



TONICA GRADE SCHOOL #79
BOARD OF EDUCATION

REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

February 15th, 2012 7:00 pm

The following minutes were recorded for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of the Tonica Community Consolidated Grade School District #79, LaSalle County, February 15th, 2012 at 7:00 pm in the Media Center.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

President Dan Arkels convened the board meeting at 7:00pm. Jeremy Hillyer, Scott Obermiller, Marty Wiesbrock, Dusty Freeman, Brian Marcinkus and Kim Goodbred were present. The pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Additional Attendees: Dr. Ty Wolf, Lana Lamboley, Kirsten Augspols, Nick Heuser, Dion Christman, Carrie Christman and Amy Flannery. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Hillyer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting that was held on January 2012. *Motion Carried*

Financial statements/bills reviewed. Motion by Hillyer, 2nd by Wiesbrock, to approve the invoices/payments as presented for the month of January 2012. *Motion Carried.*

II. NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Obermiller to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement with Peru SD#124 for School Psychologist services paying a 15% share. *Motion carried.*
- Motion by Wiesbrock, 2nd by Freeman to approve the mower lease for 2012-2013. *Motion carried.*
- Motion by Hillyer, 2nd by Wiesbrock to approve the start-up of an autism program for 2012-2013 school year. *Motion carried.*
- Motion by Goodbred, 2nd by Freeman to approve the release of closed session minutes from May 2010 through December 2011. *Motion carried.*
- Motion by Obermiller, 2nd by Hillyer to approve the destruction of the verbatim tapes from February 2009 through July 2010. *Motion carried.*
- Motion by Goodbred, 2nd by Obermiller to approve the Bus and liability insurance bid for 2012-2013. *Motion carried.*

III. OTHER BUSINESS

Dion Christman spoke about using the baseball diamond for a summer baseball team. The team would like to help with some improvements to the diamond. Mr. Heuser is currently looking into replacing the old scoreboard. There was a discussion on different options for improvements to the diamond surface as well.

Discussion of finances:

The state has cut \$22,000 in transportation already. The governor is looking at making further changes. The government is looking to move some of the pension payments from the state to the local levels. General State Aid is not being paid at 100% this year (a cost of about \$50,000 this year). The state board is calling for level funding for next year. We are currently \$81,000 behind in mandated categorical payments for this year.

Last year we were able to maintain our fund balances. For the current year, our revenues are coming in short of expectations while our expenses are coming in on target. Looking ahead, revenues are projected to be down approximately \$80,000 while expenses will rise \$50,000, which will leave a \$130,000 deficit. Dr. Wolf is hoping to have a spreadsheet available by the next board meeting that will show us the cost of the various programs that we currently offer at TGS.

Illinois got 48 million dollars for Race to the Top 3. Tonica is not going to participate based on the approximate \$330 disbursement we would get of those funds. The FCC is mandating narrow banding for bus radios, which will require us to replace our four current bus radios and possibly our base unit. This will cost us approximately \$2200 to replace all the radios and cover the license fees.

The staff met with Sarah W. to discuss the new website. They are putting together a template for the teachers to use.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Wiesbrock, 2nd by Marcinkus to enter into executive session at 8:37pm. Motion carried.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Hillyer to exit executive session and adjourn the regular meeting at 9:53pm. Motion carried.

Secretary

President