

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

01/21/2016 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Appointment of Treasurer and Deputy Treasurer

Treasurer- Judy Roslansky

Deputy Treasurer- Dara Guse

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

3. Minutes from the December 17, 2015 meeting

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

4. Personnel

- Kalyse Reimbold, 7/8th boys volleyball
- Mark Ladd, MS Math

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

5. Claim Docket

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval of the January claim docket. Daron Bruder seconded the motion, all approved.

6. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

7. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A concerned member of the community requested that the school board provide him with their telephone numbers. He would like to be able to contact them when necessary.

A concerned community member suggested to the board that when a bus is going to be late a school messenger should be sent letting parents know of the time change.

Mr. Somers and the board agree this is a good idea and will make sure in the future this is done.

A concerned community member addressed the board regarding the removal of his son from the basketball team.

Mr. Somers advised that a meeting has been scheduled to discuss this matter further.

A concerned community member addressed the board regarding retaining or removing the varsity basketball coach.

Mr. Guse, school board president, advised that the school board, Mr. Amor and Mr. Somers are all in agreement that our current coach will remain in his position and there are no grounds for a mid-season removal. As a rule, all coaches are evaluated at the end of the season for re-hire and this will be no exception.

Mr. Guse, school board president, reminded all present that there is a specific chain of command that should be followed in situations like this. The first step is meeting with the coach, followed by the A.D., followed by the principal, followed by the superintendent and finally the board.

Another concerned community member addressed the board about the removal of her brother from the basketball team. Again, Mr. Guse advised a meeting has been scheduled for Saturday morning to discuss this situation further.

A community member would like to volunteer in the classroom and for lunch recess assistance. Ms. DePrey let her know that we can do a volunteer background check and we will be glad to have her.

A concerned community member addressed the board regarding the removal of her son from the basketball team. The board reiterated a meeting has been scheduled to try to resolve this situation.

8. Recognition

Ms. DePrey would like to recognize Bethany Heavilin and the cheerleaders for coming to Wanatah to encourage the students to join the PCC pep block.

Ms. DePrey would also like to recognize Vicky DePrey for her dedication to not only being the principal but for helping in the math department also!

9. eLearning Update

Mr. Somers asked Mr. McMahan for an update on e-Learning. Mr. McMahan explained that the high school building has done trial runs of e-Learning on two separate occasions. Google classroom is being utilized for this program. Both students and staff are enjoying the program and feel it is beneficial to our corporation. The students are asking for the next step using the program for a make-up day. March 28th, the first snow make up day, the high school will be doing their first eLearning day.

10. Internet Service

Mr. Somers discussed with the board that he has looked into several other internet providers hoping for a cost savings. With that being said, our current provider has agreed to offer us 50 MB at LaCrosse and 75 MB at Wanatah for the current rate we are paying in order to keep our business. The contract at LaCrosse will be a one year contract. The contract at Wanatah will be until 2018. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve for the MB increase. Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

11. Library Appointment

The LaCrosse library would like Susan Engle appointed as a replacement for Denise Gorski. Denise has been on the board for 16 years. Paul Malecki made the motion to accept Susan Engle, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

12. Review of Compensation

For board review, tabled until the next meeting

13. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey- Due to a copy right issue the original mural image approved by the board needs to be replaced. The new mural was presented to the board. This image was designed by Signature Graphics, Inc. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the image, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved. Girls' basketball season (5th, 6th, 7th and 8th) begin Monday. I-STEP preparation has begun. Saturday school was done in December which went well. The next Saturday school will be in February.
- Mr. Somers- the LaCrosse Friends of Rachel Club (FOR) has been working in conjunction with the South Central FOR developing ideas for the Friday, January 29th LC vs. SC basketball game. T-shirts are being ordered for both teams to wear the night of the game. A paper chain is being constructed with kind words being written on links by students that will be hung in the gym.

Tatum Fritch told the board the FOR wants to extend the chain to not only students but to the public and will be going into the communities asking for kind words to be written on a chain link. The board agreed this is a great idea and thanked Tatum for her hard work on this project!

- Mike Kellems would like TTCSC to participate in project H2O to donate to Flint, Michigan. Mr. Somers will be working on ways to encourage community members and students to donate H2O. Possibly free entrance to a game for donating a case of water.
- Governor Pence signed two bills which will give schools an option, due to the I-STEP fiasco, to use last year's school letter grades, for school grade purposes and for teacher ratings.

14. January SA-5 Report

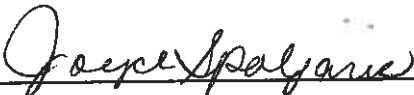
A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the SA-5, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved..

15. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

Next Board Meeting

February 18, 2016 at Wanatah School



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

2/18/16 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of minutes from January 21, 2016 meeting

Motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Daron Bruder, all in favor.

3. Personnel

A motion was made by Daron Bruder, seconded by Paul Malecki to approve the following personnel changes in athletics, all approved:

- **Boys Baseball**

Marty Rasala- coach

Keith Bucher- assistant

Aaron Rust- volunteer

Andy Rasala- volunteer

Tim Demulc- volunteer

Greg Mohlke- volunteer

Brian McMahan- volunteer

Nick Miller- volunteer

- **Boys Golf**

Jennifer McCormick- coach

Tim Somers- volunteer

- **Girls Softball**

Dave Amor- coach

Tara Walden- assistant

Bob Klemz- volunteer

- **High School Track**

Mitch Semans – coach

- Middle School Track
Anna Susdorf- volunteer
Laura Roth- resignation
- Middle School Volleyball
Kalyse Reimbold
- Girls on the Run
Laura Roth- volunteer
Crystal Hinkel- volunteer
- Soccer (getting ready for fall)
Laura Roth- coach

A motion was made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Travis Younggreen to approve the following general personnel changes, all approved:

- Kindergarten
Jennifer Abernathy- administrative leave
- Special Ed Bus Aide
Melanie Mills - \$10/hr.

4. Claim Docket

A motion was made by Daron Bruder to approve the claim docket, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

For information

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A concerned parent addressed the board regarding students being called into the office to be spoken to without a parent present. Superintendent Somers explained that typically an initial conversation would take place with a student without a parent present. If the situation warranted contact would be made with the parent. The same parent would like to see the lines of communication between parents and administration improved.

A discussion took place between the board and the community members in attendance regarding the "chain of command" process. Both Superintendent Somers and board president, Mr. Guse took the time to explain the steps that should be taken when a parent has an issue that needs addressed. It was suggested by a community member that those steps be outlined in the student handbook. Superintendent Somers and the board will look into this possibility or the possibility of posting a board policy on our school website.

7. Recognition

- Ms. Deprey would like to recognize Nicole Green, the LaPorte County District Spelling Bee 1st place finisher! She moves on to the regional spelling bee in March which is held in Wheeler.
- Mr. Somers would like to recognize Mike Kellems, LaPorte County Sheriff, for his involvement in the Flint, Michigan H2O project. The water was picked up on Saturday at LaCrosse High School where 202 cases were collected. Wanatah School collected 102.

8. School Improvement Plans

Updated information was input into the school improvement plan which was presented to the board. Ms. DePrey outlined the changes that were made. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the plan Paul Malecki seconded the motion, all in favor.

9. Calendar for School year 2016-2017

The board was presented with the 2016-2017 School Calendar. Travis Younggreen made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all in favor.

10. Review of Compensation

A motion was made by Daron Bruder, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all in favor.

11. Summer School Application

Paul Malecki made a motion, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor of the summer school application being completed and submitted.

12. Principal Reports

- Ms. Deprey-
Basketball season for the girl's teams are coming to an end. Volleyball season for the 8th grade boys is beginning. The presentation of Peter Pan will take

place on March 18th at Wanatah School. Pivot testing is in full force preparing for I-STEP testing.

Construction on the building has been complete.

- **Mr. Somers-**

Michael Rodriguez has an interest in starting a weightlifting club at LaCrosse. There have been several requests for LaCrosse to have an open gym on Sundays for the students to have extra basketball practice time.

Mr. Somers is looking into this possibility.

The board was presented with a proposal for leases on three new copiers with service contracts. Tim Guse made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

Wanatah switches and access points need upgraded in order to improve internet speeds. Approximate cost is \$2,500.00 which will be paid from CPF. Mr. Somers would like to see this completed over spring break. A motion was made by Daron Bruder for approval, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.

Quotes are being obtained for new servers for both schools. This summer it will be imperative that the servers be updated.

The elementary teacher's computers at Wanatah are very old and outdated. Mr. Somers would like to see the elementary teachers computers replaced with MacBooks. The junior high teachers are currently using new Chrome Books. Twelve MacBooks would need to be purchased. This item will be discussed in further detail at a later time. Approximate cost would be \$12,000.00.

Mr. Somers would like to increase the number of I-Pads per grade level to 20. The approximate cost for this would be \$24,000.00. This item will be discussed in further detail at a later time.

The board needs to come up with dates for work sessions to go over Mission, Vision and Value statements as well as policy discussions. The board will be receiving an email with potential dates.

13. January SA-5 Report


For information purposes

14. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

Next Board meeting

March 17, 2016 at LaCrosse School



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

3/17/16 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

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Motion made by Travis Younggreen, seconded by Paul Malecki, all in favor.

3. Personnel

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the following personnel changes. The motion was seconded by Daron Bruder, all in favor.

- Michael Rodriguez, Bus Driver
- Richard Dolson, Bus Driver resignation
- Brianne Loveridge, MS track coach
- Taylor Guse. Title I aide
- Brandon Grubl, Title I aide

4. Claim Docket

A motion was made by Daron Bruder, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

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6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

7. Recognition

Ms. DePrey would like to recognize Epic Limo and the Sheely Family for their efforts in providing limo service for the students of the month Pizza Hut trip. With the savings the Sheely family provided she is able to take this month's students of the month in a limo also!

Ms. DePrey would also like to recognize the PTO for putting on a fabulous fun fair for all to enjoy.

The book fair has gone very well with many parents participating in muffins for moms and donuts for dads.

Wanatah hosted the 8th grade boys' volleyball tourney.

Mr. Somers would like to recognize RayeAnn Stamper who has been our Biology teacher and FFA sponsor for the past 4 years. Our FFA program has grown with her guidance and our number of students passing the Biology ECA has done the same.

8. 8th Grade Trip

The 8th grade class presented their proposal for their trip which is to take place on May 6th. The trip will include a stop at Rugged Adventures, a comedy improve show geared to middle school students and dinner.

John Sullivan will drive this trip.

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

9. Server, Switches and I Pads Update

Mr. Somers explained to the board that \$8,000 worth of I Pads were purchased through our Title I grant for the program. More I Pads will be purchased with money from our Education License Plate fund.

Switches and Access points for Wanatah will be installed during Spring Break. The cost for this should be under \$3,000.00 with E-rate assistance. Costs for servers are still being sought.

10. Gym Roof at LaCrosse

Mr. Somers explained to the board that there was a leak in gym roof at LaCrosse. A patch that was done on the roof years ago has now started to diminish and needed repaired. There are several spots on the roof that need repair which he would like to do this summer. Paul Malecki suggested a company named Americo from the Kouts area. Kelly Keil suggested Boyer.

11. Policies

The board was presented with a list of policies which were reviewed at their most recent work session.

12. **Principal Reports**

- **Ms. Deprey**

Peter Pan Jr. will be presented by the students at Wanatah School this weekend. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for students.

The first round of I-Step testing is now complete. The students and staff are looking forward to the first full week of April and Spring Break.

Ms. DePrey would like to say kudos to Mrs. Williams for doing such a wonderful job covering in our kindergarten class.

- **Mr. Somers**

Our high school students will be testing, testing and testing over the next few months.

The first softball and baseball games will all be taking place in the next few weeks.

An announcement was made that our Wanatah School Principal, Vicky DePrey will be retiring at the end of this school year.

Postings will be made for a new elementary and junior high Principal, along with a high school Principal.

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to accept the resignation of Vicky DePrey. Travis Younggreen seconded the motion. Daron Bruder and Tim Guse approved, Paul Malecki opposed.


13. **February SA-5 Report**

For information purposes

14. **Adjournment**

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to adjourn, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

Next Board Meeting: April 21, 2016 at Wanatah School



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

4/21/16 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes from March 17th, 2016 meeting

Motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all in favor.

3. Personnel

Jeff Mitzner- Varsity basketball coach

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the renewal of Jeff Mitzner as the varsity basketball coach. Travis Younggreen seconded the motion. After much discussion the board vote was as follows:

Daron Bruder – Nay

Joyce Spoljaric- Nay

Paul Malecki- Yea

Travis Younggreen- Yea

Tim Guse- Yea

An addendum to the contract renewal is as follows:

A coaching contract will be drawn up for Coach Mitzner. This contract will specifically outline expectations for Coach Mitzner in the upcoming season. Coach Mitzner will be expected to sign this contract. If the contract is not signed approval has been given by the board to begin the hire process for a new varsity basketball coach.

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the addendum; Daron Bruder seconded the motion, all in favor.

4. Claim Docket

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the claim docket, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A concerned citizen addressed the board regarding the renewal of Coach Mitzner's contract. The individual pointed out to the board that the board needs to stand firm to the contract drawn up for Coach Mitzner. In his opinion the board should have stepped in well before they did and handled this situation and remember that putting the children first is their top priority.

Board President Guse advised that our children our his top priority and that is why this decision was so difficult for the board to make.

Coach Mitzner addressed the board apologizing for the mistakes that he has made in the past. He would like for everyone to look forward to building a new and improved basketball program here at LaCrosse.

7. Recognition

Ms. DePrey would like to recognize Mrs. Miller, Mrs. Roth and Mrs. Clemons for attending the school board meeting.

Mr. Somers would like to recognize Ms. Walden for implementing the test calendar at LaCrosse.

8. IndVA Summer School Agreement Letter

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the Indiana Virtual Academy agreement, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

9. Annual Performance Report

The board was presented with the Annual Performance Report.

Paul Malecki made a motion approving this report, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

10. Capital Projects Summer Expenditures

For information purposes:

Mr. Somers discussed summer projects, mostly technology based, with the board. He would like to see an increase in I-Pads in each grade level. In addition, he would like teachers who are currently using out of date desk tops to receive upgraded devices. The server update will also need to be completed this summer. Mr. Somers like to have the downstairs office at LaCrosse given a facelift. An approval is not being sought at this time, this is for information purposes. These items will be revisited at a later time.

11. eLearning Days

For information purposes:

On March 28th the first eLearning day occurred. The first weekend eLearning day occurred on April 16th. Both students and staff alike agree that the days were successful. The level of participation with our students was excellent. Our next eLearning day will be May 13th.

12. LaCrosse Gym Roof Repairs and Maintenance

A proposal was presented to the board from Boyer Roofing Co. This proposal outlines repairs needed to the roof on the LaCrosse gym. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the repair, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

13. Teacher shortage

Mr. Somers discussed the teacher shortage that is currently occurring in our state. There is a shortage of not only math and science but also, AG Ed, Tech Ed, FACS and elementary education. Finding teachers is becoming more and more difficult. This a discussion item at the DOE level, at the legislature level and the administrators level.

14. Insurance Renewal

Two proposals were presented in regards to the upcoming insurance renewal for our school. After reviewing the proposals and group discussion a decision was made to remain with our current agent, MacLennan and Bain, but change our carrier to Liberty Mutual.

Joyce Spoljaric made the motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

15. Policies

The policies which were reviewed at the work session, and no questions were asked about, were presented to the board. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve these policies, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

16. 1-800-MD

Our health insurance trust has offered our school the option of providing 1-800-MD coverage to our employees. The proposal for this benefit was presented to the board. After some discussion, and questions, the board would like this item tabled for further discussion.

17. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey- I-Step testing will begin next week. The student of the month limo trip to Pizza Hut will take place next Friday. The first week of May is staff appreciation week. The first Friday in May is the 8th grade field trip. On May 12th Title I will have a parent/student evening get together. There are also lots of upcoming field trips in all grade levels that the students will be enjoying. Ms. DePrey would also recognize Mr. Guse, school board president, for his dedication to the school and students of Tri-Township. Mr. Guse was the Township Trustee at the time when she was named Wanatah School principal.
- Mr. Somers- Education Services Company has helped over the past few years with preparing our corporation budget. Mr. Somers would like approval to sign the contract once again with Education Services for budget assistance. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all in favor. The LaCrosse social studies academic super bowl team will be advancing to the state level of competition on May 7th. The team consisted of Jared Spoljaric, Dane Wallace, Andrew McCormick and William Malecki. Our Fine Arts team will also be advancing to the state competition. Congratulations!
Mr. Somers would also like to congratulate Mrs. Sharpe for a job well done in her classroom.

18. March SA-5 Report

For information purposes

19. Adjournment

Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for adjournment, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

The next board meeting will be held on May 19th, 2016 at LaCrosse School

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

5/19/16 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of Minutes from April 21st, 2016 meeting

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the minutes, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

3. Personnel

- Teri Detering, Principal, Wanatah
Motion made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.
- Aaron Owney, Principal, LaCrosse
Motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.
- Dawn Danford, High Ability/IT
Motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.
- Jessica Westerhoff, resignation
Motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.
- Erin Sharpe, resignation
Motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.

4. Claim Docket

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A concerned member of the community addressed the board regarding the removal of the playground equipment at the school. After some discussion Mr. Somers and the board agreed that before removing the equipment Mr. Somers will contact the Town Board and the Town Trustee to see if there is any interest on their part in helping to repair the equipment thus keeping the playground available to the community. This item will be tabled for further discussion giving Mr. Somers time to reach out to others.

A member of the community asked if summer school was going to be offered this summer. Mr. Somers explained that we are having a summer school program for grades 1st-3rd grade. A question was asked about a student from a higher grade who needs additional help this summer. Mr. Somers agreed to make some calls and get back with the parent as soon as possible.

A member of the community asked that when a new music teacher is hired to please make sure that they are willing to continue the drama program that was so successful at Wanatah this year. The board and Superintendent Somers assured her that would be the case.

A member of the community asked Mr. Somers to elaborate on the possibility of a pre-school option being available at LaCrosse. Mr. Somers explained that he has begun the initial investigation for this option and he is hopeful that at the next meeting he will be able to present this to the board. After

some discussion regarding pre-school students with an IEP, Mr. Somers agreed he will contact Paula from LaPorte County Special Education Co-Op for information.

7. Recognition

Ms. DePrey recognized several third grade students for their outstanding efforts on the I-Read exam. These students were each presented with a medal for their hard work!
Mr. Somers would like to recognize Jessica Westerhoff, Erin Sharpe and Rayeann Stamper for their efforts while employed at Tri-Township. He also recognized Ms. DePrey for 37 years of dedicated service to our school.

8. Office re-design at LaCrosse

Mrs. Guse and Mrs. Roslansky presented the board with a plan to re-design the office space at LaCrosse. This plan will provide a better flow for the main office. It will also allow Mr. Owney and Miss Walden to have an office located on the second floor along with the administration office. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the re-design, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

9. Retirement Incentive Resolution

Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the incentive, Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved.

10. Servers and I-Pads

Quotes were requested from four different companies for replacing our servers. Two companies declined to quote. Two companies quoted the job. Of the two quotes all involved agree the quote from XSYS was the best value/equipment ratio. This new equipment should last between 7-10 years. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the quote of \$44,856.90, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

Mr. Somers presented the board with a quote from Apple, Inc. to purchase 40 additional I-Pads for our elementary classrooms. Paul Malecki made a motion at a cost of \$14,960.00, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

11. School Resource Officer

Sherriff Boyd and Officer Mike Kellems from the Laporte County Sherriff's Department presented the board with all of the pertinent information necessary regarding a school resource officer. An explanation of what a school resource officer does was given, along with examples of how other schools in our area utilize their resource officer. After board discussion, along with positive comments from some community members in attendance, Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded the motion, all approved.

12. Project Lead The Way

Project lead the way is a program used in High Ability. Mr. Somers would like to send Mrs. Danford to a four day training seminar in Lafayette so we can begin utilizing this program. There are other ways we can utilize this program in other areas of curriculum that Mr. Somers would like to pursue. A cost estimate for this program is \$10,000 with most of the cost coming from CPF. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve both the program and the seminar, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

13. Vocational Courses

Paul Malecki made a motion for vocational courses approval, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

14. Pre-School at LaCrosse

After discussion with the special education director in LaPorte, and further investigating, Mr. Somers will present more information regarding offering pre-school at LaCrosse School at next month's board meeting.

15. Summer School

Our summer school program will begin June 1st and end on June 10th. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the program, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

16. Driver's Education

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

17. Playground at LaCrosse

Tabled until the next meeting

18. Wanatah Upgrades

- Locker rooms – partitions and benches- tabled until additional quote is received
 - Bathrooms- partitions- tabled until additional quote is received
 - HVAC modular replacement at Wanatah- \$6,475.00
 - Sidewalk maintenance- \$1,750.00
- A motion for HVAC and sidewalk maintenance was made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.

19. Policies

The following policies were presented to the board for approval:

- **Material Variance Policy**
Motion made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.
- **Gang Policy**
Motion made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.
- **Annual Transfer Policy**
Motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Daron Bruder, all approved.
- **Health and Wellness Policy**
Motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

20. Athletic Programs

- **MS Soccer- tabled until Spring**
- **MS Softball**

Mr. Amor and Ms. Walden would like to see a MS softball program started at Wanatah. Westville, Boone Groove and Hebron Schools all have MS softball programs already in place. Mr. Amor would like to see the MS softball season be during the month of August so it does not interfere with volleyball and cross country. This will be discussed with the other conference athletic director's at the next meeting. Joyce Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

21. Principal Reports

- **Ms. DePrey**
Many field trips are being made by our elementary classes. The MS PCC track meet will take place Saturday. Sunday the school will be the site for the Wanatah Lions Club pancake breakfast. Monday there will be a bullying presentation for K-4 in the morning and 5-8 in the afternoon. Tuesday is enrichment day for the elementary students. On Wednesday, May 25th the talent show will take place in the afternoon. May 26th is 8th grade graduation. Friday, May 27th is the farewell open house for Ms. DePrey. Tuesday, May 31st is the last day of school for Wanatah.
- **Mr. Somers**
The Lions Club would like to set up a Frisbee golf course at Lions Park. Mr. Somers is meeting with the Lions to go over the plan.
The School Trust of Indiana will now issue our medical insurance as Tri-Township in the small group division. Our medical insurance actually took a decrease this year. Annual contracts (study island, Plato) will be signed soon. The school messenger contract will also be signed soon. There was a nice article in the Regional News about LaCrosse students who excelled at their individual vocational programs.
Academic awards are on June 1st, athletic awards are on June 2nd, graduation is on June 3rd at 7pm.

22. SA-5 Reports

For information purposes

23. Adjournment

Motion made to adjourn by Paul Malecki, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

Next board meeting June 16th at Wanatah School

Board Meeting Minutes

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6/16/16 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

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2. Approval of Minutes from May 19, 2016 meeting

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the minutes, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

3. Personnel

Dylan Broshar, MS Math

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder, all approved.

4. Claim Docket

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric to approve the claim docket, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A community member inquired about the possibility of a pre-school program being started at Tri-Township Schools. Mr. Somers explained that he is currently in the process of gathering information and working towards a pre-school program in the fall. At the July meeting more information should be available.

7. Recognition

Ms. DePrey would like to recognize Mrs. Clemons and her English academic superbowl team who placed 2nd in the competition at LaPorte High School. Their high score also placed them in the top 10 in the state, ranking 5th place. The team only consisted of two students, Nicole Green and Ashley Vernon.

8. Mini Disc Golf

Don Parker and Lisa Misch, members of the Wanatah Lions Club, presented the board with information regarding the addition of a mini disc golf course at Lions Park. In order to make a full, challenging course, the Lions Club would like permission to expand their course onto school property in an area that would otherwise not be used.

Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the usage, Paul Malecki seconded the motion, all approved.

9. Wanatah Student Handbook

Ms. DePrey and Mrs. Detering presented the board with the 2016/2017 Wanatah Student Handbook for approval. There are additions which were reviewed including the criteria for earning the Herchel D. Eaton and Marilou Menne award and our school gang policy.

After review, Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

10. Book Rental

Tabled until the July meeting

11. Laptops for Wanatah Teachers

Mr. Somers presented the board with information and a quote regarding the purchase of 20 HP ProBook laptop computers for the Wanatah staff. These laptops will replace the current desk top computers being used. The cost per lap to is \$745.00 for a total approximate cost of \$15,000. The current desk tops being used are 7-8 years old.

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

12. Internal Controls

An Internal Controls resolution was presented to the board for approval. The state board of accounts is requiring schools to adopt this resolution. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

13. IT Contract

Mr. Somers presented the board with information regarding the renewal of the contract for our IT director, Connor Scroggins. This contract renewal would include a contract increase in the amount of \$2,500.00 for a total contract amount of \$37,500. As a corporation, we have reduced our costs on MacBook repairs greatly as Connor has been doing these repairs himself instead of sending out to Apple. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

14. Benches for Wanatah Locker Rooms

The boys and girls locker room benches need to be replaced. A quote was presented for replacement in the amount of \$6,336.00. Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

15. Lunch Prices

The state is requiring a lunch price increase for our school corporation. Our new prices will be \$2.15 at Wanatah and \$2.25 at LaCrosse. This is a 5 cent increase in each building. Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

16. Principal Reports

- **Ms. DePrey~**

Ms. DePrey and Mrs. Detering have been working together for the past few weeks so the transition will be easier for students and staff at Wanatah. Ms. DePrey is very certain that she will do an excellent job for our school! She would like to thank the committee who hired Mrs. Detering.

- **Mr. Somers~**

The playground equipment at LaCrosse has been looked at. There is a possibility that if new hardware is purchased the equipment could continue to be used. Mr. Somers would still like to see the piece of equipment with all of the slides attached dismantled and removed. It is plastic and deteriorated. By July he should have a quote for revitalizing the playground equipment.

Our school received a robotics grant which will help off-set some of the project lead the way costs.

Our school received the safe school grant which we applied for to help pay for our SRO.

17. May SA-5 Report

For information purposes

18. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

Next Board Meeting July 21st, 2016 at LaCrosse School

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

7/21/16 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of minutes from June 16, 2016 meeting

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

3. Personnel

- Adam Miller, Ag and Biology
- Greg Blakeman, Music
- Kristina Rasala, 1st grade
- Devan Rushing, Art
- Joanie Rosenbaum, bus driver, resignation
- Greg Mohlke, Student Council
- Isebel Martinez, 1st grade resignation
- Posting for secretary at LaCrosse

Travis Younggreen made a motion to approve the above mentioned personnel changes, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

4. Claim Docket

Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the claim docket, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Book Rental

The board was presented with the breakdown of book rental by grade level.

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

7. Public Comments

A community member inquired about registration information being on the website. Mr. Somers indicated he thought it would be happy to double check that it in fact was posted there.

8. Adjournment

Daron Bruder made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

Next Board Meeting Wednesday, August 10th at Wanatah School



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

8/10/2016 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of minutes from July 21st, 2016 meeting

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

3. Personnel

- **Katie McClain, 1st grade**
- **Kristina Rasala, resignation**
- **Connie Lippelt, resignation**
- **Mitch Siemens, Girls Volunteer Golf Coach**
- **Lisa Denger, 2/3rds position (4 periods per day instead of 3)**
- **Bethany Heavilin, Bus driver, Cheer Coach resignation**
- **Carrie Mann, Secretary at Wanatah**
- **Michelle Peretti, Teacher's Aide**
- **Jamie Shell, Teacher's Aide**

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the above mentioned personnel changes, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

4. Claim Docket

Daron Bruder made a motion for claim docket approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

Information

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

7. Recognition

Mr. Somers would like to recognize the new Principals for a job well done preparing for the start of the new school year. Registration at both schools went well. The office staff and nurses worked well together to get all students registered properly.

8. Evaluation Plan

The board was presented with an executive summary of the teacher evaluation plan which will be used here at Tri-Township. This is the same plan that has been used for the past three years.

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

9. LaCrosse Student Handbook

Mr. Owney highlighted student handbook revisions for the board which included a change in the academic requirement section clarifying student GPA requirements, varsity letter requirements, a violation revision, a newly created social media policy and the addition of the athletic committee.

All parents and students will be required to sign off signifying the handbook has been received.

A motion was made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

10. Kitchen Window Coverings

An estimate was obtained from Doelling's Window Coverings for the windows in the LaCrosse cafeteria. Budget Blinds will also be completing an estimate.

A motion was made by Daron Bruder to approve the coverings at a cost not to exceed the Doelling's estimate (\$2,622.85). Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved.

11. Tiger Logos

Mr. Owney presented the board with three different options of possible mascot logos for the Tigers. This mascot would be for not only athletics but for letterhead, our Twitter account etc. Mr. Somers explained that both he and Mr. Owney would like to gather information and allow our students, parents and staff to vote for a favorite. The goal would be that corporation wide we would be utilizing the same Tiger logo. This item will be revisited later once more discussion/design has taken place. This was presented for information purposes at this time.

12. Budget Submission Timeline

The board was presented with publication, hearing and adoption dates which require board approval. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

13. Update on Summer Projects

The server changes are still being tweaked but for the most part the transition has gone well.

The HVAC in the modular has been received and will be installed soon.

A meeting with Ivy Tech is scheduled for tomorrow for the professor on loan program. Our students will have a professor on site at LaCrosse teaching classes.

All I-Pads and Chrome Books are ready for distribution. All faculty lap tops are ready for distribution.

The new locker room benches at Wanatah have been installed.

Partitions for the Wanatah locker rooms are on order and estimates to replace the padding on the gym walls at Wanatah are being obtained.

The grass by the front of the building at Wanatah is planted and beginning to grow.

The new cameras at LaCrosse have been installed and have amazing clarity and ease of use.

The Project lead the way training for Dawn Danford went very well. She is very excited to begin this program!

Although all summer projects are not complete, we are very close.

We are ready to start school!

14. Principal Reports

Mrs. Detering~ A Project Lead the Way schedule has been made and every student in grades 1 thru 5 will have this as a special once per week.

Registration at Wanatah went very well. Several stations were set up where parents could see many of the new spaces in our building.

August 24th Wanatah is planning a back to school night.

Ted Weiss will present a positive leadership message to our students on August 29th.

Mr. Owney~ Registration at LaCrosse went very well. The building and staff are ready for the first day of school. LaCrosse will be having a picnic style lunch to welcome everyone back on the first day. The interview process for a secretary at LaCrosse High School has been completed. A total of six people were interviewed. Mr. Owney recommends Sherry Younggreen be approved for this position.

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

Mr. Somers mentioned that school picture day is September 2nd at LaCrosse and September 13th at Wanatah.

15. June and July SA-5 Report

Paul Malecki made a motion for SA-5 approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

16. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

9/15/16 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of minutes from August 10, 2016 meeting

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

3. Personnel

- Jacob Allen, Special Ed Bus Aide
- Doug Freyenberger, Bus Driver
- Barry Evans, Bus Driver
- Katherine Dowdy, Cheerleading Coach
- Dani Erickson, 7/8th Cheer and Dance Coach
- Amber Bos, Aide
- Christine White, Kitchen
- Melissa DAloisio, Kitchen
- Michelle Peretti, Aide Resignation
- Carrie Miller, Title I Resignation

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the above mentioned personnel changes, Daron Bruder seconded, all in favor.

4. Claim Docket

Travis Younggreen made a motion for claim docket approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all in favor.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A citizen questioned why the date of the October board meeting date was changed. Mr. Somers explained the change was made due to the school fall break.

A citizen also pointed out a typing error on the agenda on items 13 and 14. It is 2017 CPF plan and 2017 Bus Replacement Plan, not 2015.

A concerned citizen questioned why our school attorney is not at every meeting. Mr. Somers explained that the cost to have our school attorney at each meeting could be upwards of

\$200.00 per meeting. The board feels that this is an unnecessary expense on a regular basis. If the board, or Mr. Somers feel the need to have our school attorney present it will be requested. A concerned citizen asked questions regarding the 2017 budget and the figures listed. Mr. Somers explained that the budget is typically over estimated to insure that the money is available if needed for any projects that may arise.

7. Recognition

Principal Detering recognized her middle school staff for working together, along with parents, to begin the Saturday homework help program. This program is available for students who may need extra time with teachers to assist them in certain areas. The first Saturday was a success with two teachers and eight students participating.

A "Change Drive", sponsored by the Wanatah PTO, is in full force to help with donations for the Kokomo tornado and Louisiana flood victims. Each class has their own piggy bank that students are encouraged to bring change to fill. So far the PTO has earned over \$500 to donate. The winning classes will receive an ice cream party.

Principal Owney recognized both Natalie Vernon and Autumn Scarborough for their efforts in girl's golf. The girl's will compete in golf sectionals on Friday at 8am.

The following students attended a program at Merrillville High School which the IHSAA sponsored regarding the Champions Together Program. This program is a student led program that partners with the Special Olympics. Attendees to the program included Dana Wherret, Hope Klemz, Justene Charlesworth, Erin OConnor, Ali McCormick and Natalie Vernon.

Our LaCrosse Cross Country teams have done very well recently including the girl's team winning the 421 Invite Run.

Our new art teacher, Devan Rushing, has set up a professor from the American Academy of Art to visit her classes to talk about real world experiences and opportunities in the world of art.

Our new science and AG teacher, Adam Miller, had a regional representative from the FFA, visit his classes as well.

8. Picnic Table Donation

Katie Wright would like permission from the board to put a picnic table outside her classroom in order to take small groups of students outside at a time to do lessons. She has been talking with Chris Bloom for assistance with building the picnic table. Chris is working towards becoming an Eagle Scout and this project would help him to complete the process. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded, all approved.

9. LaPorte County Radio System Upgrade

Jeff W. from the County Radio System explained to the board that LaPorte County is going to a new radio system for all public safety. Police, fire and EMS are included in this system upgrade. This upgrade will include a public safety radio being placed in all schools in LaPorte County. This is a mobile radio with a big orange button on it that can be used in an emergency situation such as an active shooter in the building. This button locks communication between the radio and dispatch. The dispatch center will then hear what is happening in the building and will dispatch

as necessary. There is no cost to the school for the radio, the antenna and 60 ft. of cable. The county is asking if the necessary cable needed is more than 60 ft. that the schools pay the minimal cost for it. There is a potential that this radio will also do weather alerts to schools. Daron Bruder made the motion to approve, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all in favor.

10. Public Hearing- 2017 Budget

A public hearing was opened for the purpose of discussing the 2017 budget. There were no questions or comments from the public or the board regarding the budget therefore the hearing was closed.

11. Public Hearing- 2017 CPF Plan

A public hearing was opened for the purpose of discussing the 2017 CPF plan. There were no questions or comments from the public or the board regarding the CPF plan therefore the hearing was closed.

12. Public Hearing- 2017 Bus Replacement Plan

A public hearing was opened for the purpose of discussing the 2017 bus replacement plan. There were no questions or comments from the public or the board regarding the bus replacement plan therefore the hearing was closed.

13. 2017 CPF Plan Approval

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the 2017 CPF Plan, Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all in favor.

14. 2017 Bus Replacement Plan Approval

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the 2017 Bus Replacement Plan, Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all in favor.

15. Resolution to Reduce Line 2

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved.

16. School Improvement Plans

The board was presented with the School Improvement Plans for both Wanatah and LaCrosse. After both Principal Detering and Principal Owney highlighted their plans the board was able to review the plans. Travis Younggreen made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all in favor.

17. Nanoline Contest

Mrs. Danford presented the board with information regarding Project Lead the Way and the Nanoline Contest. Students have been overwhelmingly encouraging over the PLTW curriculum. They have grasped hold of the new curriculum and are running with it.

The Nanoline Contest is an automation contest that is not limited to robotics. The only possible cost for the contest is a trip to Purdue University. This contest is open to middle school and high school students and would require the creation of teams to building the projects. Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

18. Pre-School Update

Superintendent Somers gave a brief update to the board regarding the pre-school program. Details for this program are being made which is including input from Reverend Zipay. A motion was made by Travis Younggreen, seconded by Daron Bruder, all in favor.

19. Attorney Services

Monica Conrad our school attorney has moved firms. She is now affiliated with Lewis Kappas. The rates will remain the same. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Daron Bruder seconded the motion, all approved.

20. Wanatah HVAC Control System

A letter was received from Performance Services indicating that Java Script will no longer be supported as of December 31st. The problem with that is the HVAC Control System which is used at Wanatah which is approximately 1 ½ - 2 years old uses Java. Several pricing options were sent by Performance Services for options to correct this situation. Superintendent Somers is researching this and more information will follow.

21. October Board Meeting Date Change

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to change the date of the October board meeting to October 17th due to a scheduling conflict with fall break. A second was made by Daron Bruder, all in favor.

22. Midwest Paper Recycling Program

Superintendent Somers presented the board with information from Midwest Paper Recycling. This program will allow both of our buildings to recycle paper with the possibility of earning money for our school. The community can also be involved in this program. Our new bin will accept all paper products including phone books, newspapers and magazines. This program is entirely free to the school. Travis Younggreen made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded the motion. All approved.

23. Principal Reports

- Mrs. Detering
Boys and girls cross country teams are all improving each meet.
The boys baseball team is now 3 – 3 which is an excellent record for our M.S. baseball team.
The board presented the board with a month by month calendar highlighting events that are taking place at Wanatah. A staff calendar was also given to the board.

September 26th begins College Go Week.

October will bring fire prevention week along with several field trips in various grade levels.

October 13th is the M.S. fall concert.

This has been a great start to the school year. The teachers have done an excellent job having a smooth start to the school year.

- Mr. Owney

New blinds have been installed in the cafeteria at LC.

College Go Week will begin on September 26th with Spirit Week to follow. Ms. Walden is taking the lead on our College Go Week activities.

We now have 15 followers on Twitter and our Facebook page is really taking off!

Our honor society is now titled: Tri-Township Honor Society.

Baseline concussion testing will take place here at LaCrosse on September 26th and at Wanatah on October 11th. The fee is \$5.00 per student however; our athletic department will cover the cost for the testing. This will help in the event that a concussion occurs to help access the severity.

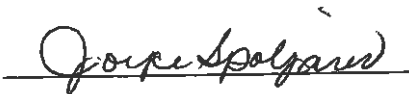
Mr. Somers wanted to give a quick update on our SRO status ~ Sherriff Boyd has indicated that they are low on manpower currently and are hoping to have options for us soon. The grant money we received can also be used for cameras which will be an option if needed.

We are currently working on a Lowes grant for \$5,000 to be used for a sign on 421 by our Wanatah building. This would be a two sided LED sign with our logo.

24. July & August SA-5 Report

25. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion for adjournment, Travis Younggreen seconded, all in favor.



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

10/17/2016 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of minutes from September 15th, 2016 meeting

Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.

3. Personnel

- Travis Zippel, 7/8th grade boys basketball coach
- Brian Wozniak, 7/8th grade boys basketball assistant
- Jeff Newburn, 7/8th grade boys basketball assistant
- Will Pryor, 6th grade boys basketball coach
- Heather Ligda, 5th grade boys basketball coach
- Rebekah Meyers, Title I teacher
- Amanda Cox, 5/6th grade cheer
- Danielle Erickson, 7/8th grade cheer
- Lisa Misch, teacher's aide
- Amber Bos, teacher's aide
- Doug Freyenberger, sub bus driver
- Barry Evans, sub bus driver
- Katherine Dowdy, HS cheer
- Sherry Younggreen, HS dance

4. Claim Docket

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the claim docket, Daron Bruder seconded, all in favor.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Public Comments of Agenda Items

A concerned community member would like Principal Owney and Superintendent Somers to address the high school students about driving safely when departing school at the end of the day. There are many younger students walking home from school at dismissal time so high school students need to be extra cautious when leaving school.

Superintendent Somers had received a phone call from one of the concerned community members prior to the meeting about this subject. The following steps have been taken to insure the safety of the younger students.

A crossing guard has been placed on Route 8 at the end of the school day. In addition to the crossing guard students are no longer allowed to exit school grounds via Oneida Street. All students driving to school must depart via Route 8 which will decrease the traffic closest to the school tremendously. All high school students have been given a verbal warning regarding the situation and told that driving privileges to school may be revoked if rules are not followed.

7. Recognition

Principal Detering would like to recognize Laura Roth, for accepting several new responsibilities within our school corporation. Laura is now heading up the dismissal procedure which takes place at the end of each school day. She will also be chairing the Building Base Team Committee this year. She is also working with our level 1 English language student and doing a great job of it!

She would also like to recognize the LaCrosse Fire Department who visited the school for fire prevention week. Students received lots of goodies from the department and even got the chance to see a fire truck up close. Mrs.

Detering would also like to thank her staff for joining her in the Scarecrow Parade.

Principal Owney would like to recognize Dana Wherrett, Justene Charlesworth and Jerry Danford for qualifying for Cross Country Regionals. Justene Charlesworth has also qualified for Semi-State and will run at New Prairie.

Girls' volleyball sectionals will take place on Tuesday at O.D. at 6pm. Our fall seasons are winding down and basketball practices will begin.

8. 2017 Budget

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the 2017 budget, Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved.

9. Possible Projects

- Buying Back Unused Days – tabled
- Bus Cameras- Superintendent Somers presented the board with a quote from Vermillion for bus cameras in the amount of \$24,000. Also presented was a quote from Pro-Vision in the amount of \$15,000. Superintendent Somers explained to the board that these cameras can be partially paid for with Safe School Grant funds. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the purchase, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.
- School Cameras at LaCrosse- An estimate from Vermillion was presented to the board for interior cameras at LaCrosse. The board asked Superintendent Somers to obtain a quote from Pro-Vision for the interior cameras as well which he agreed to. A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the purchase of the cameras pending a quote by Pro-Vision, seconded by Daron Bruder, all in favor.
- Tables- Several tables which are used at Wanatah School for large group functions are very old and unsafe. The board was presented with an estimate for replacing 20 tables. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.
- Harmony 3 and Cafeteria Plan – tabled
- Frontier Contract- Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the new contract with Frontier, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.
- Playground Equipment- Superintendent Somers discussed with the board the possibility of purchasing new playground equipment. He will be attending the PTO meeting for further discussion and possible contributions. A committee will be formed at both schools which will develop a recommendation for the board to better our playgrounds.
- Pre-School- Tentative start date for pre-school will be 11/14/16. Superintendent Somers is working closely with our lead teacher to develop this program.
- Solar Power- Superintendent Somers is looking into grants which may be available to school corporations. More details will follow.
- Tri-Township Sign- Dara Guse presented the board with an information packet outlining details for a LED sign which will be

installed along 421 by Wanatah School. This packet included estimates, along with details for the signage. Mrs. Guse has obtained several donations from community organizations towards this sign. She also has plans to visit many more. A motion was made by Daron Bruder for approval of the sign, Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved

10. Principal Reports

Mrs. Detering- The new "On a Roll" program, developed by the student recognition committee, was explained to the board. This program recognizes and rewards students right away for many reasons such as good behavior, accomplishments, good citizenship, improvements or overcoming a struggle. When a student's name is given to Mrs. Detering indicating that they are "on a roll" a visit is made to the student's classroom by Mrs. Detering via her electric scooter. There is a quick 30 second celebration followed by the student being able to select from her basket which contains treats that are all "roll" related such as rolos, fruit roll ups and cinnamon rolls. This has quickly become a morning tradition for students and staff who are anxious to see where she will roll to next!

The student of the month awards will continue this year where the students will attend a theme party. One student per grade level will be selected. This month 9 students attended a mustache party with Mrs. Detering to recognize the students for their hard work.

During the last home volleyball game the 8th grade participants were recognized during the game with flowers which were donated by parents. Wednesday will be the elementary school "Read A Thon" where students will be reading, doing activities and learning about authors.

The technology and E-learning committee are busy working on the possibility of bringing E-learning to Wanatah School.

On 10/28 several professional athletes will visit Wanatah School encouraging students to display positive behavior. They will also offer an anti-bullying message. Afterwards will be a pie in the face event that students and staff will enjoy.

November 11th will be the traditional Veteran's Day Program at Wanatah School.

Mr. Owey- Baseline concussion testing took place for athletes. This test will give a baseline for students in case a concussion occurs. It will help with diagnosing the concussion and follow up testing to see if a student is ready to

resume normal activities. The athletic department generously paid for the testing for all students who participated.

The LaPorte Leadership Council came on 10/6 for a tour and lunch at our school. Justin Keil gave a presentation to the group.

Also on 10/6 a teacher who is studying for her administrative license, shadowed Principal Owney. She commented several times about how well behaved our students are and how fortunate we are to have small class sizes. Sophomores will be visiting AK Smith on 10/25. A school wide field trip will be offered to our high school students to either Notre Dame or Urshel Lab on 11/4/2016.

Mr. Owney presented the board with a proposal for a new school website that he would like to launch. Mr. Somers and Mr. Owney both agree that our website needs updating and we would like to have more of a social media presence. After discussion the board agreed to move ahead with the new website contingent on the fact that a refund is received from our current carrier. Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.


11. September SA-5 Report

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the report, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

12. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, Daron Bruder seconded, all in favor.

Next Board Meeting November 17th, 2016 at LaCrosse



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

11/17/2016 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of minutes from October 17th, 2016 meeting

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

3. Personnel – none

4. Claim Docket

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the claim docket, Daron Bruder seconded, all in favor.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes only

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A concerned community member suggested that Tri-Township school buses all need the strobe light in the on position at all times when the bus is in motion. Superintendent Somers agreed and will discuss this with all drivers.

The same community member wanted it to be known that she does not agree with the sick day buy back which is on the agenda. Superintendent Somers explained that this item will be discussed during this meeting where he will explain that the sick day buy back would actually save the corporation money. This item is for information only at tonight's meeting.

A concerned community member asked for more information regarding the school messenger web page which is on the agenda for tonight's meeting. Superintendent Somers explained that School Messenger would be the program used for the web page. This would allow for better ease of use for students, parents and staff. It is also a much

more user friendly program when updates are done on the web page. A concerned community member asked if a refund was able to be obtained in regards to the prior web page provider. Superintendent Somers stated that it was not able to be obtained.

7. Recognition

- 7/8 Spell Bowl Team

Mrs. Detering introduced the spell bowl team who received FIRST PLACE in the spell bowl competition!

- Mrs. Detering would also like to recognize Mrs. Susdorf and Ms. Fuller for being such great sports when receiving a pie in the face!
- Mrs. Clemons was also recognized for beginning the tradition of a fall sports banquet at Wanatah. Fall athletes were recognized at the banquet for all of their hard work and dedication to their sport.
- Mrs. Detering recognized Mr. Erwin for his generous donation of pumpkins and gourds to decorate our school.
- Subway will be donating cookies for the student of the month luncheon. Thank you Subway!
- The e-learning committee has been hard at work developing a plan for e-learning capabilities to be brought to both the elementary and middle school building. Details to come!
- A big thank you to the Wanatah Lions Club for partnering with our 7th grade class for a successful haunted house. The class raised over \$800.00!
- On November 11th the entire district came together for a wonderful Veteran's Day Program. Kudos to all involved.
- Mr. Owney would like to recognize Sherry Younggreen, Dara Guse and Judy Roslansky for all of their work getting the pre-K program ready to go! Ms. Rushing has also agreed to work her magic to make our pre-K room a colorful place to be!
- Mr. Owney wanted to recognize both Mrs. Detering and her Wanatah staff for a job well done with the Veteran's Day Program.

8. Senior Trip

Several members of the Class of 2017 presented the board with their plan for the senior trip this year. The class would like to go to Rawhide Ranch in Nashville, Indiana. After the presentation Joyce Spoljaric made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all approved.

9. Board Meetings for 2017

The board was presented with a calendar showing dates for the 2017 board meetings. Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

10. HVAC Control System Upgrade

Superintendent Somers has spoken with the board in a prior meeting about the fact that our HVAC system control will no longer be supported (Java). Performance Services, the company who installed the control system, has suggested a patch which will correct this software issue. The board is approving the patch, not to exceed the quote from Performance Services, with the stipulation that Superintendent Somers reach out to other firms for pricing.

Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Paul Malecki seconded, all in favor.

11. ISBA Membership

Superintendent Somers recommended the renewal of the ISBA Membership. Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the membership renewal, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.

12. Lilly Endowment Comprehensive Counseling Grant

Superintendent Somers would like approval to apply for the "planning" portion of this grant. Superintendent Somers, along with Mrs. Detering, Mr. Owney, Ms. Walden and Mrs. Roth have all been working together to put together ideas for the planning grant. He has also reached out to a professor at V.U. for assistance in applying for this grant. Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.

13. School Messenger Web Page

At the last school board meeting the discussion took place regarding upgrading our school website provider to School Messenger. Superintendent Somers feels as if our current web page provider, One Technology, is not user friendly and has not proven to have the ease that he would like to see when updating the web page. Our hope would be to launch the new web page during Christmas break. Although a refund was not

given from One Technology, as the board had hoped, Superintendent Somers feels as if this change needs to take place. Daron Bruder made a motion for approval, Travis Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

14. Harmony/ Lunch Program Upgrade

Superintendent Somers presented the board with information regarding upgrading our student data base system Harmony to Harmony 3. With the upgrade, Harmony 3 will then be web based. Harmony 3 is more user friendly for our parents. The fee per student for the upgrade will be \$3.00. Harmony has a lunch program available also which Superintendent Somers would like to add on. This will allow both Wanatah and LaCrosse to utilize the program for tracking lunch purchases and for state reporting. It will also allow parents to check balances both in lunch accounts and text book rental. Parents will also be able to make payments for both online. We will then be able to eliminate the credit card machine currently being used at Wanatah. The fee to add on the lunch program will be \$4,000.00 which will be paid from the lunch fund. Paul Malecki made a motion, seconded by Travis Younggreen, all approved.

15. Sick Day Buy Back

Superintendent Somers presented the board with information regarding the possibility of a sick day buy-back program for non-certified staff members. The program would overall save the school money since the buy-back would be at a rate of \$50.00 per day. The hope for the corporation would be that days would not be taken at the end of the year if someone is in a "use it or lose it" situation which would save on substitutes. This is for information and discussion purposes only.

16. Ivy Tech

The board was presented with information regarding the possibility of our school participating in an Advanced Automation & Robotics Program through Ivy Tech. This was for information purposes.

17. Cafeteria Remodel and Delivery Methods

Superintendent Somers discussed with the board the possibility of an expansion in the kitchen and cafeteria area at Wanatah. The expansion could include more serving lines, better storage and a bigger seating area. This was for information purposes only and Mr. Somers is compiling additional information for this item.

18. Solar Power

On Thursday Superintendent Somers attended a meeting regarding Solar Energy being used at schools which was presented by EMCOR Construction Services and PSG Energy Group. This was an informative meeting outlining how schools can curtail their spending on electricity in the midst of rising energy costs. Superintendent Somers will be investigating this option further and more details will be available at a later time.

19. Principals Reports

- Mrs. Detering
Parent/Teacher conferences at Wanatah went well with great participation from our parents.
A handout was given to the board members outlining upcoming events at Wanatah.
- Mr. Owney
Friday 11/18 is Tiger Team Up Day at LaCrosse.
Homecoming is 11/28-12/3 – our dance will be on 12/3
The school safety meeting that Mr. Owney attended was very informative including finding out that the state of Indiana is in the for-front of school safety.
Many ideas were exchanged from over 1,000 attendees!

20. October SA-5 Report

For information

21. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.

Next board meeting December 15th, 2016 at Wanatah School

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

12/15/16 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of minutes from November 17th, 2016 meeting

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the minutes, Daron Bruder seconded, all in favor.

3. Personnel

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the following personnel changes, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.

- Jeff Yergler and Amy Welkie, 8th grade girls BB
- Brian Wozniak, 7th grade girls BB
- Heather Ligda, 5th grade girls BB
- Rachel Ewart, 6th grade girls BB
- Sara Gorski, 5/6th grade girls BB assistant
- Vicky Wade, retirement
- Cheryl Williams, library aide
- Carolyn Marks, library aide

4. Claim Docket

Daron Bruder made a motion to approve the claim docket, Paul Malecki seconded, all in favor.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A concerned community member asked when the results of the school survey would be released. Mr. Guse, board president, explained that the board is hoping to meet before the end of the year to review the survey results.

A concerned community member questioned the board regarding the article in the paper last week about closing LaCrosse School. He feels as if closing the school will have a negative impact on LaCrosse and is unnecessary. Board president, Mr. Guse, explained that he himself was surprised about the article. There is no hidden agenda that the board has in mind. Simply put the board is trying to be pro-active in determining whether it is cost efficient to continue updates and repairs on the LaCrosse building or would a move be more cost efficient. The Performance Services report was done for guidance purposes only. The board was trying to obtain information so they can determine the best plan going forward for our corporation. Board member Mr. Bruder reiterated Mr. Guse's statements and added these items are in discussion stages only. Mr. Guse also pointed out that the cafeteria discussion took place at the last board meeting due to over-crowding that has occurred as of recent years during serving times. The community member expressed appreciation for the board's explanation. It was expressed by the board that any community member is welcome to contact board members if at any time they have questions or concerns.

7. Recognition

Mrs. Detering would like to recognize the new coaches who stepped up and took on a coaching position that was new to them this school year. Many of these coaches will be coming back to help coach during our girls seasons.

Also being recognized is Mr. Blakeman for a job well done preparing and conducting our junior high and high school Christmas concert. Two Christmas concerts will be performed by our elementary students which will take place on 12/19 and 12/20. Mr. Owney would like to recognize Wes Brust for being selected as a member of the 6th Annual Elite North vs South basketball team.

Also, Mr. Amor has been elected to serve on the IHSAA Board of Directors.

8. Wanatah Library Appointment

A motion was made to appoint JoAnna Clindaniel to the Wanatah library board by Paul Malecki, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

9. Principals Reports

- **Mrs. Detering~**

Scheduling conflicts have caused a reschedule for the visit from the author of the book "The Dog and the Jet Ski". Plans are for him to visit our school on Monday 12/19.

- **Mr. Owney~**

Homecoming at LaCrosse went well. The students elected to our homecoming court were Justene Charlesworth and Logan Pancek as prince and princess. Jason Danford and Lacey Gordon were king and queen. We had a packed house in the Tiger Den.

Finals will take place 12/19, 12/20 and 12/21. The semester will be finishing up before Christmas break.

10. November SA-5 Report

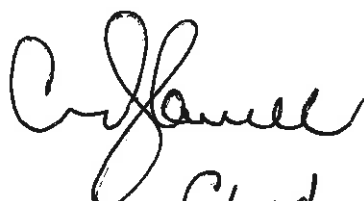
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11. Adjournment

The board showed their appreciation to Paul Malecki, Joyce Spoljaric and Vicky Wade for their years of service to our school corporation.

Paul Malecki made his final motion to adjourn, Joyce Spoljaric seconded for the final time, all in favor!

Next Board Meeting: January 12th, 2017 at LaCrosse School


Chad Howell