

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri Township Consolidated School Corporation

1/16/14 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting

Tim Guse opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes from December 9th meeting - motion made by Paul Malecki to approve minutes, second made by Joyce Spoljaric- motion approved.

3. Design Build Delivery

A motion was made by Dick Bucher to go with the Design Build Delivery option and was seconded by Paul Malecki- motion approved.

4. Design Criteria Developer

A motion was made to accept Dan Rawlings as the Design Criteria Developer for upcoming projects. A motion was made to accept the contract from Dan on the condition that Monica reviews the contract to make sure it is acceptable. Paul Malecki made the motion and Bob Younggreen seconded- motion approved.

5. Technical Review Committee

Resolution 1-2014 was read which adopts the Design Build Method, appoints the technical review committee including Dan who is the architect, Dick who is a licensed contractor and Scot who has firsthand knowledge of the building. It also gives Tim Somers approval to publish for the Design Build Delivery option.

The following persons are assigned to the technical review committee:

Daniel Rawlings, Dick Bucher and Scot Spoljaric I.

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the Technical Review Committee with Bob Younggreen seconding- motion approved.

6. School District Common Wage Committee Members

Tabled until next month

7. Request Appointment of County Common Wage Committee Member

This request gives Tim Somers authorization to request an appointment of County Common Wage Committee Member.

Motion made by Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric seconded- motion approved.

8. Site Survey Proposal

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to give Tim Somers permission to approve a site survey. This motion was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric- motion approved.

9. Preliminary Geotechnical Investigation Proposal

The above motion will cover both of these items.

10. 1028 Hearing

The President presided over the meeting and representatives of the project team presented information concerning the potential financing of the construction and equipping of up to \$2,000,000 of (i) improvements to the HVAC and lightning systems at the Wanatah School; (ii) main office and entrance security improvements at the Wanatah School; (iii) a new track at the Wanatah School; (iv) additional classrooms at Wanatah School; and (v) other miscellaneous improvements and renovations at the LaCrosse School and the Wanatah School (the "Projects") by the School Corporation.

Mrs. Monica Conrad, Board Attorney, explained the process and rules for the public hearings. Mrs. Conrad stated that notice of the 1028 for the Projects was published. The proofs of publication were presented to the meeting and upon motion duly made, seconded and carried, were ratified and placed in the record of this Board.

The President opened the meeting for public comment on the proposed Projects. The Superintendent explained the scope of the Projects, the financial and tax impact of the Projects were explained by Mr. Thomas Peterson with information provided by Mr. Rod Wilson of City Securities Corporation and the process to approve the financing was explained by Mr. Thomas Peterson of TWPeterson Law Office, bond counsel. Also available were representatives of InterDesign, architects. An opportunity was given for the public to comment and ask questions.

Tim Guse opened the 1028 hearing for public discussion. A member of the public asked if the track was still being considered in this project. Tim Guse responded that the track is still an option that is being looked at. The same member of the public is also concerned about how this construction is going to take place on such a small piece of ground. The board responded by stating that all building will be done to the South and the West of the building. After all were given an opportunity to speak, the public hearings were closed.

A motion was made by Bob Younggreen to close the 1028 hearing. The motion was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric- motion approved.

A motion was made to approve three resolutions- these resolutions were handed out to the people present at the meeting-

a) 1028 Resolution - various potential projects, limit of bond issue to \$2,000,000 which is an uncontrolled project and showing annual cost estimates for repayment.

b) Reimbursement Resolution

c) Form of Lease Agreements

The final hearing for this project will take place at the March 20, 2014 meeting.

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to approve the resolutions with Joyce Spoljaric seconding- motion approved.

11. Ratification of Engagement of City Securities Corporation

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to ratify the engagement of City Securities Corporation- motion was seconded by Joyce Spoljaric- motion approved.

12. Personnel

Lynette Mroz, Teacher's Aide

Cheryl Williams, Teacher's Aide

Brandon Gorski, Volunteer 5/6 Boys BB asst. coach

Brian Wozniak, Volunteer 5/6 Girls BB asst. coach

Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the above personnel with Paul Malecki seconding the motion- motion approved.

13. Claim Docket

The claim docket was reviewed by the board. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the claim docket and Paul Malecki seconded the motion- motion approved.

14. Balance Sheet and Financial Update

For information purposes only

15. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A member of the community commented that he is really concerned about how the potential inventory tax change might affect the school. Mr. Somers responded that he received an estimate as to how that would affect our school corporation and it would be minimal. Many school corporations would be greatly affected this but our school corporation would be minimal.

16. Recognition

Ms. Deprey would like to recognize the school social committee in throwing a great Christmas party for our staff.

She would also like to thank her staff for the basket of goodies for Christmas.

In addition she wants to thank Mr. Somers and his wife for the homemade luncheon they brought for both Wanatah and LaCrosse staff.

Mr. Somers recognized Judy Roslansky and Dara Guse for their efforts in our school audit.

17. A-F Grades

Wanatah School is an A rated school. Their total score was a 4.5 out of 5. LaCrosse's grade is still under review. Mr. Somers is discussing this issue with the DOE who are reviewing the small schools in Indiana for re-calculation.

18. Review of Compensation

The board received salary schedules for school positions-

This included bus drivers, teacher's aides, kitchen staff and custodial staff. There was also a list of unique one position employees. Mr. Somers would like to have these schedules approved each January to be in compliant with the auditor's requests.

A motion was made by Paul Malecki with a second made by Bob Younggreen- motion approved.

19. Health and Wellness Policy

For informational purposes

20. LaCrosse Library Appointments

A motion was made by Paul Malecki with a second made by Bob Younggreen to approve the following library appointments for LaCrosse library.

Gwen Bucher

Peggy Stalbrink

21. Principals' Reports

Ms. Deprey brought a picture of the igloo that Vicky Wade made in the library for a ready igloo.

Wanatah is hosting the county spelling bee next year. A date will need to be decided on in February 2015 that the spelling bee could be held.

Many activities are going on at Wanatah throughout the month.

Mr. Somers is applying for a grant that is a matching grant which has to do with security.

He is looking into upgrading cameras at both schools.

A conversation was had with the board about vocational programs offered in our area. Mr.

Somers is looking into other programs available in our area for our students to participate in vocational and possibly earn college credit.

Ivy Tech in Valparaiso is being investigated as a potential option for this program.

22. SA-5 Reports

For informational purposes

23. Adjournment

A motion was made by Paul Malecki to adjourn the meeting seconded by Bob Younggreen-
motion approved.

Next Board meeting February 20th, 2013 at Wanatah School

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joyce Spoljaric", is written over a horizontal line.

Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
2/27/14 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Tim Guse opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Minutes from the January 16, 2014 Meeting

Motion made by Bob Younggreen to approve minutes with a second made by Paul Malecki- motion approved.

3. Personnel

- JoAnn Brown, kitchen hire
- Denise Adkins, kitchen resignation
- Nick Miller, 7/8th grade boys volleyball coach
- Keith Bucher, assistant baseball coach
- Scott Goodwin, assistant softball coach
- Bob Klemz, assistant softball coach

A motion was made by Dick Bucher for the above personnel changes to be approved. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion- motion approved.

4. Claim Docket

A motion was made by Dick Bucher to approve the claim docket, seconded by Paul Malecki- motion approved.

5. Balance Sheet

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A community member suggested that our school reach program be utilized to advise parents of when board meetings are scheduled. Mr. Somers agreed to do a text message on school reach on a trial basis.

7. Recognition

Ms. Deprey recognized Colton Howell for winning the art contest at Horizon Bank.
Mr. Somers recognized Tracy Bucher and the junior class for an excellent job at the chili cook off.

8. Senior Trip

The senior class presented their plans for their senior trip. The trip will be to Turkey Run State Park on May 18th and 19th. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the trip with Paul Malecki seconding the motion- motion approved.

9. Wanatah Projects

Mr. Somers advised the request for proposals will go out early next week. He also advised that each board member has information in packet format from Thomas regarding building projects.

10. Investment Resolution

Mr. Somers has requested the board approve the investment resolution per Monica, our school attorney. A motion was made by Dick Bucher and seconded by Bob Younggreen- motion approved.

11. Quarterly Newsletter

Mr. Somers reported to the board that our spring newsletter is currently being worked on. Our goal is to have the newsletter mailed the week before spring break. We are re-evaluating our mailing areas by using the EDD mailing tool provided to us by Foster's Printing. Mr. Somers is asking the board for some flexibility regarding the mailing areas we use. The board suggests the newsletter approved budget for a year be \$9,000.00. This motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric and seconded by Dick Bucher- motion approved.

12. School Calendar for 2014

Mr. Somers presented the board with a school calendar for 2014. A motion was made by Bob Younggreen to approve the calendar and a second was made by Paul Malecki, motion approved.

13. Parking lot at LaCrosse- update

Mr. Somers opened a discussion with the board regarding paving versus gravel for the new parking lot at LaCrosse. Mr. Guse suggested leaving the gravel for now to see how it holds up. The item can be revisited at a later time if need be.

14. Waivered Days and President's Day

Mr. Somers presented the board with the State waiver received for snow days. He requested approval for the waived days and for the President's Day make up. Motion made by Joyce Spoljaric with Paul Malecki seconding, motion approved.

15. Special Education Bus

Mr. Somers reported to the board that Gail Allen's bus (used for special education purposes) has over 235,000 miles on it. The repair costs for the bus have been very high this year. It is being suggested that we keep this bus as a spare and purchase a new small bus with a lift to replace it. This bus would be yellow and have a stop arm. Mr. Somers does not for see any other bus purchases being necessary this year. This bus will only be driven by licensed bus drivers. A motion was made to approve the purchase by Bob Younggreen with Dick Bucher seconding- motion approved.

16. School Safety Grant

Quotes were provided to the board from Vermillion Systems for upgrading our camera system at both LaCrosse and Wanatah. The quote is also for cameras on all of our buses. Lastly, the quote is for GPS systems on all buses. Tim Somers is applying for a grant that would pay 50% of the cost for these items. A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric that Mr. Somers move forward with this grant. Motion was seconded by Dick Bucher, all approved.

17. February ADM

Our February ADM was 361- this was an increase of 10 in the high school- a decrease of one in the middle school. Mr. Somers is very encouraged about the ADM count.

18. School Improvement Plans

Mr. Somers gave the board a copy of the new School Improvement Plan. Mr. Somers touched on the highlights of the plan. A motion was made by Dick Bucher to approve the plan with Paul Malecki seconding- motion approved.

19. Principals' Report

Ms. Deprey reported to the board that she has had two families of potential kindergarten students come for tours of the school.

Ms. Deprey presented her school improvement plan to the board.

Wanatah staff is looking into I-PAD training for staff.

Teacher evaluations are ongoing and will be finished up this week.

Mr. Somers reported that Mr. Amor will be on the committee for sectional alignments next session.

Options for make-up days were discussed by the board and Mr. Somers. A local resident initiated conversation about making up days on Saturdays. The Board held a discussion about having a make-up day on a Saturday. Mr. Somers agreed to send home a survey to parents regarding going to school on Good Friday and a possible Saturday school on March 15th.

Mr. Somers reported that he would like to delay report cards for one week due to the snow days.

Special education agreement discussed, it will be presented to the board for signature soon.

There will also be a vocational education agreement requiring signature.

Mr. Somers also discussed possible vocational possibilities with Ivy Tech.

There is a possibility of a phone system being donated to Wanatah School that could be installed while the construction project is being completed.

20. SA-5

This report was provided for information purposes.

21. Adjournment

A motion was made by Paul Malecki for adjournment with a second made by Bob Younggreen- motion approved.

Next board meeting will be March 20, 2014 at LaCrosse School



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

3/20/2014 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Minutes from February 20th meeting

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

3. Public Hearing on Proposed Lease Agreement and Additional Appropriation

The meeting was turned over to Thomas for lease agreement discussion information. Dick Bucher opened the floor for questions regarding the lease agreement and additional appropriation.

A community member questioned why a lease finance bond is being used instead of a bond issue. Rod Wilson from City Securities answered this question by stating that our tax base percentage required that we use a lease finance bond.

A community member asked the balances of the school corporation funds. Mr. Somers answered approximately 3.5 million. However, Mr. Somers cautioned that these funds are not all available to be used for these types of projects. Monica, our school attorney explained that you need to think of these funds as individual buckets. You cannot take from all buckets to put into another. You also do not want to empty a bucket completely as it puts your corporation at risk, especially with the status of Indiana schools funding.

Dick Bucher closed the floor for questions. A motion was made to accept the lease agreement by Paul Malecki and Joyce Spoljaric seconded, motion approved.

A motion was made by Paul Malecki for the additional appropriation with Joyce Spoljaric seconding, all approved.

4. Resolution to Accept Patrons Petitions, Approving Building Corporation and Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Paul Malecki to accept Patrons Petitions, Approving Building Corporation and Authorizing Execution of Lease Agreement, motion approved.

5. Additional Appropriation Resolution

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric to approve the additional appropriation resolution seconded by Paul Malecki, motion approved.

**EXCERPTS FROM MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
OF TRI TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION**

A meeting of the Board of School Trustees of Tri Township Consolidated School Corporation was held in the LaCrosse School, 11 North Michigan Street, LaCrosse,, Indiana, of Tri Township Consolidated School Corporation (the "School Corporation"), on March 20, 2014, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (Local Time), pursuant to notice duly given in accordance with the rules of the Board.

The meeting was called to order by the President of the Board of School Trustees.

On call of the roll, the members of the Board of School Trustees were shown to be present or absent as follows:

Present: Dick Bucher, Joyce Spoljaric, Bob Younggreen, Paul Malecki

Absent: Timothy Guse

(among other proceedings had and actions taken were the following:)

The President presided over the meeting and presented information concerning the potential financing of (i) improvements to the HVAC and lighting systems at the Wanatah School; (ii) main office and entrance security improvements at the Wanatah School; (iii) a new

track at the Wanatah School; (iv) additional classrooms at Wanatah School; and (v) other miscellaneous improvements and renovations at the LaCrosse School and the Wanatah School (individually, a "Project", collectively the "Projects") by the School Corporation.

The President stated that notices of the hearing on the proposed Lease Agreement to finance the Project and the additional appropriation were published. The proofs of publication were presented to the meeting.

The President opened the meeting for public comment on the proposed Projects, the proposed Lease Agreement and the additional appropriation of not to exceed \$2,000,000 for the purpose of the improvements. Mr. Thomas Peterson, of TWPeterson Law Office explained the terms of the Lease Agreement and the need for an additional appropriation of the proceeds of the bonds to complete the Projects. An opportunity was given for the public to comment and ask questions. After all were given an opportunity to speak, the public hearings were closed.

*** Other Business ***

Mr. Peterson explained that Resolution A would approve the patrons petitions, the building corporation and the execution of the Lease Agreement to finance the Projects and that Resolution B would approve an additional appropriation of the proceeds of the bonds issued to finance the Projects

On motion duly made and unanimously approved the resolutions set forth in Exhibits A-B attached hereto.

* * Other Business * * *

There being no further business to come before the meeting, the meeting was thereupon adjourned.

Secretary, Board of School Trustees

APPROVED:

President, Board of School Trustees

EXHIBIT A

TRI TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION

RESOLUTION 2014-__

RESOLUTION ACCEPT PATRONS PETITIONS, APPROVING BUILDING CORPORATION AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF LEASE AGREEMENT

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of the Tri Township Consolidated School Corporation (the "School") has received petitions signed by more than fifty (50) patrons of the School requesting that the School enter into a lease agreement for the financing of the (i) improvements to the HVAC and lighting systems at the Wanatah School; (ii) main office and entrance security improvements at the Wanatah School; (iii) a new track at the Wanatah School; (iv) additional classrooms at Wanatah School; and (v) other miscellaneous improvements and renovations at the LaCrosse School and the Wanatah School (collectively, the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, Tri Township Consolidated School Building Corporation (the "Building Corporation") has been formed for the purpose of financing the improvement of educational facilities for the School pursuant to the Indiana Code; and

WHEREAS, the Building Corporation has approved and forward to this Board a Lease Agreement which will provide for the financing of the Projects; and

WHEREAS, this Board has found a need for the Projects and that the School cannot otherwise provide the necessary funding to pay the cost of these improvement to the existing educational facilities of the School; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the petitions of the school patrons filed with this Board concerning the Projects are hereby approved and, as a need exists that cannot be

met by any other funds of the School, that this Board hereby determines to proceed with the steps necessary to finance and construct the Projects as provided in Indiana Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Building Corporation and its Articles of Incorporation and By-laws are approved, and that the leasing of educational facilities by the Building Corporation to the School for the purpose of financing the renovation, construction and equipping of educational facilities is a proper public purpose and is hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Building Corporation are hereby approved to serve in such capacity.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the issuance and sale by the Building Corporation of Bonds in the approximate amount of \$2,000,000, is hereby approved and the officers of this Board are authorized to deliver all certificates and agreements necessary for the issuance of the Bonds, including a Continuing Disclosure Undertaking and designating the official statement for the Bonds as final.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lease Agreement provides for a fair and reasonable rental and the proposed drawing, plans, specifications and estimates for the renovations to be subject to the Lease Agreement are hereby approved.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the execution of the Lease Agreement is necessary and wise.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the President and Secretary of this Board are authorized and directed to execute the Lease Agreement on behalf of the School and that the Board approves the selling of a portion of the Wanatah School to the Building Corporation at a price not greater than that determined by an appraisal and that the officers of this Board are authorized to execute and deliver a deed of the same upon payment therefore.

Passed and Adopted this 20th day of March, 2014.

President

Secretary

EXHIBIT B

TRI TOWNSHIP CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL CORPORATION

RESOLUTION 2014-__

ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Tri Township Consolidated School Corporation is a school corporation organized and existing under the provisions of IC 20-4; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees of said school corporation finds that the present facilities of the school corporation are not adequate to provide for the proper education of the pupils now attending or who will attend its schools; and

WHEREAS, the Board has determined to sell certain real estate to the Tri Township Consolidated School Building Corporation for a purchase price of not to exceed \$2,000,000 and to use such proceeds to finance (i) improvements to the HVAC and lighting systems at the Wanatah School; (ii) main office and entrance security improvements at the Wanatah School; (iii) a new track at the Wanatah School; (iv) additional classrooms at Wanatah School; and (v) other miscellaneous improvements and renovations at the LaCrosse School and the Wanatah School (the "Projects"); and

WHEREAS, the estimated cost of the Project at the present time is in the approximate amount of \$2,000,000, and the Board finds that no provision has been made on account thereof in the existing budget and that an extraordinary emergency exists for the making of an additional appropriation for such purpose; now therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of School Trustees of Tri Township Consolidated School Corporation that an appropriation of the proceeds of the sale of real estate to the Tri Township Consolidated School Building Corporation in the amount of \$2,000,000 be and the same is hereby made to be applied on the cost of the Project, said appropriation to include the incidental expenses necessary to be incurred in connection with the Project; that said appropriation shall be in addition to all appropriations provided for in the existing budget, and shall continue in effect until the completion of the Project.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of School Trustees authorizes the establishment of a construction fund in which will be deposited the real estate sale proceeds and directs that all interest on such construction fund shall be retained in such construction fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Board of School Trustees authorizes that any funds remaining in the construction fund after completion of the Project shall be deposited into one or more of the other established funds of the School Corporation, as the Board of School Trustees directs.

Passed and Adopted this 20th day of March, 2014.

President

Secretary

6. School Building Corporation

A meeting was held on March 20, 2014 at 5:00pm of the school building corporation. Members included were Dave Berger, Aaron Rust and Seth Culver. A motion was made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, motion approved.

7. Personnel

Scot Spoljaric, Varsity basketball coach resignation.

A motion was made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Bob Younggreen, all approved.

8. Claim Docket

A motion was made by Bob Younggreen, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.

9. Balance Sheet and Financial Update

For information purposes

10. Public Comments on Agenda Items

None

11. Recognition

Wanatah School 8th grade Lady Tigers won the PCC tourney with only one loss all season.

12. 8th Grade Field Trip

The 8th grade class presented their plans for their 8th grade field trip. The plan is to visit Sky Zone in Schererville. Following Sky Zone they will have lunch in Merrillville then on to Hobart for Blast Camp paint ball. John Sullivan will drive the trip which is scheduled for May 30, 2014.

A motion was made by Paul Malecki with Bob Younggreen seconding the motion, all approved.

13. Indiana Virtual Academy

Mr. Somers asked for approval to use the Indiana Virtual Academy again this summer for students to utilize. This program allows students to take courses over the summer. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion with Paul Malecki seconding the motion, all approved.

14. Calendar

Beginning discussions were had regarding a potential calendar change for next school year. This decision is in the initial stages and much discussion will need to take place before any types of decisions are made. Since our school corporation was graded exemplary we have the option to count minutes of instructional times instead of days. This opens up the opportunity for our school to add 60 minutes to our school day which would allow us to start school after Labor Day and end school on May 15th. There would be 5 built in snow days along with our "normal" vacation times. If 45 minutes were added to our school day we could then start school after Labor Day and end school on May 15th however, we would not have any built in snow days. We would also be required to make up any 2 hour delays.

The high school teachers see benefits in this change for SAT prep and remediation. The middle school teachers see benefits in this change for students possibly being able to add another language arts class along with

lengthening math class times. Elementary teachers are looking at the possibility of more remediation time with students.

The discussion for this change will be on going. After further staff discussions take place Mr. Somers will begin discussing the options with the public.

15. Principals' Report

Ms. Deprey reported that Wanatah enrolled two new students this week and lost one student. Last week two new students enrolled at Wanatah.

Winter athletic season is now over and Wanatah is looking forward to the spring athletic season.

Kindergarten round up is on Tuesday, March 25th.

Elementary 3-5th concert is on Thursday, March 27th.

Mr. Somers reported that Wanatah 8th grade students are coming to LaCrosse on Friday, March 28th to do scheduling. An activities fair will also take place for the students to learn about extra-curricular opportunities available at LC. A parent night is scheduled for April 17th at LC. This night will give parents a chance to learn about curriculum choices at LC. The activities fair will also take place.

A movie night is scheduled for April 25th which the high school and middle school students will be invited to.

Progress reports will be pushed back one week since report cards were pushed back one week.

The next edition of the newsletter will go out the week after Spring break.

The dishwasher at Wanatah will need replacing soon, possibly over Spring break.

Spring sports have started at LC.

Mr. Somers would like approval to possibly purchase a walk behind scrubber that could be used in the gym at LC. A used model has been found for \$1,600.00. A demonstration will take place on Tuesday. A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric to purchase the model if the demo goes well, with Bob Younggreen seconding the motion, all approved.

16. SA-5 Report

For information purposes

17. Adjournment

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric to adjourn the meeting with Paul Malecki seconding the motion, all approved.

Next board meeting April 17th, 2014 at Wanatah School.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Joyce Spoljaric". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Agenda

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

4/17/14 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting
Pledge of Allegiance
2. Minutes from March 20th meeting
Motion made by Paul Malecki, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved
3. Personnel
Kristine Karch- kitchen
Tracy Bucher- bus driver
Dave Amor- bus driver
Chelsea Anson – softball assistant coach
Motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Bob Younggreen, all approved
4. Claim Docket
Motion made by Bob Younggreen, seconded by Paul Malecki, all approved.
5. Balance Sheet and Financial Update for information purposes.
6. Annual Performance Report for information purposes.
7. Public Comments on Agenda Items
A community member asked Mr. Somers when the bill would go into effect allowing school corporations to keep a gun on premises. Mr. Somers responded that he is not sure when it takes effect but he will obtain further information. He was aware the bill was passed.
The same community member asked if our school corporation has a plan in place for an emergency situation such as the stabbing that took place at another school recently. Mr. Somers explained that we have an emergency

action plan for situations such as these in place. Twice a year this “code red” plan is reviewed with both students and staff.

8. Recognition

Mr. Somers announced that we are once again a Four-Star School! He would also like to recognize his teaching staff from elementary thru high school for working well together in discussing the idea of a shortened school calendar with longer school days. Mr. Somers explained that he thinks further discussions are in order regarding the topic and this could be a possibility for future school years. There are benefits to this plan however the teachers are concerned with losing twelve days of classroom instruction time. He is hopeful with continued discussion this may be a possibility.

9. Summer School

Driver’s Education- \$375.00 same as last year

Reading- grades 1-3

Motion made to approve by Joyce Spoljaric, seconded by Bob Younggreen, all approved.

10. Principals’ Report

Ms. Deprey would like to recognize her third grade teachers. We have 30 third grade students and 27 passed I-Read. That is a 90% pass rate. We will also be adding two new students at Wanatah on Monday.

Teacher appreciation week is the week of May 5th

Administrative professional’s day is April 23rd

11. SA-5 Reports for information purposes.

12. Adjournment

Motion made by Paul Malecki with a second made by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

Next board meeting May 15th 2014 at LaCrosse School

Joyce Spoljaric

Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

Board Meeting Minutes

5/15/2014 at 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting
Pledge of Allegiance
2. Approval of April 17th board meeting minutes
Motion made by Paul Malecki, Joyce Spoljaric seconded- all approved
3. Personnel
Joanna Rosenbaum new hire- bus driver
Mindy Flaherty resignation- bus driver
Kim Iseminger resignation- 7/8th GVB coach
Lindzy Curtis resignation- Varsity GVB coach
Motion made by Dick Bucher with Joyce Spoljaric seconding the motion, all approved.
4. Claim Docket
Motion made by Bob Younggreen and Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion, all approved.
5. Balance Sheet and Financial Update
For information purposes
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items
None
7. Recognition
Ms. Deprey, along with Mrs. Clemons recognized the English Academic Superbowl team who placed 1st in the LaPorte competition. Their score ranked them 3rd overall in the STATE!
8. Policy for Transfer Students
Information

9. Kitchen Dishwasher at Wanatah

The Wanatah kitchen dishwasher will need replacing. The estimate for the new dishwasher is \$19,000.00. The salesman thinks we will save on electric because of the efficiency of the new dishwasher.

The board would like to see Mr. Somers get another estimate for the dishwasher and find out the time frame for installation.

10. Educational Services Company (Bob Harris)

Mr. Somers would like approval for Bob Harris to do training sessions with him this summer on budgets. Bob was of great assistance in the past on budget issues. There will be a maximum charge of \$3,500.00 for this contract. This will be of great assistance in training and reviewing budgets.

Tim Guse made a motion to approve with Paul Malecki seconding the motion, all approved.

11. Elementary Teacher Assignments

Ms. Deprey discussed the issue that next year she will need two 5th grade classes instead of one. She suggested to Mr. Somers that Carrie Miller be moved to 5th grade from Kindergarten and that Jennifer Roushelang be hired as the Kindergarten teacher. Jennifer is currently an aide in this classroom and was our Kindergarten teacher in the past. Carrie Miller approached Ms. Deprey about this move and is interested. This discussion is for information purposes only at this point.

12. Calendar Changes

Mr. Somers explained to the board that the teaching staff would not like to change over to minutes rather than days. An email was sent to the board outlining the reasons why the teachers feel this way.

This is for information purposes.

13. Insurance Renewal

Ross MacLennan from MacLennan and Bain Insurance met with Mr. Somers to present him with our insurance renewal. There was a 3% increase in premium and the estimate per square foot for Wanatah School was updated.

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve and Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, all approved.

14. Principals' Report

Ms. Deprey reported that activities are in full force at Wanatah School for the end of the year. The 8th grade field trip is up-coming along with the all school field trip to Indiana Beach. 8th grade farewell will be on May 28th.

The high school FFA is planning to come to Wanatah on June 2nd for an AG day with the elementary students. Elementary will have field Olympics day and the Jr. High will have an Academic Olympics day. Kindergarten graduation is on May 29th.

Mr. Somers reported English ECA's are done and Algebra ECA's are finished up today. Biology ECA was very impressive....kudos to Miss Tiede and the students! The state passing percentage is typically 30%. In the past we have had a 20% passing rate. This year we had a 44% passing rate in the Biology ECA! Mr. Somers is very pleased with Miss Tiede's efforts this year.

On June 4th LaCrosse will have academic and athletic awards. June 6th is graduation at 7pm!

15. Award of Design-Build Contract to Performance Services, Inc.

Mr. Somers requested approval to award the design build contract to Performance Services, Inc. This will be subject to the final conditions and terms of the contract so our needs and time frame are best met.

A motion was made by Joyce Spoljaric to enter into negotiations with Performance Services. The motion was seconded by Paul Malecki and all approved.

This motion states that if scope and price are agreed upon a contract will be entered into with Performance Services.

16. Letter of Intent

Motion made by Paul Malecki to accept the letter of intent with Bob Younggreen seconding the motion.

17. SA-5 Reports

For information purposes

18. Adjournment

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

Next Board Meeting June 19th at Wanatah School

6/16/14 - Joyce Spoljaric

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

Board Meeting Minutes

06/16/2014 at 7:00pm Wanatah Town Hall

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

- 2. Approval of May 15th meeting minutes-** motion made by Paul Malecki, Bob Younggreen seconded- all approved.

3. Personnel

- **Kristina Press**, 7th & 8th grade girls' volleyball coach- motion made by Dick Bucher, seconded by Paul Malecki- all approved.
- **Jeff Mitzner**, Boys' Varsity basketball coach-motion made by Dick Bucher, seconded by Bob Younggreen- passed 4-1.
- **Jennifer McCormick**, High School English teacher-motion made by Dick Bucher, seconded by Paul Malecki-all approved.
- **Laura Roth**, K-8 Guidance Counselor- motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Dick Bucher- all approved.
- **Tara Walden**, High School Guidance Counselor- motion made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Dick Bucher- all approved.
- **Kim Iseminger**, resignation middle school track- motion made by Dick Bucher, seconded by Paul Malecki- all approved.
- **Marzena Dziura**, resignation High School English- motion made by Dick Bucher, seconded by Paul Malecki- all approved.
- **Celeste Robinson**, resignation Guidance Counselor- motion made by Dick Bucher, seconded by Paul Malecki- all approved.
- **Judi Ringle**, resignation Middle School Math- motion made by Dick Bucher, seconded by Paul Malecki- all approved.
- **Troy Wenger**, resignation JV basketball- motion made by Dick Bucher, seconded by Paul Malecki- all approved.

4. Claim Docket

Motion made by Bob Younggreen with Paul Malecki seconding the motion- all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

For information purposes

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A community member would like to make sure that minutes from meetings are posted in a timely manner on the website. Mr. Somers commented that he will be sure that these postings are always up to date.

A community member asked who the two bidders were for the building project. Mr. Somers answered Performance Services and Larson Danielson.

Mr. Somers also explained that the HVAC project is under way at Wanatah and the building of the two new classrooms will be under way by July.

A community members inquired as to why the day of the meeting was changed- Mr. Somers explained that Dick Bucher would be out of town on Wednesday and wanted to be sure he was present at the meeting. He also explained the meeting was changed to the town hall building due to the construction being done at Wanatah School.

7. Recognition

None at this time

8. Policy for Transfer Students

The board approved our policy for transfer students. This policy states how many transfer students per grade our school corporation is willing to accept. A motion was made by Paul Malecki and Bob Younggreen seconded the motion- all approved.

9. Kitchen dishwasher at Wanatah

A second quote was given to the board for the dishwasher at Wanatah to be replaced. A motion was made by Bob Younggreen with Dick Bucher seconding the motion- all approved the bid of \$19,511.60 from HRI Inc.-Westfield.

10. Elementary Teacher Assignments

Mr. Somers presented to the board the following assignments for the 2014/2015 school year. Mr. Somers would like the board to approve Jennifer Roushelang, current kindergarten teacher's aide, as the new kindergarten teacher.

Kindergarten- Jennifer Roushelang

First Grade- Gayla Porch and Kathy Pearson

Second Grade- Lindzy Curtis and Robin Huhnke

Third Grade- Lori Martin and Molly Campbell

Fourth Grade- Anna Susdorf and Mallorie Erikson

Fifth Grade- Dana Lippelt and Carrie Miller

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve and Dick Bucher seconded- all approved.

11. Radio Advertising

Mr. Somers asked the board for approval for radio advertising again this year. The board was presented with figures spent last year. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve an advertising budget not to exceed \$5,000. Dick Bucher seconded the motion- all approved.

12. Vocational Classes

LaCrosse would like to add two vocational classes this school year- Advanced Life Science: Plants and Soils (Ms. Tiede) and Accounting (Mr. McMahan). Paul Malecki made a motion to approve and Bob Younggreen seconded the motion- all approved.

13. Technology and Wanatah and LaCrosse

Both Mr. Somers and Ms. Deprey agree that we need a technology upgrade at Wanatah on our Dell computers to upgrade to Windows 7.

Mr. Somers and Ms. Deprey would like to see a one to one initiative in 8th grade at Wanatah with I-Pads. This will be a great stepping stone for the students in preparation for high school. Mr. Somers would also like to get a cart of I-Pads so grades 4 through 7 could have access to this technology. These I-Pads would be in a hard cover case to avoid damage. Mr. Somers would also like to get covers for all MacBooks at the high school level to help avoid damage.

Approval is being requested for 60 I-Pads with a cart and covers, covers for the high school MacBooks, and the Window 7 upgrade. The cost would be approximately \$32,000.00.

After board discussion regarding I-Pads versus lap-tops the board agreed to approve a dollar amount of \$32,000.00 and further discussions between Mr. Somers, Ms. Deprey and Chris Jones (our IT director) as to which avenue to pursue.

Dick Bucher made a motion to approve and Paul Malecki seconded the motion- all approved.

14. Replacement of ceiling tiles in cafeteria and teacher's lounge

The bid for the HVAC did not include replacing the ceiling tiles in the cafeteria and teacher's lounge. Mr. Somers feels as if these need replacing due to the fact that they are old tiles that are dingy and sagging. The cost for the replacement will be approximately \$3,300-\$3,400.

15. Chairs for LaCrosse Cafeteria

The blue chairs in the cafeteria's at LaCrosse need replacing. The legs on our current chairs are bowing. The board has agreed to approve a maximum amount of \$7,000.00 for both the ceiling tiles and chairs. This motion was made by Dick Bucher, seconded by Bob Younggreen- all approved.

16. Tri-Township Newsletter

The last newsletter cost was \$1,804.00 which was under budget. This has been a great tool for promoting our school and has received much positive feedback.

17. ECA and Graduation Rates

Middle School Algebra 1 had 100% passing rate and the high school had a 90% passing rate. English 10 ECA had a 90% passing rate which could actually be higher once the written portions are graded. Our graduation rate is 95%.

18. Principal's Report

Ms. Deprey reported that we are in week two of summer school. Mrs. Miller and Ms. Lippelt are teaching the class.

Ms. Deprey would like to thank Judy Ringle and Celeste Robinson for all they have done for our school. They will both be dearly missed.

Mr. Somers discussed with the board the Superintendent at Westville would like to discuss the possibility of "sharing" classroom substitutes and bus drivers with Tri-Township and South Central. This would involve the schools using a service to obtain substitutes who would make the calls to arrange the substitutes. Ms. Deprey feels like this service would be beneficial to our corporation to expand our list of substitutes to pull from especially on days when there are conferences etc. and many subs are needed. The teachers would still be able to request a certain substitute. The board would like to see Mr. Somers look into this option further and provide more information at the next meeting.

We are hoping to have forms available on-line for registration this year. We are also looking into the option of using credit cards on-line for parents.

19. SA-5 Reports

For information purposes

20. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion- all approved.

Next Board meeting- July 17th, 2014 at LaCrosse School



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

Board Meeting Minutes

07/17/2014 at 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting- Pledge of Allegiance

2. Approval of June 16, 2014 meeting minutes- motion made by Paul Malecki, Bob Younggreen seconded, all approved.

3. Personnel-

Resignations:

- Heather Kasselmann
- Amber Rust
- Katie Bailey

Motion made by Paul Malecki and seconded by Bob Younggreen to approve resignations- all approved.

New Hires:

- Michelle Mareska- Varsity Girls Volleyball Coach
- Erin Sharpe- Music
- Summertime help

Motion made by Paul Malecki and seconded by Dick Bucher to approve new hires- all approved.

4. Claim Docket

Motion made by Dick Bucher to approve claim docket, Paul Malecki seconded- all approved.

5. Balance Sheet-

For information purposes

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items-

None at this time

7. Recognition-

None at this time

8. LaCrosse High School Handbook

The only handbook change; staff updates

Motion for approval made by Paul Malecki, seconded by Bob Younggreen- all approved.

9. Book Rental and Technology Fee

Motion for approval of 2014/2015 book rental motion made by Tim Guse, seconded by Paul Malecki- all approved.

10. Rosetta Stone

Mr. Somers explained that the middle school is in need of a Foreign Language opportunity. In order to provide this the corporation would like to purchase 12 copies of Rosetta Stone at a cost of \$1,908.00. A motion was made by Bob Younggreen with Paul Malecki seconding- all approved.

11. Two-Room Addition Ratification

Paul Malecki approved the two-room addition ratification and Dick Bucher seconded the motion- all approved.

12. Sexual Harassment Policy-

This item has been tabled

13. Wanatah Phone System

A quote was provided to the board for an upgrade on the Wanatah School phone system.

Tim Guse has a phone system that the company he works for, Signature Graphics is willing to donate to the school corporation. The system would be donated but the school would have to pay for installation. Tim Guse will get pricing for the installation of the system.

14. Budget Process Update/Schedule

Information on publication, hearing and adoption dates was provided by Mr. Somers.

15. Construction Update

Ground will be broke soon on the two new classrooms. Mr. Somers is confident the classrooms will be completed by Fall Break. The interior projects are well under way at Wanatah and will be completed in time for school to begin.

16. Transportation Upgrade- Mr. Somers would like the board to consider cameras on all buses along with GPS. This will be discussed in further detail in 2015.

17. Principal Report

Mr. Somers reports that after meeting with several staff members from Wanatah they have decided the purchase of MacBook's would be more beneficial for the 8th grade class than I-Pads.

On-line registration will be available this year for our families.

On-line credit card usage will also be available for book rental or lunch money deposits.

18. May SA-5 Report

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the report, Bob Younggreen seconded- all approved.

19. Adjournment

Paul Malecki made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Bob Younggreen seconded it- all approved.



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
8/21/14 6:00 pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting

Pledge of Allegiance

2. Minutes from July 17, 2014 Meeting

The board received the July minutes prior to the meeting. Paul Malecki motioned to approve the minutes, Bob Younggreen seconded, all approved.

3. Personnel

Natalie Wenzel, resignation, Title 1
Kristina Press, resignation, 7/8 Volleyball
Esther Hamilton, ½ time custodian
Kim Allen, ½ time custodian
Judi Ringle, resignation, MS Math
Erin Erwin, resignation, MS English

Paul Malecki motioned to approve the resignations, Bob Younggreen seconded, all approved.

New Hires

Amy DeYoung, Title 1
Dan Barkas, 7/8 Volleyball
Dan Barkas, MS Math
Dianne Collins, MS English
Erin Sharpe, Music
Esther Hamilton, ½ time custodian
Kim Allen, ½ time custodian
Bethany Heavilin, am bus route, custodian
Kim Weinkauff, full-time custodian
Emily Culver, volunteer, Girls Volleyball

Paul Malecki motioned to approve the new hires, Dick Bucher seconded, all approved.

4. Claim Docket

The claim docket was presented to the board. Paul Malecki motioned to approve the docket, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet

Information

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

There were no public comments.

7. Recognition

Mr. Somers recognized William and Paul Malecki for their assistance in burying the pond and removing over-grown bushes.

8. Advertise Budget, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan

Mr. Somers said the budget is ready to go and asked permission to advertise the budget on September 4th and then again on September 11th. There will be a public hearing on September 18th. Paul Malecki motioned to allow Mr. Somers to publicize the budget, Bob Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

9. Student Numbers

Ms. DePrey and Mr. Somers presented to the board tentative numbers for students enrolled in both schools. The kindergarten class is approaching 30 students. Ms. DePrey and Mr. Somers recommended that we hire a certified teacher for the class and when classrooms become available, split the class. The plan is to move Amy DeYoung from Title 1 to the kindergarten and move Tracy Robertson from a maternity leave to Title 1. Dick Bucher motioned to add a certified teacher to kindergarten and split the class when we can, Paul Malecki seconded, all in favor.

10. Soccer Field

Mr. Somers ask assistance in removing the baseball field that is inside the track and making the track infield into a soccer field. Bob Younggreen offered to contact Bob Young and see if the county could help us out.

11. Construction Update

The HVAC and interior work is pretty much done at Wanatah. There are still some punch list items to finish. The steel for the two-room addition should be delivered on September 16th.

12. Principal Reports

- Ms. DePrey
- Mr. Somers

13. June and July SA-5 Report

LaCrosse

Accept Report

14. Adjournment

Next Board meeting

September 18th, 2014 at LaCrosse School



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri Township Consolidated School Corporation

9/18/14 6:00pm LaCrosse School

1. Open Meeting- Pledge of Allegiance

2. Minutes from August 21st, 2014 meeting

The board received the August minutes prior to the meeting. Paul Malecki motioned to approve the minutes and Bob Younggreen seconded, all approved.

3. Personnel

- Kathy Holem- resignation
- Tina Berg- maternity leave

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

4. Claim Docket

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the claim docket, Dick Bucher seconded, all approved.

5. Balance Sheet- information

6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve a correction for the June minutes to accurately show four for and one against in the vote that took place for the personnel hiring of Jeff Mitzner for varsity basketball coach. Joyce Spoljaric seconded the motion and all approved.

A community member requested that a school reach be sent out one or two days prior to all school board meetings as a reminder.

A community member inquired about school lunch hours for elementary students. Ms. Deprey explained the lunch hours currently in place.

A community member asked how the building project is going. Ms. Deprey is happy to report all is on schedule.

A community member asked where the crossing guards are located at LaCrosse School. Mr. Somers explained the guard is on 8.

7. Recognition

Mr. Somers recognized Judy Roslansky and Dara Guse for all of their hard work on the recent State reports that were due.

Mr. Somers also recognized Tracy Bucher for all of her hard work in the transportation department.

Ms. Deprey recognized Mrs. Clemons for being named one of four finalists for the Indiana Academic Coach of the Year award. The winner will be named October 1st at the Indiana Convention Center.

She would also like to recognize Dara Guse who covered at Wanatah while Amy Wozniak was on maternity leave.

Ms. Deprey also recognized Jessica Westerhoff for having several students receive certificates for their artistry.

8. Public Hearing

Tim Guse opened the public meeting for the 2015 Budget. No public comments were made. Paul Malecki made a motion to close the hearing and Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

9. Public Hearing

Tim Guse opened the hearing for the 2015 CPF plan. No comments were made. Dick Bucher made a motion to close the hearing and Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

10. Public Hearing

Tim Guse opened the hearing for the 2015 Bus Replacement Plan. No comments were made. Dick Bucher made a motion to close the hearing and Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

11. 2015 CPF plan approval

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the 2015 CPF plan and Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

12. 2015 Bus Replacement Plan

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the 2015 Bus Replacement plan and Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

13. Master Contract

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the master contract and Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

14. Resolution for Rainy Day Fund

Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the Resolution for Rainy Day Fund and Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

15. Salary and Benefit Changes/Clarifications

Hourly kitchen employees: .50 cents/ hour increase

JoAnn Nichols: \$3,420 contribution for our health plan

Annette Brown: \$18,500 salary

- All of the above will come from the kitchen fund

Janetta Adams: .50 cents/ hour increase

- This will come from the Title I fund

Vicky Deprey: Increase of \$2,000/ year annual salary \$67,000

Custodial: For employees who work the entire year:

- After 6 months of employment custodians receive 5 vacation days, every year thereafter 10 vacation days.
- 5 personal days will be given after 3 months of employment which can be accumulated to 15 days
- 9 paid holidays (New Year's Eve, New Year's Day, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, the day after Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) after a 3 month period.

Custodial: For employees who do not work the entire year:

- 3 personal days will be given after 3 months of employment which can be accumulated to 15 days. After one year of service 5 personal days.
- 6 paid holidays (New Year's Day, Memorial Day, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Eve and Christmas Day) after a 3 month period.

Non-certified Staff: Non-certified staff will be given 5 pro-rated days after a 3 month employment period, these days can accumulate to 15 days.

Personal Days:

- If the staff member typically works 2 days per week, they will receive 2 personal days per year
- If the staff member typically works 3 days per week, they will receive 3 personal days per year
- If the staff member typically works 4 days per week, they will receive 4 personal days per year

Bereavement Leave:

- In the case of a death in the immediate family, employees who typically work 4-5 days a week will be given 3 bereavement days. Employees who typically work 2-3 days a week will be given 2 bereavement days.
Immediate family shall include father, mother, brother, sister, husband, wife, child, daughter in law, son in law, father in law, mother in law, or any relative who at the time of death is living in the household of employee.

Transportation Director:

The Transportation Director is in charge of organizing and assigning bus routes, training new bus drivers, coordinating maintenance for busses, setting up and running bus driver meetings, coordinating inspection of the busses, establishing procedures for random drug screening of bus drivers, creating and maintaining appropriate paperwork on bus drivers, ensuring all drivers are appropriately licensed, assigning bus drivers to field trips and athletic events, when needed he/she will drive a bus route, and anything else the superintendent deems necessary for the efficient operation of the busses and bus routes.

The Transportation Director is expected to work one week prior to the start of school through one week after the last day of the school. This is a 205 day contract. In addition, the Transportation Director will work 15 extra days during the months of June, July and August or as needed to accomplish required tasks.

- Tracy Bucher salary will be increased to \$25,000 which will be paid 60% from the transportation fund and 40% from general fund.

Tim Guse made a motion to approve the above salary and benefit changes, Dick Bucher seconded, all approved.

16. Annual Financial Report

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

17. School Improvement Plans

Mr. Somers highlighted important items in the LaCrosse High School school improvement plan. One of our main focuses for the plan will be 100% passing rate for sophomores taking the ECA's.

Restrain and seclusion procedures plans were reviewed and it was explained that two staff members will be trained at each building in these procedures. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the LaCrosse High School school improvement plan, Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved. Ms. Deprey reviewed and highlighted important items in the Wanatah School improvement plan. One main focus for the Wanatah plan is that within 3 years all Wanatah students will receive an 85% passing for language arts and math. Joyce Spoljaric made a motion to approve the Wanatah School improvement plan, Bob Younggreen seconded, all approved.

18. Sealcoating at LaCrosse

Mr. Somers presented the board with a bid for the sealcoating project at LaCrosse. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the proposal from B&G Sealcoating, Paul Malecki seconded, all approved.

19. Administrative Area Plans

In order to do the administrative area project the bid process will need to take place.

20. Old Technology

There are several items of old technology at both schools including old TV's, overhead projectors etc. Mr. Somers is looking for suggestions of a group or individuals who may have a need for these items. Joyce Spoljaric will be checking with her church who accepts donations that are then sent other countries that are in need. A community member also suggested there is a technology recycle place in Michigan City. Another community member will be checking with the veteran's home.

21. Principal Report

Mr. Somers reported the copier lease at Wanatah is due to expire in December. McShane's has offered to buy out the lease and the overages and issue us a new copier lease. This will be a copies upgrade. This will be both a lease and a service contract.

The LaCrosse FFA club would like to travel to the National Convention for FFA in Louisville, Kentucky. The trip is towards the end of October and the club has the funds for this trip.

The Black box Company went to Wanatah to look into the upgrade on the phone system. A system upgrade is needed in order to have voice mail installed on the system.

Ms. Deprey showed updated pictures of the construction being done at Wanatah.

The staff is attending several workshops to obtain information on the new standards for 2014 Math and Language Arts, new I-Step tests next year and new acuity tests.

22. August SA-5 report for information

Motion made by Dick Bucher to approve, Bob Younggreen seconded, all approved.

23. Adjournment

Dick Bucher made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, all approved.

Next Board Meeting October 16th, 2014 at Wanatah School



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri Township Consolidated School Corporation

10/16/14 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting- Pledge of Allegiance
2. Minutes from September 18th, 2014 meeting
The board received the September minutes prior to the meeting. Paul Malecki motioned to approve the minutes and Bob Younggreen seconded, all approved.
3. Personnel- Paul Malecki motioned to approve, Dick Bucher seconded, all in favor.

	<u>Boys Basketball</u>	<u>Girls Basketball</u>
Varsity	Jeff Mitzner	Brian McMahan
JV	Seth Culver	Jeff Yergler
Asst. Var.	Christian Porter	Marty Rasala/Amy DeYoung
8 th grade	Christian Porter	Jeff Yergler
7 th grade	Brian Wozniak	*
6 th grade	Marty Rasala	Bill Stark
5 th grade	Brandon Gorski	Amy DeYoung

4. Claim Docket
Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the October claim docket. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, all approved.
5. Balance Sheet for information purposes
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items
A concerned citizen brought to the attention of the board that he feels when a board member's spouse is employed by the school corporation and has a salary change being voted on they should abstain from the voting process.
A concerned citizen questioned why three different buses run on 1050 each day. Tracy Bucher, transportation director, explained some routes run up against each other and the line is drawn at 1050. This is a road that is well maintained and does not tear the buses up so the corporation has chosen that as the route back to town for several buses.
A concerned citizen questioned why the bus from LC to Wanatah is sometimes running behind in the mornings. Superintendent Somers explained that we are currently down a driver and have had to make adjustments. Mrs. Bucher explained that yes we are down a driver but we also have some students who are in split families who do not always ride the same bus. This change could throw the route off by some time. There are many factors that go in each day including riders, road conditions and road closures. Both Mr. Somers and Mrs. Bucher feel as if we are getting closer to solving the transportation issues that have been present this year.

A concerned bus driver would like to see if the "transfer trip" that Mr. Stark is driving from LC to Wanatah couldn't be divided up between the existing drivers possibly one day each per week. Mr. Somers will look further into this possibility but would like to hold off on any changes in the hopes that we add a driver very soon.

A concerned bus driver would like to see if route changes can take place enabling the drivers to have the same route in the AM and the PM. Superintendent Somers asked if he could meet with the drivers and they could look into this option.

The drivers would also like to see that routes that open up are "posted" for drivers to choose by seniority which route they would like to drive. Superintendent Somers agreed that that would be a doable option for route choices in the future.

A concerned bus driver would also like the option of PERF looked into for the bus drivers. Mr. Somers will look into PERF as an option and will also take a poll of surrounding corporations to see if this benefit is available with them.

A concerned citizen would like the question answered as to why we now need a transportation director now when we haven't had one in the past. Superintendent Somers explained that the need for a transportation director has developed for many reasons one of them being himself. He was in the hospital at the end of last year for exhaustion and chest pains. He felt it was important to have some weight lifted off of him. During the spring of last year Mrs. Bucher began handling the paperwork aspect of transportation, and became a licensed bus driver. She is now handling all aspects of transportation including training new bus drivers, maintenance and inspection coordination, drug screen coordinating, creating and maintaining appropriate paperwork and ensuring all bus drivers are properly licensed, assigning drivers for all field trips and athletic events just to name a few. Mr. Somers feels that having the transportation department centrally located in the administrative offices is imperative.

This same citizen wants it to be noted that she felt as if the job should have been posted along with the reasons why this is a necessary position. Mrs. Bucher could have applied for the position. This would have eliminated the perception people may have as to why she received this position.

7. Recognition

This item will be covered in Principals report

8. 2015 Budget

The 2015 budget hearing took place last month. Bob Younggreen made a motion to approve the budget and Paul Malecki seconded the motion, all approved.

9. 2015 Line- 2 Budget Resolution

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the budget resolution and Bob Younggreen seconded. All approved.

10. Design Build Process

Mr. Somers would like to begin looking at the administrative area project. He would like approval for the design build process. In addition he would like Dan Rawlings to handle the design build criteria. His services should be approximately \$10,000.00. Paul Malecki made a motion for approval and Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all approved.

11. Restraint and Seclusion Plan and Policy

Board members received the restraint and seclusion plan and policy for our corporation. Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the plan, Bob Younggreen seconded, all approved. The policy will be approved next month.

12. Principal Reports

Ms. Deprey would like to recognize her staff for doing such a great job at school. We have picked up two new students in the past few weeks and possibly another in the next week.

Mr. Somers would like to recognize the 4 all conference cross country runners we had this year. Dana Wherrett, Justene Charlesworth, Erin OConnor and Andrew McCormick. Justene Charlesworth and Dana Wherrett have both been named WKVI Student Athlete of the Week. Our girls cross country team qualified for regionals where Justene Charlesworth won the sectional race.

The seniors at LC went to Notre Dame for their class photo.

Mr. Somers would like to recognize Miss Tiede for her hard work in the FFA program. She is taking members to the FFA convention in Kentucky at the end of October. They sold over 400 buckets of laundry soap to help fund their trip. The FFA will also be participating in a service project packing food on November 18th in Indianapolis.

13. September SA-5 report for information purposes

14. Adjournment

Dick Bucher made a motion for the November meeting to be at Prairie. Bob Younggreen seconded the motion, all approved. Dick Bucher made a motion to adjourn, Bob Younggreen seconded, all approved.

Next Board Meeting November 20th, 2014 at 6pm in Prairie.

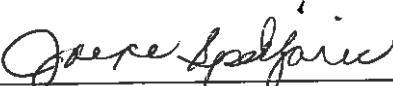

Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
11/20/14 6:00pm Prairie Township

1. Open Meeting – Pledge of Allegiance
2. Minutes from October 16th, 2014 meeting. Motion to approve minutes, Paul Malecki, seconded, Bob Younggreen, all in favor.
3. Personnel – Aaron Rust will mow the LaCrosse grass for \$30 and weedeat for \$15. Bill Berger will be a volunteer scout for Boys Basketball. Motion to approve personnel, Dick Bucher, seconded, Paul Malecki, all in favor.
4. Claim Docket – Motion to approve docket, Bob Younggreen, seconded Paul Malecki, all in favor.
5. Balance Sheet – Informational
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items – Mrs. Mills had some concerns about Special Ed staffing at Wanatah. Mr. Somers stated that we have a full-time teacher, a full-time paraprofessional, a part-time teacher and a part-time paraprofessional. Concerns were raised about the direction of the school corporation in regards to facilities and the location of the high school. It was stated by the board that the renovations that are being done at Wanatah are needed even if the high school were to remain at LaCrosse. It has been 2.5 years since the consolidation and a lot of changes have occurred that are outside of the control of the school board. Because of this it has been difficult to provide a 5 year vision for the school corporation. We are getting there but there is still work to be done.
7. Recognition- Tabled
8. Senior Trip – Cheyenne Rosenbaum, Sierra Pressel and Justin Kiel presented the tentative ideas for the Senior Trip. The class will be going to Frankenmuth, Michigan for three days. Motion to approve the trip as presented, Joyce Spoljaric, seconded, Paul Malecki, all in favor.
9. Kitchen Pay – Jo Ann Nichols turned down the offer of insurance by the board. It was recommended that she receive \$1.50 per hour raise instead. Motion to approve raise, Dick Bucher, seconded, Joyce Spoljaric, all in favor.
10. Technical Review Committee – It was recommended that Dan Rawlins, Dick Bucher and Vicky DePrey compose the TRC. Motion to approve, Joyce Spoljaric, seconded, Paul Malecki, all in favor.
11. Common Wage Committee – It was recommended that Tim Somers and Dick Bucher be part of the Common Wage Committee. Motion to approve, Paul Malecki, seconded Bob Younggreen, all in favor.
12. Administrative Area – Mr. Somers stated that the corporation will have one chance to plan for their current needs and future needs for this area. He recommended that instead of setting a specific monetary amount that the board give a monetary range for the project. The board could also include classroom space in the project and either proceed with the classrooms or decide not to proceed with the classroom space. A motion was made by Dick Bucher to set a monetary range for the administrative area and to include classroom space while remaining under 2 million dollars for the total project, seconded by Paul Malecki, all in favor.

13. ESL Complaint – The Corporation had a formal complaint filed against its ESL program stating that it was not in compliance with statute. Mr. Somers agreed that the process which was in place was not in compliance and that we needed to hire a part-time aide, do some professional development and document the methods we would use to become compliant. Mr. Somers asked for permission to advertise and hire a part-time aide in order to address the complaint and become compliant with statute. Motion to approve hiring an aide, Paul Malecki, seconded, Joyce Spoljaric, all in favor.
14. Principal Reports – Mr. Somers stated that the State Board of Education had approved the final A-F grades for schools and corporations. Tri-Township was graded a perfect 4.0, Wanatah was graded a 4.5 on a 4.0 scale, and LaCrosse was graded a 3.6. This is the second year for the corporation to be graded a 4.0, it is the second year Wanatah received a 4.5 and it is the second year LaCrosse was a 4-Star school.
15. October SA-5 Report – The SA-5 for LaCrosse was reported. The Wanatah report was not balanced yet.
16. Adjournment – Motion by Paul Malecki, seconded by Bob Younggreen, all in favor

The next meeting is scheduled for December 18th, 2014 at Wanatah at 6:00.



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary

Board Meeting Minutes

Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

12/18/2014 6:00pm Wanatah School

1. Open Meeting- Pledge of Allegiance
2. Minutes from November 20th 2014 meeting. Motion to approve minutes, Joyce Spoljaric, seconded, Bob Younggreen, all in favor.
3. Personnel- Motion for approval, Paul Malecki, seconded, Joyce Spoljaric, all in favor.
 - Molly Campbell, 3rd grade resignation
 - Brian Wozniak, 7th grade girls basketball coach
 - Kim Weinkauff, custodian, resignation
 - Pat Tucker, volunteer coach GBB
 - JoAnn Brown, cleaning
 - Jennifer Zimmerman, ESL
4. Claim Docket- Motion for approval, Paul Malecki, seconded, Bob Younggreen, all in favor.
5. Balance Sheet- for information purposes
6. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A community member has concerns about specials taking place in the morning. He would like to see scheduling options looked at for the 2015-2016 school year to move the specials back to afternoon so core classes can take place in the morning. Mr. Somers is aware of the problem with the specials in the morning and will be trying to fine tune the scheduling for next school year to see if this is a possibility.

A representative from The News Dispatch explained to the community and the board that the article written by Mr. Phillips was strictly an opinion article.

If any community member would like to write to The News Dispatch with their opinion of our school corporation they are welcome to do so and they would be happy to print some of these letters.
7. Recognition

Ms. Deprey would like to recognize Erin Sharpe, music teacher for the hard work put into the high school and junior high Christmas concerts. The elementary concerts will take place this week.

8. Vocational Presentation

Audra Peterson presented information to the community and board regarding the vocational program offered at AK Smith.

9. Resolution for Design-Build Process

Paul Malecki made a motion to approve the design build resolution. Joyce Spoljaric seconded, all in favor.

10. Board Meeting Calendar for 2015

Dick Bucher made a motion to approve the board meeting calendar, Bob Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

11. Legislative Update

Mr. Somers presented information regarding legislative updates which may be taking place.

12. Principal Report

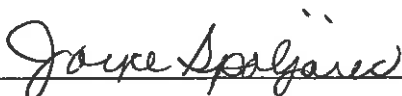
- Ms. Deprey - possible change in math credit for 8th graders (Algebra) ESL work is beginning at Wanatah.
- Mr. Somers – computer upgrades necessary
Bailey Kiff and Blake Van Syoc LC students will help with light cleaning over break. A temporary service will be contacted regarding janitorial staff- Motion made by Bob Younggreen, seconded by Joyce Spoljaric, all approved.

13. SA-5 Report for information purposes

14. Adjournment

Dick Bucher motioned for adjournment and Bob Younggreen seconded, all in favor.

Next Board Meeting January 15th, 2015 at LaCrosse School



Joyce Spoljaric, Secretary