



# Tonica Grade School #79

## Board of Education

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

October 19, 2022

The following minutes were recorded for the Regular Board Meeting of the Tonica Community Consolidated Grade School District #79, LaSalle County; October 19, 2022 the Junior High Gym.

President Ritch Fundell called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Present: Chalus, Konczak, Olesen, Trumpinski, Lambert, Zimmer, Fundell

Administration: Charles Schneider; Chris Waca

Guests: MacKenzie Sherman, Beth Sherman, Jennie Coons, Kylie Coons, Sophie Konczak, Bob Guskusky, Al Leffelman, Mollie Thomson, Joan Smith, Amanda Bangert, Liz Senica, Alicia Richardson, Amy Mareta, Don and Deb Puetz, Tim and Amy Puetz, Kyle Hines, Chris Ryan, Jackson Sutton, Jan and Jim Puetz, Martin and Merlene Hawley, Jenny and Lowell Beenenga, Allison Twardowski, Sarah Briddick, Carlee Skinner, Morena Duncan, Chuck L

#### I. Visitors/Public Comment

- Community Recognitions
  - i. TGS recognized past Illinois Supreme Court Chief Justice with a new picture of Judge Ryan to be displayed in the school
  - ii. TGS recognized 1967 graduates, Cody Calkins and Michael Puetz, who lost their lives in Vietnam by displaying their graduation picture and military picture with the plaque that has been in the school.
- Public Comment by students and parents regarding the cooperative agreements for extracurricular activities and their concerns

#### II. Consent Agenda

- Approval of the consent agenda items: Motion Lambert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Chalus, 7 Ayes; Motion Carried

#### III. Shared Superintendent Committee

- Mr. Fundell appointed Mrs. Konczak to be on the committee

#### IV. Committee Report – Buildings and Grounds

- Mr. Trumpinski attended the recent Tonica Village Board meeting
  - i. The Village will fix the east ditch after TGS has the gravel area graded to direct water to the south end
  - ii. The hill/ditch on the south side of the building within the circle drive will be maintained by the district

#### V. Superintendent Reports

- Board provided guidance to develop a tentative levy with a rate very similar to the previous year's final rate minimizing any rate increase
- New snow removal rate will be \$44.00 per hour with Mr. Goodwin

- JH students wrote letters to a recent Honor Flight group of participants; two members of the flight contacted the school saying thank you to specific students and their letter

**VI. Assistant Principal/Athletic Director Report**

- Recap that students are weekly checked in with who are having issues with grades; certified staff have received several informal observations

**VII. Discussion Items**

- Strategic Plan notes from previous session reviewed; next date selected as December 5
- Superintendent to investigate information on acquiring a MFSAB (white bus)
- Check interest for having guests or shared dances with other schools
- A snow blower attachment will be ordered for the district tractor to replace using a push blade/plow

**VIII. New Business**

- *Motion to proceed with the renewal of bonding authority: Motion Konczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zimmer; 7 Ayes; motion carried*
- *Motion to publish the RFP for school security cameras and installation: Motion Chalus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zimmer; 7 Ayes; motion carried*
- *Motion to accept the retirement , with regrets, of Dan Stoffle, maintenance , as of October 31, 2022 after 23 years of service to the school district; December 1999 – October 2022: Motion Chalus, 2<sup>nd</sup> Konczak; 7 Ayes; motion carried*
- *Motion to employ Mike Stopa as a custodian starting on October 31, 2022; step 10: Motion Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundell; 7 Ayes; motion carried*
- *Motion to transfer Jeff Yunker from custodian to full-time maintenance as of October 31, 2022; step 10: Motion Olesen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zimmer; 7 Ayes; motion carried*
- *Motion to ratify the Memorandum of Understanding between the board and local 4874 the adjustments in salary cell placements for Randi Poole effective upon ratification by both parties - transition to step 9, part-time cook for the remainder of the current school year; and upon return to employment in the same position next year placement on step 11, part-time cook for the 2023 - 2024 school year: Motion Lambert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zimmer; 6 Ayes; 1 Abstain (Trumpinski); motion carried*

**IX. Executive Session - None**

**X. Adjournment**

- *Motion to adjourn the October 19, 2022 Regular Board Meeting at 8:17 p.m.: Motion Trumpinski, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zimmer, 7 Ayes; Motion Carried*



President



Secretary