



# Tonica Grade School #79

## Board of Education

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

August 18, 2021

The following minutes were recorded for the Open Session Board of Education Meeting of the Tonica Community Consolidated Grade School District #79, LaSalle County, August 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. in the Media Center.

President Ritch Fundell convened the meeting at 6:31 p.m.

\*Mr. Fundell became President on August 10, 2021 due to the automatic resignation of Mr. Allen Leffelman upon his acceptance of a conflicting governmental elected position.

Roll Call: Chalus, Fundell, Lambert, Zimmer

Absent: Trumpinski

Late Arrival: Olesen (6:34)

Election of a new Vice-President as Mr. Fundell transitioned to President:

- Motion to elect Julie Goff Rietgraf Zimmer as Vice-President: Motion Lambert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; Four ayes, One abstain (Zimmer), Motion Carried

Election of a new Secretary as Mrs. Julie Reitgraf Zimmer transitioned to Vice-President:

- Motion to elect Chad Lambert as Secretary: Motion Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; Four ayes, One abstain (Lambert)

Current Board Officers:

Mr. Ritch Fundell – President

Mrs. Julie Goff Rietgraf Zimmer – Vice President

Mr. Chad Lambert - Secretary

Guests: Amber Heider, Sawyer Leffelman, Allen Leffelman, Amy Mareta

- Mr. Leffelman addressed the board by reading his letter of resignation. His resignation was required due to his being sworn in as a Township Highway Commission within the boundaries of the Tonica School District.
- Mrs. Chalus addressed the board regarding disagreement of schools to have universal masking in place, the concerns about wearing masks related to health, and that the district should take a more aggressive stance similar to other districts regarding not following the mandate.

#### I. Consent Agenda

- Approval of the consent agenda items – Open Session Minutes of 7/21/2021, board bills, allowance for specified bills to be paid prior to a board meeting or those approved by the president and superintendent if they will be a late payment: Motion Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chalus; 5 Ayes, Motion Carried.

#### II. Discussion Item

- Student Handbook – Consensus to allow the length of outfits to extend at least to the wrist area and not strictly the fingertips.

**III. Superintendent's report**

- Staffing – Bookkeeper applicant to be interviewed, one paraprofessional application, no custodian applications. Discussion to increase the custodial position from part-time to full-time contractual language (minimum 30 hours a week) to allow for access to benefits. Hours may increase to 8 hours a day as needed or during break periods for building work projects or general building needs.
- Copier LEASE – A LEASE to utilize restricted funds for such purpose is in progress to replace two or three units. The units are failing at an increased rate required repair.
- Enrollment Update – The number is changing daily with current enrollment at 122 as of August 18, 2021

**IV. New Business**

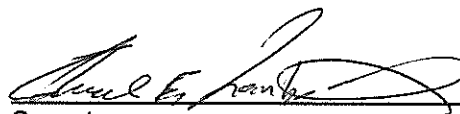
- Motion to approve Ritch Fundell to be added to and a signatory on all financial accounts associated with Tonica Grade School Board President: Motion Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 5 ayes, Motion Carried
- Motion to adopt the FY 22 tentative budget and set a date of September 15<sup>th</sup> for a hearing and adoption of the FY 22 budget: Motion Chalus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lambert; 5 ayes, Motion Carried
- Motion to adopt the IASB 2021 Board Policy updates: Motion Olesen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zimmer; 5 ayes, Motion Carried
- Motion to approve the Athletic Director's sportsmanship guidelines: Motion Lambert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundell; 5 ayes, Motion Carried
- Motion to accept the resignation of Kari Leffelman as a paraprofessional as of August 3, 2021: Motion Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 5 ayes, Motion Carried

**V. Adjournment**

- Motion to adjourn the August 18, 2021 Regular Board Meeting at 7:58 p.m.: Motion Chalus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 5 ayes, Motion Carried



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President



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Secretary