

TONICA GRADE SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

November 16, 2011 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, November 16th, 2011 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 were present. Kim Goodbred was absent.

Additional Attendees: Dr. Ty Wolf, Kirsten Augspols, Janie Hoffmann, Carrie Christman, Amy Cacciatori, Melissa Cassidy, Amy Flannery, Jim Carlson, and Laura Mentgen. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Hillyer, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting October 19th, 2011. All ayes.

Financial statements/bills reviewed. Motion by Hillyer, 2nd by Wiesbrock, to approve the invoices/payments for the month of November 2011. All ayes.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Obermiller, 2nd by Marcinkus to adopt board policies 2-10, 3-70AP, 5-125, 5-125E, 5-170AP1, 5-170AP2, 5-170E, 6-120AP4, Sample Procedures for Care of Students with Diabetes *All ayes.*
- Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Hillyer to approve the purchase and installation of 28 laptops at a price of \$575 each from Premier Data Solutions. *All ayes.*
- Motion by Obermiller, 2nd by Freeman to approve the hiring of Laura Mentgen for up to 300 hours of tech support for the rest of school year. *All ayes.*

III. OTHER BUSINESS

- PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) OVERVIEW
Mrs. Christman and Ms. Cassidy gave the board an update on our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports) program. The goal of the program is to TEACH behavior instead of just responding/punishing for failure to meet behavioral expectations. Beginning this school year the school has adopted a uniform set of behavioral expectations for the entire school. This allows for the entire staff to be on the same page in the area of behavioral expectations. The PBIS program matches up with the academic RTI model that we currently use for academics. The school wide expectations are: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be a Role Model, Be Safe. The program appears to be working in our bussing issues which are down to 10 this year vs. 50 in the first semester last year. The goal is to generate a common language throughout the school (KHFOOTY).

- MR. JIM CARLSON- REGIONAL SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS- Discussion of the Big Four (state changes)
The Big Four consist of Common Core Standards, Performance Evaluation Reform Act, Senate Bill 7 2011 Education Reform Act, Article 24B SB1799 Teacher Certification.
- TENTATIVE TAX LEVY
Residential EAV is down approximately 1,000,000 for this year. Farm value is up 10% for this year. Our estimated EAV for 2012-2013 is realistically 30,700,000, which could possibly be higher. Our current rate is 3.078%. Our tax rate for next year should be relatively flat from last year. The levy hearing will be held on December 14 at 6:45.
- FYI/BOARD GOALS
In the future we will need to have a board member go to a training to start to understand Senate Bill 7. We also need a board member to sit in on the school improvement committee to help compile and interpret data from our school improvement survey. Also there would be training available to board members who would like to learn more about school finance.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion to enter into executive session at 9:26pm by Hillyer, 2nd by Wiesbrock

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Hillyer, 2nd by Wiesbrock to adjourn the meeting at 9:55pm. All ayes.

Secretary

President