

**TRI-TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION**

**SCHOOL BOARD MEETING MINUTES**

**SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 6:00PM LACROSSE SCHOOL**

**1. OPEN MEETING:**

The meeting was brought to order by board President Tim Guse followed by The Pledge of Allegiance.

**2. Approval of the minutes from August 20, 2020 school board meeting**

Board member Melanie Mills made a motion for approval. Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

**3. Personnel**

- **Carol Baird- bus driver resignation-** Chad Howell made a motion to approve. Melanie Mills seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!
- **David Seils-assistant varsity girls basketball coach-** Aaron Rust made a motion to approve. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!
- **Becky Harper- volunteer girls basketball coach-** Aaron Rust made a motion to approve. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

**4. Claim Docket**

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

**5. Balance Sheet**

Information

**6. Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None at this time

**7. PA/Bell System at Wanatah**

Information- Mr. Gabriel and Mr. Shepherd had a presentation from Communication Company out of South Bend addressing the PA/bells system which is not functioning properly at Wanatah. Other proposals are being sought so this item is for information purposes only.

**8. Repairs on existing modular buildings at Wanatah**

Information- A quote has been requested from Scott Goodwin for roof and flooring repairs on our existing modular buildings. Mr. Shepherd is looking for two other local contractors to reach out to for quotes.

**9. Pre-School Fee Schedule**

The board was presented with information representing our current Pre-School fees. We have added in a free and reduced qualifying fee in the amount of \$25.00. The regular monthly fee (\$140) and the employee fee (\$70) remain the same. Chad Howell made a motion to approve. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

**10. Advertise Budget, Capital Projects Plan, Bus Replacement**

Mr. Shepherd would like permission to advertise the budget, the CPF and bus replacement plan with a hearing date of October 1, 2020 and an adoption date of October 22, 2020. Melanie Mills made a motion to approve. Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

**11. Resolution Reducing Rainy Day Appropriation**

Mr. Shepherd would like approval for a Rainy Day appropriation reduction. The board was presented with the appropriation reduction resolution. After review Aaron Rust made a motion to approve. Daron Bruder seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

## **12. School Improvement Plans**

The board was presented with the state required school improvement plans for both Wanatah and LaCrosse. After review Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the plans. Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

## **13. Updated Recurring Monthly Payments**

An addition needs to be made to our recurring monthly payment schedule. Due to timing issues Indiana Department of Workforce Development will be added to our list. This will help us to avoid interest and penalties. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

## **14. Asset Management**

Our last SBOA audit recommended improved asset management for insurance reasons. We will need to hire an outside company to generate an asset list with assessed values for buildings and equipment. The board was presented with a quote (from DEYO Stone Associates) in the amount of \$2,450 initially with \$350 first year revision fee. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve. Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

## **15. Payroll Tax Deferral**

Mr. Shepherd is recommending that we choose NOT to participate in the payroll tax deferral program. Not only does he believe it could potentially put our employees at risk for repayment later on, it does the same to us as a corporation should an employee leave prior to repayment. Aaron Rust made a motion for approval. Chad Howell seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

## **16. Executive Session Meetings Monthly**

Mr. Shepherd is seeking approval to include a standing executive session following each and every public meeting of the school board. This will help for scheduling purposes. Melanie Mills made a motion for approval. Aaron Rust seconded the motion. ALL AYES!!

## **17. Superintendent Update**

Firstly Mr. Shepherd would like to thank Connor Scroggins for helping to make the transition to a new IT director as easy as possible. He has made himself accessible to our new director, Jacob which has been very helpful. Jacob has been very impressive during his first few weeks on the job and has proved to be quite the self –starter.

## **18. Principal Reports**

H.S. Principal Brian McMahan reports that due to the COVID crisis a limit has been put on how many spectators can be inside the Tiger Den to watch games. We are in the process of joining with other area schools to have a camera installed which will allow our fans to watch games from home! The athletic fund has paid the initial fee for this program.

A few weeks ago our community lost Madge Tucker who was a loyal tiger fan for many, many years. In lieu of flowers the family asked for donations to the LC athletic department. There will be an update on this at a future meeting once all donations have been received. Principal McMahan will work with the family to choose a special project to be done to honor her memory. We can all agree games at the den won't be the same with-out Grandma Tucker in the stands.

Senior night for volleyball was moved up this season with all of the uncertainty of the season. It was well attended and a special night for our seniors.

Principal McMahan would also like to send a shout out to the teachers, custodians, office staff and students. They have all done an excellent job with the transition to in person school and wearing their masks!

Superintendent Shepherd reported for Mr. Gabriel that our elementary and junior- high are doing a great job with their transition as well.

**19. August SA-5 Report**

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

**20. Adjournment**

Aaron Rust made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Chad Howell. ALL AYES!!

**Next Board Meeting: October 1, 2020 @ Wanatah 6pm**