and for a square dance. Mr. Guse indicated to check the dates with Ms. DePrey.

6. Recognition

Vicky DePrey recognized Margo Brown for her years of service and indicated she had been a fantastic teacher. Mr. Bucher indicated he would like the Board to consider giving a season pass to the LaPorte Athletic activities.

7. Policies:

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the following policies:

- Acceptable Use Policy
- Cyberbullying
- Dual Credit
- Moment of Silence
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Least Restrictive Environment
- Early Kindergarten Entrance
- Past Practices

Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which carried.

8. LaCrosse Shower Room Project

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve an agreement with Larson-Danielson to do the LaCrosse shower project. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which carried.

9. LaCrosse 1-1 Computer Project

Mr. Somers gave pricing for insurance for the laptop computers. The price to insure 110 computers with a \$25 deductible is \$38,278.90. To go with a \$50 deductible you would save approximately \$900, and with a \$100 deductible the savings would be about \$2,200. Each computers costs about \$1070. Paul Malecki asked if it would be more efficient to buy 35 computers and keep them on the shelf. Mr. Somers explained it comes down to whether we want to assume the risk or give someone else the risk. The matter was tabled to the next meeting. Mr. Guse will run a report to investigate the background of the company. Mr. Bucher questioned whether the company insuring would say that is a warranty issue. Mr. Guse suggested we ask our current insurance carrier. Mr. Somers indicated it covers theft at school, but wasn't sure if it covered theft at home or accidental breakage. Mr. Somers indicated there is a one year warranty on the computers.

10. I pads for K-2

Mr. Somers indicated during the recent interviews with elementary teachers it was apparent that they saw a great use of IPADS in the classroom environment. He would like to see us purchase 4 IPADS per classroom for grades K-2. The cost for 24 second generation IPADS would be \$9,176.00, which is under \$400 per IPAD. Mr. Somers indicated the teachers they interviewed indicated they value IPADS and Smart Boards in the classroom. Mr. Somers will suggest to the teachers that they propose to the board how they would use the computers to the September Board meeting. Joyce Spoljaric asked if there were any technology grants available for this. Mr. Somers thought probably not.

11. Handbooks

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the LaCrosse Student/Parent Handbook and the Wanatah Student/Parent Handbook. Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, which carried. Mr. Somers indicated the two biggest changes were the discipline policy and the acceptable use policy. The entire acceptable use is not in the handbook, (they put in an abbreviated version), but the entire acceptable use policy will be given to each student.

12. School Lunch Prices 2012-13

Annette Brown has recommended that we increase school lunch costs by approximately 25 cents due to the state's requirement to increase fruits, vegetables and whole grains in the meals and increasing food costs. Discussion was held as to whether the middle school should pay \$2.00 or \$2.10. The middle school students get bigger portions. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to have the elementary students pay \$2.00 per lunch and the middle school students and high school students to pay \$2.10 per lunch. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which carried.

13. Activity Bus

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the purchase of the activity bus. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which carried.

14. Electrical Grounding at LaCrosse

Mr. Somers explained there was a grounding problem at the school and gym building which was causing surges. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve fixing the grounding problem. Paul Malecki seconded the motion, which carried.

15. Electric Booster Heater Wanatah Kitchen

Mr. Somers indicated the booster heater in the kitchen at Wanatah is going bad. A proposal was received, but Mr. Somers felt it was high, so he is getting a second quote. Mr. Somers indicated he will go with the cheapest estimate, but this needs approved so it can be fixed prior to the start of school. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to give Mr. Somers approval to seek estimates and get the booster fixed with a price cap of \$6,500. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which carried.

16. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey presented her ISTEP scores.

Language Arts	State Average	Wanatah Students
Grade 3	85%	97%
Grade 4	82%	90%
Grade 5	78%	85%
Grade 6	78%	96%
Grade 7	75%	91%
Grade 8	73%	96%
Mathematics	State Average	Wanatah Students
Grade 3	79%	72%

Grade 4	79%	81%
Grade 5	86%	89%
Grade 6	82%	89%
Grade 7	78%	77%
Grade 8	80%	93%
Science	State Average	Wanatah Students
Grade 4	78%	81%
Grade 6	64%	86%
Social Studies	State Average	Wanatah Students
Grade 5	67%	82%
Grade 7	71%	100%
Language Arts & Math Combined		Wanatah Students
Total School		80.5%

Ms. DePrey indicated all Algebra I students who took the end of course assessment passed the exam. She plans to address her staff to increase the math scores. Ms. DePrey indicated our scores were very high compared to other schools in the county.

Ms. DePrey indicated the tile on the floors and walls in the bathrooms is done. The fixtures and partitions are not up. They did carpet the back office which looks very nice.

- Mr. Somers presented his End of Course Assessments for Language which was 90.4% and for Algebra which was 80.9%. Mr. Somers was very pleased with the Language results and will talk with Mr. Roslansky about reaching the students who are struggling with Algebra.

17. Maintenance and Repairs

Paul Malecki made a motion to replace the carpet in the English Room at LaCrosse at a cost of \$1,871. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion which passed.

18. May SA-5 Report

Mr. Somers presented the May SA-5 report which was accepted.

19. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Joyce Malecki and carried.

The next School Board meeting will be August 13, 2012 at Wanatah School.


 Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: August 13, 2012

Board Meeting Minutes
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
8/13/2012 6:00 pm Wanatah School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Tim Somers, Superintendent, Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community
Members In Attendance: Approximately 3

1. Opening
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Minutes
Minutes from the July 16, 2012 Meeting were presented for approval. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.
3. Personnel
Mr. Somers recommended hiring Lindzy Curtis as a Second Grade teacher and Emma Walter as a FACS teacher. He also recommended hiring Lynnette Mroz to run the after school child care program. Lynette Mroz is a certified teacher. Paul Malecki made a motion to hire Lindzy Curtis, Emma Walter and Lynette Mroz. Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Somers presented letters of resignation from Jimmie Hunt who has taken a position with Victory Christian School and Rachel Zeltner who has been hired by LaPorte Schools. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the resignations, seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.
4. Claim Docket
Mr. Somers presented the claim docket for approval. Paul Malecki asked about the hot water heater. Mr. Somers explained this was not the heater for the dishwasher. Mr. Guse indicated that expenditure should come out of the Capital Projects Fund rather than the General Fund. Dick Bucher made a motion to accept the claim docket with the exception of paying the water heater bill out of the CPF Fund, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.
5. Balance Sheet
Mr. Somers presented the balance sheet for informational purposes.
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items
Mr. Guse indicated he was asked to bring up the issue of the basketball program that was coached by Brian Wozniak. He would like permission to run the program again and utilize the gymnasium. Paul Malecki questioned whether he would work around other practices and Ms. DePrey indicated he does. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve having conversations to move the program forward, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.

Vicky DePrey asked about discussing the soccer program ran by the YMCA. The YMCA will not give Wanatah parents a discount on the cost. Vicky DePrey though Brian might

be interested in running a soccer program. Mr. Guse indicated there are a lot of cars/kids participating. Ms. DePrey does not like that the Wanatah parents are paying so much. Kesling charges Wanatah School to use their fields on two occasions, but the rest of the play is at Wanatah and we are not charging for the use of our fields. Mr. Somers indicated the PCC is moving toward soccer. They are having a harder time fielding volleyball teams because of the increase in soccer teams.

7. Recognition

There were no recognitions.

8. Annual Financial Report

Mr. Somers presented the revised Annual Financial Report which had some corrections. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the report, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

9. Wanatah Textbook Rental

Ms. DePrey indicated she forgot to put Art fees on the classes, so she made those revisions. Bob Younggreen made a motion to accept the changes, seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.

10. SMART Response System

Ms. DePrey indicated the Board saw the Smart Boards last school year and LaCrosse gave them some new clickers but they are not compatible with the Boards. She would like to purchase 24 new clickers. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve purchasing the clickers, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.

11. E2020

E2020 is a credit recovery program that allows students to make up credits. Mr. Somers asked to reauthorize five seats. Paul Malecki made a motion to renew the agreement with E2020, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

12. Software Purchases

Mr. Somers requested purchasing Own It at a cost of \$800. Own It is an evaluation software program. Mr. Somers explained they will have five evaluations and three meetings with each teacher and this will ease the burden. The other software Mr. Somers would like to purchase is the Autodesk Suite. This is a program that includes Auto Cad, Inventor and a software program that allows you to create your own games. This software is used in the high school and middle school CAD programs. The initial cost is almost \$4,300 and then there is an annual fee of \$350 for updates. This would be for 25 seats. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve purchasing the recommended software, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

13. Final Special Ed Co-op Billing

Tim Somers indicated we owe more on the Special Education Coop bill. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve paying the additional amount due, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.

14. Lacrosse Shower Room Project

Mr. Somers indicated the remodeling of the shower rooms is completed. Mr. Somers is very pleased with the results. Ms. DePrey indicated the new bathroom doors have come in but were still damaged.

15. LaCrosse 1-1 Computer Project

Mr. Somers recommended selecting the \$50 deductible and taking the insurance for the laptops with the Worth Avenue Group for one year at a cost of just over \$7,000. It is \$64 per computer at 110 computers. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve purchasing the insurance, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

16. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey indicated the first teacher day is tomorrow. She has had some new students and lost some. Next month she will be able to give the Board enrollment numbers. Some moved and some went to South Central. Ms. DePrey brought up the fact that we may need to check our calendar for next year because if parents have students at South Central and Wanatah and the schools are on different calendars, they may move their children to South Central. Mr. Somers indicated there has been discussion among the LaPorte County Superintendents to get together and have one common calendar. Ms. DePrey thinks we are up to 36 Kindergarten students. Open house is tonight.
- Mr. Somers indicated registration numbers are similar to last year. Mr. Somers indicated he thought the first volleyball game is tomorrow. Mr. Somers indicated he will not have a late start on Wednesday this week. The first day they will do a project using the IPADS as a class competition. The idea is to introduce them to programs available on the IPADS. Mr. Guse indicated he is having parents indicate they are receiving phone calls from charter schools. Mr. Guse indicated the shorter school bus will be ready next week.

17. June SA-5 Report

Mr. Somers presented the June SA-5 report and the annual SA-5 reports.

The baseball coaches were introduced by Wes Bucher, Jr. High Coach. Austin Sipkema is from Kouts and he also has two volunteer coaches, John Simatovich and Joe Damthe. They all played varsity baseball at their schools. Dick Bucher made a motion to accept those individuals for coaching positions, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried. Ms. DePrey also indicated Wes Bucher would also be doing his student teaching at Wanatah School.

18. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held on September 10, 2012 at LaCrosse High School.

Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: September 10, 2012

Board Meeting Minutes
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
9/10/2012 6:00 pm LaCrosse School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Tim Somers, Superintendent, Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community
Members In Attendance: Approximately 12

1. Opening

Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes

Minutes from the August 13, 2012 Meeting were presented for approval. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

3. Personnel

Mr. Somers recommended hiring Lindzy Curtis as Assistant Middle School Girls' Volleyball Coach, Jeff Mitzner as Assistant Boys Basketball Coach for 7th and 8th grade and as a Volunteer High School Basketball Coach, Malorie Schoon as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for 7th & 8th grades, Lindzy Curtis as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for 7th & 8th grades, Emma Walter as Head Girls' Basketball Coach for 5th & 6th grades, Molly Campbell as Assistant Girls' Basketball Coach for 5th & 6th grades, Jessica Westerhoff as 7th & 8th Grades Cheer Coach, Zach Prairie as the Varsity Baseball Head Coach, Todd Dermody as 5th & 6th grades Head Basketball Coach. He also recommended hiring Chris O'Hara as a Bus Driver and Dennis Landry as a Substitute Bus Driver. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve hiring the above individuals. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which carried.

Mr. Somers presented a letter of resignation from Wes Bucher as the 5th & 6th grades Basketball Coach. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the resignation, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

Mr. Somers requested the Board approve Dara Guse working an additional eight hours per week to assist answering the telephone and help with nursing type duties. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the eight extra hours per week, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

4. Claim Docket

Mr. Somers presented the claim docket for approval. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the claim docket, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

5. Balance Sheet

Mr. Somers presented the balance sheet for informational purposes.

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

An individual invited the Board to go look at the track. He indicated it has been over 20 years since much was done with it. He expressed concern about it being adequate and safe. He stated the weeds and grass are coming up everywhere. Mr. Bucher asked the individual to give the Board an idea of what it would cost to repair the track. Mr. Somers asked the Board to think about a soccer field. He stated the PCC is leaning toward fielding soccer teams, because they are not able to get enough boys for volleyball. Mr. Somers would love to see an all-weather track, but thinks the Board needs to look at the whole picture in terms of location, fencing, and whether to include a soccer field.

7. Public Hearings

Mr. Guse indicated the Budget was advertised in the newspaper on August 30th and September 6th.

Public Hearing-2013 CPF Plan

Mr. Guse opened the public hearing for the CPF Plan. No comments or questions were expressed. The Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing-2013 Bus Replacement Plan

Mr. Guse opened the public hearing for the School Bus Replacement Plan. No comments or questions were expressed. The Public Hearing was closed.

Public Hearing-2013 General School Fund Budget

Mr. Guse opened the public hearing for the General Fund Budget. No comments or questions were expressed. The Public Hearing was closed.

Mr. Somers presented a resolution to reduce the 2012 Capital Projects Plan by \$500,000. This would allow the Corporation to carry the funds into the 2013 fund and provide emergency funds. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the resolution. Bob Younggreen seconded. Motion carried.

Mr. Guse indicated the School budgets presented tonight for information, will be presented for approval at the next Board Meeting.

Mr. Guse asked for approval of the CPF Plan. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

Mr. Guse asked for approval of the Bus Replacement Plan. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the Bus Replacement plan, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

8. iPads K-2

Carrie Miller and several K-2 teachers gave a presentation regarding iPads. Mrs. Miller indicated iPads are less expensive than laptops. An iPad is an attractive mobile tablet that includes books, movies, music, games and internet connection. She indicated they would use the devices to supplement their successful teaching strategies. She stated it will improve engagement and motivation. She shared applications that teachers could use in the classroom. She shared comments students made that indicated they were excited about using the iPads. She went to a conference and was pleased with the statistics they presented regarding improved student behavior (when students use iPads). Students can take their AR tests in the classroom and get immediate feedback, without having to go to the library. It reaches all learning styles and all ages. It reaches all learning levels, remedial up through high ability students. Mr. Somers indicated they run just under \$400 for an iPad 2. If we got four for each classroom, we would end up with 24 iPads which would be about \$9,500. Mrs. Spoljaric asked if there were any grants that would help. Mr. Somers indicated there is a planning grant that could possibly help. Ms. DePrey indicated if we purchased the iPads they would probably need some software funds as well. Joyce Spoljaric suggested we try for the grant. Mr. Bucher asked if we

had an idea what we would be spending in the Capital Projects fund. Mr. Somers indicated we have the bathroom and locker rooms to finish paying. We have approximately \$300,000 left in the fund. Mr. Guse indicated we also had some technology salaries that are paid out of that fund. Mr. Bucher and Mr. Guse stated they were in favor of moving ahead to purchase 24 iPads. Mr. Somers asked if the Board wanted him to check into a lease option. Mrs. Spoljaric suggested buying 25 since they are sold in five-packs to save money. The Board asked Mr. Somers to see if he can find out when the next iPad version will be coming out and whether there would be a significant savings if we waited a few months to purchase the iPad 2s. Mr. Somers expressed he is also interested in having something at the 8th grade. Mrs. Spoljaric asked Ms. DePrey to see if PTO would be interested in purchasing some software for the iPads.

9. Pumping Station

Mr. Somers indicated the third day of school a lift station for the sewer went out. There are two industrial strength pumps. They were able to get one to work, but they are 15-20 years old and are rusting away. The equipment would be about \$7,200 and the labor would be about \$4,500. Mr. Somers is recommending that we replace the pumps. If the single pump goes out we will have to cancel school. Mr. Somers indicated it will take 6-8 weeks for delivery of the equipment. This would be a dual type system, where if one pump goes out, there is a backup. Mr. Somers does not know if this could be done when students are in school. It may need to be done on a break. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the purchase, seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried.

10. Fire Alarm System - LaCrosse

Mr. Somers explained that before we got all the grounding equipment installed recently, the fire alarm system got hit by lightning. We have a new panel, but we do not have a monitoring system. It calls directly to 911, but the phone system was not working. Now instead of a landline call that happens, it is a cell phone that has a better signal. Mr. Somers looked at the phone bill and we were paying \$40 for a line that doesn't work. The cell phone line will be less expensive at \$35 per month. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve funding the cell phone service, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

11. Wanatah Camera and Door Control

Wanatah students are using the portable classroom and need to get into the main building, so the back door is currently not locked. Mr. Somers is suggesting putting a buzzer system with cameras at both doors for a cost of \$7,533. He is also asking to make a DVR upgrade and add cameras in the gymnasium. He would also like to upgrade the cameras so they are not as blurry. Ms. DePrey indicated there are two in the gym, but they are suggesting added two so you can see all areas of the gym. Another option at a cost of \$3,746 was to replace the DVR. Mr. Guse indicated he feels we need the devices, but questioned whether we could save money on labor having Cody Jonas do some of the installation. Tim Guse made a motion to approve purchasing the buzzer system and upgrading the camera system (as outlined on pages 11 & 12 of the quotes) which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried

12. Wanatah Technology

Mr. Somers made a recommendation to add a projector to the portable classroom, which would cost about \$700 each. He indicated he would suggest waiting until the end of the year to add Smart Boards. There is a need for a projector for the FACS teacher and for the portable classroom. Tim Guse made a motion to approve purchasing the projectors at a cost not to exceed \$1,400, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

13. School Improvement Plans

Tim Somers presented the School Improvement Plan for Wanatah School. Mr. Somers will email the LaCrosse School Improvement Plan. This is due by September 28th, but the DOE has been late in getting the information out to the schools. Mr. Somers indicated LaCrosse is using My Big Campus, which allows teachers to put their homework on, and email students. He is also trying to prepare students who are not

going to college to be more prepared to obtain higher paying jobs. Mr. Somers is working with Workforce Development to expose students to higher paying jobs in order to reach those students who will go directly into a career path. Mr. Somers believes we need to work on math skills with our lower performing students. Ms. DePrey indicated her School Improvement Plan will be similar to last years, but is updated. They raised their math and language arts goals. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to accept Wanatah's School Improvement Plan, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion carried.

14. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey she has 23 new students but lost 26. Ms. Spoljaric asked where they were on putting out a survey. Mr. Somers has reviewed a survey. Ms. DePrey indicated 29/36 Kindergarten students are below grade level. In 1st grade 21/36 are below grade level. In 2nd grade 16/30 are below grade level. In 3rd grade 19/36 are below grade level. In 4th grade 9/20 are below grade level. In 5th grade 13/35 are below grade level. Ms. DePrey indicated by the end of the year the students are at grade level, but over the summer they are not retaining the information. She suggested some schools have bookmobile units and that might be something to help students retain information. Mr. Guse heard the Town Board of Wanatah is looking at approving a subdivision north of Hwy 30 for 200 families. Mr. Guse indicated we need to market to those students, if the subdivision gets approved.
- Mr. Somers indicated LaCrosse is off to a good start. The teachers did a great job on the first day of introducing the students to the laptops. The students are doing very well with the MAC books. They are utilizing them in class. Students are starting to get used to My Big Campus.

15. June SA-5 Report

Mr. Somers presented the August SA-5 reports.

Mr. Guse indicated he thought the bus graphics should be done tomorrow and hopes it will be in the Scarecrow Fest parade. Joyce Spoljaric asked if there were enough music students to participate in the parade. Heather Kasselmann said they have Music in the Parks at the amusement parks and Great America participates (kind of like music contests). She indicated it will cost about \$1,200 to go, but they are looking at going. She also indicated she and Mrs. Westerhoff are discussing a field trip to Chicago to expose students to fun but educational music opportunities to try to encourage more students to participate in music.

16. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.

The next Board meeting will be held on October 8, 2012 at Wanatah High School.


Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: October 8, 2012

Board Meeting Minutes
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
9/26/12 6:00 pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Public Comments on Agenda Items

3. Master Contract – The 2012/13 Master Contract for certified employees was presented and discussed. Much of the contract was edited due to the change law. Only salaries and wage-related benefits remained in the contract. Paul Malecki motioned to accept the contract, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.
4. LaCrosse School Improvement Plan – The LaCrosse School Improvement Plan was presented by Mr. Somers and the changes to the plan were discussed. Major changes were the elimination of the elementary school and the part of the plan that included those students and a significant emphasis on career planning and exploration. Paul Malecki motioned to accept the plan, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.
5. Adjournment – Paul Malecki motioned to adjourn, Bob Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

Next Board meeting

October 8, 2012 at Wanatah School



Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: October 8, 2012

Board Meeting Minutes
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
10/8/2012 6:00 pm Wanatah School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Tim Somers, Superintendent, Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community
Members In Attendance: Approximately 10

1. Opening
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Minutes
Minutes from the September 10th and September 26th, 2012 Meetings were presented for approval. Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.
3. Personnel
Resignation:
Mr. Somers recommended approving the resignation of Molly Campbell as the Girl's 5th & 6th grade Basketball Assistant. Dick Bucher made a motion to accept the resignation. Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, which carried.
New Hires:
Mr. Somers recommended hiring Amy Wozniak as the Girl's 5th & 6th Grade Basketball Assistant and Jessica Westerhoff as the 7th & 8th Grade Cheer and Poms Coach. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve those hires, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.
4. Claim Docket
Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the claim docket, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.
5. Balance Sheet
The Balance Sheet was provided for information only.
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items
A gentleman commented on how the agenda could state approval when it was not voted on yet. Mr. Somers and Mr. Guse explained they are seeking approval.
7. Recognition
Ms. DePrey recognized a mobile dentist unit (four dentists) that provided screenings for our children. Ms. DePrey indicated they notified parents whose children had cavities and told them to contact the school if they needed assistance getting the dental treatment. This was the first time the school offered this service. She also recognized the Cass & Dewey Township Fire Departments who made presentations to the K-5th grades.
8. 2013 Budget
Mr. Somers indicated last month the budget was presented. Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the budget, which was seconded by Tim Guse. Motion carried.

9. K-2 iPads

Mr. Somers indicated that the grant did not work out. He stated delaying the purchase of the iPads would not be beneficial. When the next iPad is released the lowest version will not be available. He indicated when the next iPad comes out at the beginning of 2013, they will get rid of the iPad 2 and replace it with the iPad 3 without changing the price. He checked into leasing iPads in order to keep the initial cost lower. The lease came in at \$3,413 per year for 3 years. To purchase the iPads on a lease increases the cost by \$666 over the three years. The purchase of the 25 iPads outright is \$9,575. There is a discount if you purchase iPads in lots of 30. To purchase 30 iPads the cost would be \$11,370. Mr. Somers considered giving the extra iPads to the Middle School teachers to use, but indicated he would be happy with 25 iPads and the Middle School teachers could borrow them if they would like to. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve purchasing 25 iPads, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried.

10. Principal Reports

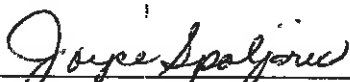
- Ms. DePrey – Ms. DePrey indicated she has started a Student of the Month program and announced the winners. Ms. DePrey indicated on Fridays, she would do something special for them. She would like to take them to Pizza Hut at the end of the month. They were given Certificates and their pictures and names were on the Board. Mr. Guse thanked the teachers who walked in the parade with the Activity Bus. Ms. DePrey indicated falls sports are over. They just finished their first Acuity tests. October is a busy month: Grandparents Day, the Symphony, and High/Middle School Concert. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be in November. First and Third grade vision screening will take place as well as a Veteran's Day program. Ms. DePrey indicated she would like to see an early dismissal on the Scare Crow Fest Friday. Mr. Bucher suggested for the Student of the Month, if she planned to take them to eat to wait until the end of the year, and take the students by grade.
- Mr. Somers – Mr. Somers indicated he has been working on the Evaluation Plan for teachers that the State requires. He completed the School Improvement Plan. He indicated they are doing an All-School Field Trip on October 15th. The teachers will stay at school and work on My Big Campus. The other staff will escort the students on the field trip. Fall sports are finishing up with Sectionals and Regionals. PSAT's are coming up. Mr. Somers indicated they are trying to get the students out to see other things. There was a field trip to the Art Museum today.

11. The September SA-5 Report was presented.

12. Adjournment

Dick Bucher made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, which carried.

The next Board meeting will be held on November 12, 2012 at LaCrosse School.



Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: November 12, 2012

Board Meeting Minutes
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
11/12/2012 6:00 pm LaCrosse School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Dick Bucher, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric

Administrators in Attendance: Tim Somers, Superintendent, Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal

Staff, Students and Community
Members In Attendance: Approximately 5

1. Opening
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Minutes
Minutes from the October 8, 2012 Meeting were presented for approval. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion carried.
3. Personnel
New Hires: Mr. Somers recommended hiring Bill Stark as the 5th & 6th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, Ryan Pahl as the 5th & 6th Grade Boys' Basketball Assistant Coach, and High School Volunteer Coach, Emma Walter as the Girls' Basketball JV Coach, Stephanie Worline as a High School Volunteer Cheer and Dance Coach, and Dominick Beehler as a Boys' Basketball High School Volunteer Coach. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve hiring all the above individuals. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.
4. Claim Docket
Mr. Somers presented the claim docket for approval. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the claim docket, which was seconded by Dick Bucher. Motion carried unanimously.
5. Balance Sheet
Mr. Somers presented the balance sheet for informational purposes.
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items
Jeff Mitzner questioned whether the Board Agenda could be posted on the Tri-Township Website in advance of the meeting. Mr. Somers indicated he could try to do this.

Ms. Erwin questioned how the public could get access to the claim docket and information given to the Board to see what they are approving. She indicated this was done prior to Norm Kleist becoming Superintendent.

Jeff Mitzner indicated the ballot was messed up for the election. He said they need to talk to Lynn Spevak about the At-Large Board Seat. Jeff Mitzner said we have to see if the Articles of Incorporation were filed with the Clerk's office. Tim Somers indicated they had been. Tim Guse and Tim Somers had called to see if the ballot could be changed but it couldn't be changed after August according to Lynn Spevak. Mr. Mitzner wanted to make sure it was corrected for the next At-Large School Board Member election.

Yvette Battleday questioned why we are using sub bus drivers for extra-curricular activities. Mr. Somers indicated that for October nobody had more than three activities and nobody had less than two activities. Mr. Somers indicated that they are spreading

jobs out so that the subs will be loyal to the Corporation as well. The activity bus is also being utilized with coaches driving at times.

7. Recognition

Mr. Somers recognized Julie Charlesworth for the basketball mini-schedules she donated. Ms. DePrey recognized the American Legion Post #403 for putting on the Veteran's Day program.

8. Doors for Mobile Classrooms

The doors for the portable classrooms are getting rusty and need to be replaced. Mr. Somers is concerned about the security. He indicated there is a 6x12 window that is high and only an adult can see out of it. Mr. Somers would like to have a normal sized window in the door. Mr. Somers had thought about a door bell, but then the teacher would have to answer the door because she is the only one tall enough to see who is there. Mr. Somers indicated we could just go with one door. The cost is \$1,143 per door. One portable classroom is 4th grade and the other is used by Title I and the High Ability teachers. He feels he could get away with replacing just the 4th grade door. Mr. Bucher suggested Mr. Somers check prices with Lempke Glass and Starke County Glass. Ms. DePrey indicated she thought one door would be sufficient. Mr. Somers indicated the frame and hardware will be used. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve replacing one door with vision glass at a cost of no more than \$1,143, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion was approved unanimously.

9. Cameras for Remaining Busses

Ms. DePrey would like to put cameras in the rest of the regularly used buses. Mr. Somers indicated the cameras have come in handy this year. The price of \$1,254 per unit includes installation. Mr. Somers indicated they provide good vision and audio from the cameras. The Board decided to wait until January to discuss this when more money in the transportation fund becomes available.

10. Facility Use Exploration

Mr. Somers talked to Jeff Wolf regarding what it might look like if we move the high school up to the middle School. He said he could do it for \$10,000 and then said he could do it for \$5,000. Mr. Somers talked to Doug Buell from Cattail Design and he indicated it would cost about \$9,500. Mr. Somers talked to Scott Spoljaric and he is making up some floor plans. He also asked them to look into what the cost would be to add a gymnasium. Mr. Somers indicated you would pay for the conceptual design regardless if we act on it. No action was taken.

11. Telephone System Upgrade

Mr. Guse indicated he had talked to Mr. Kleist about upgrading the phone system at Wanatah School to include voicemail. Mr. Guse indicated Signature Graphics is updating their phone system and is trying to get a price to install the phones that Signature Graphics would donate. Mr. Guse indicated he would guess it would run about \$3,000 to run cable to each classroom for the new phones.

12. Board Meeting Dates

Mr. Somers presented a new calendar for next year's Board meeting dates. The meetings will be held at LaCrosse on odd months and at Wanatah School on even months. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to accept the proposed Board meeting dates. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

13. Policies

Mr. Somers presented the following policies for review:

- Educational Surrogate Parents
- Purchases of Supplies and Materials
- Training and Health Precautions for Communicable Diseases

- Homeless Students: Enrollment Rights and Services
- Habitual Truancy
- Public Complaints
- Required Exit Interview When Withdrawing from School
- The Right to Inspect Certain Instructional Materials (Hatch Amendment)
- Right to Inspect Certain Non-Academic Materials (HEA 1625)

14. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey reported that they had their September student of the month celebration at Pizza Hut. The students loved the buffet and bus ride. One week she gave out Dilly Bars. She also gave out gift certificates to Barnes & Noble and Burger King, and Pizza Hut. She said the gym was packed for the Veteran's Day Program. Mr. Bucher suggested making the 7th & 8th grade game on December 17th that will be held at LaCrosse special. He suggested having a game ball donated and he volunteered to announce the game. Bob Younggreen volunteered to donate the game ball. They also discussed doing a pop-a-shot event. Mr. Somers suggested moving the game to 5:30 instead of 4:30. It was decided to leave the game at 4:30.
- Mr. Somers stated the A-F grading system came out. LaCrosse High School was graded A and Wanatah Middle School/Elementary was graded B. Wanatah School missed an A by .01. Mr. Somers ran through area school grades. Mr. Somers indicated what hurt Wanatah School was that they had done so well, the prior year on their I-Step that it is difficult to increase. Mr. Somers indicated at LaCrosse High School they are setting up some field trips to Urschel's Laboratory and Foundry, Porter Memorial Hospital and they were going to go to Tom Dermody's factory, but that fell through for now. The goal is to expose them to more careers. They had a PCC meeting and Westville was voted into the PCC. Hanover Central will be leaving the PCC at the end of this school year. Mr. Somers shared that the Seniors did a Pie in the Face fundraiser and made about \$650. Thanksgiving lunch will be served this week for students and is open to community members.

15. October SA-5 Report LaCrosse & Wanatah

Dick Bucher made a motion to accept the SA-5 report, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen and approved unanimously.

16. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion was approved unanimously.

The next Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation Board meeting will be held on December 10, 2012 at Wanatah School.


Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: December 10, 2012

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

12/10/12 6:00 pm Wanatah School

Members in Attendance: Tim Guse, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric
Member not in Attendance: Dick Bucher
Administrators in Attendance: Tim Somers, Superintendent, Vicky DePrey, Wanatah Principal
Staff, Students and Community Members In Attendance: Approximately 6

1. **Opening**
Board President, Tim Guse opened the meeting with reciting of the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. **Minutes**
Minutes from the November 12, 2012 Meeting were presented for approval. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion was approved unanimously.
3. **Personnel**
Mr. Somers presented a letter of resignation from Patricia Rawlings, Girls Volleyball Coach. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the resignation which was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric. Motion was approved unanimously.
4. **Claim Docket**
Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the claim docket which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion was approved unanimously.
5. **Balance Sheet**
The balance sheet was presented for information.
6. **Public Comments on Agenda Items**
Julie Charlesworth questioned the Board regarding weighted grades for courses for Honors, AP or Dual Credit classes. She feels it is a disadvantage to our students that are competing against others students in different schools for scholarships and those students can earn weighted grades. Mr. Somers felt it would not be overly difficult to implement and he whole heartedly recommended making the change. Ms. Charlesworth would like to see it implemented immediately. Mr. Somers recommended implementing it retroactively for our students. Mr. Somers will bring a revised point scale to the Board meeting in January. Paul Malecki made a motion to accept using weighted grades. Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

A person questioned the long term plan for the school corporation. Mr. Guse indicated the Corporation has blended and in January or February he feels the Corporation needs to look at the direction they are going. Mr. Somers indicated they would like to survey the parents to see what the community would like to see happen. Mr. Guse indicated they were waiting for the database to be updated in order to send the survey out via email. A community member suggested the survey needs to go out to the entire community. Mr.

Guse agreed and indicated as a starting point they would send it to parents, but did plan to include the entire taxpayer database.

A community member asked if the Board is addressing the shortage of teachers in the middle school. His understanding was there are six classes and five teachers in the mornings, because some of the teachers are at LaCrosse in the morning. Ms. DePrey said some parents have expressed concern that one teacher has an entire class. There are 31 students in 6th grade and 25 in 8th grade that are in a class at one time. Joyce Spoljaric questioned if it was creating a problem. A person thought that it was a disadvantage in Science. Ms. DePrey does not think it is feasible to change for this school year. Ms. DePrey thinks it is probably ok in PE, but not as good in Science or Health. Ms. Spoljaric suggested alternating projects and book work may be a solution. Ms. DePrey indicated they are doing that.

Mr. Guse indicated Don Parker contacted him and indicated the Wanatah Library will have two positions that are appointed. The School Board has to appoint those positions. Gene Schurte and Joanna Clindaniel are both requesting reappointment. Gene is finishing his fourth term and Joanna is finishing her second term. There is a four term limit, but the appointing Board can appoint someone beyond a fourth term if they feel it is in the best interest of the Library. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve both Gene Schurte and Joanna Clindaniel. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

7. Recognition

The Bill Drook and the Social Committee was recognized for organizing a wonderful employee Christmas party. Mr. Somers also recognized Pat Pease for donating about 40 pounds of popcorn and oil. He also indicated at ball games they are announcing gratitude to Jaymar for helping with the scoreboard. Ms. DePrey recognized the Rudolph family for donating a poinsettia and Kerlin Bus Service for donating peanuts.

8. Policies:

Mr. Somers presented the following policies for approval:

- Educational Surrogate Parents
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Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve those policies, which was seconded by Paul Malecki. Motion was approved unanimously.

Mr. Somers presented the following policies for information:

- Health and Wellness Policy – Mr. Somers indicated the policy was updated to be compliant with requirements.
- Investment Policy

9. Resolution for Rainy Day Fund

Mr. Somers presented two resolutions for the 2011 budget. He is recommending transferring \$258,000 from Capital Projects and \$147,000 from the Bus Replacement Fund into the Rainy Day Fund. Mr. Somers indicated at the end of the year there would be enough money (about \$50,000) in the Transportation Fund to start paying for gas and quit draining the Rainy Day Fund. In 2013 we will re-evaluate what we can transfer in July. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the resolution on page 18, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion carried unanimously.

10. Bus Purchase

Mr. Somers indicated Kerlin has reserved a new 72 passenger bus at a cost of \$84,533. It would be available for pickup in February. Mr. Somers discussed possibly adding luggage boxes on a bus. He indicated they cost \$2,000 per side retrofitted. They are made out of fiberglass. It could be done to any of the buses at any time. Mr. Guse questioned whether it would cause any trouble with the snow. Kerlin offered \$1,500 as a trade allowance for Bus 7-99 toward the new bus. We currently use Bus 7-99 as a spare. Several members questioned whether we could get more from scrapping it out or selling it out right. The Board suggested putting it on Craig's List to see if we could get more for it. Mr. Somers indicated we do not have a lot of spare buses and Mr. Guse indicated buying used buses doesn't seem beneficial due to the cost of repairs. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve purchasing the 2014 bus. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, which was approved unanimously.

11. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey – Wanatah just finished taking their second Acuity tests. Ms. DePrey discussed the upcoming schedule. Next Friday ends the semester.
- Mr. Somers reported the teachers love the iPads. Teachers are reporting the students are more engaged and love when it is their turn to use the iPads. They are seeing students excel where they haven't had success before. Mr. Somers feels the purchase has been very worthwhile. Ms. DePrey indicated the middle school students wanted iPads now.

Mr. Somers indicated that Wanatah School students are participating in Sumdogs Northern Indiana Contest. Twenty six Wanatah students answered 7364 questions correctly finishing 4th out of 15 in Northern Indiana. Students participated on their own time.

Mr. Somers indicated the sound system at the LaCrosse Gym is outdated. A price estimate from Raveeno was about \$5,000 to replace it. Omni gave a price of \$27,000 to update it. Mr. Guse indicated making a first impression is important and when the sound system doesn't work, it leaves a negative impression. Joyce Spoljaric suggested having the Athletic Department help out. Mr. Somers indicated he asked but didn't get a favorable response. Mr. Somers indicated he would like to see this done over Christmas break if possible. Paul Malecki made a motion to improve the sound system (not at the \$27,000 price). Bob Younggreen seconded the motion which was approved unanimously. Joyce Spoljaric noted that none of the students know the school song. Mrs. Charlesworth suggested they teach it in the music class.

12. November SA-5 Report

Paul Malecki made a motion to accept the SA-5 report, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion was approved unanimously.

13. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which was seconded by Bob Younggreen. Motion was approved unanimously.

The next Board meeting will be January 14, 2013 at LaCrosse School.

Minutes prepared by Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Approval: January 14, 2013