



# Tonica Grade School #79

## Board of Education

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES

March 15, 2023

The following minutes were recorded for the Regular Board Meeting of the Tonica Community Consolidated Grade School District #79, LaSalle County; March 15, 2023 in the Media Center.

President Ritch Fundell called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

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

Absent: Chalus

Administration: Charles Schneider; Chris Waca

Guests: Robert Ketcham and family (incoming part-time superintendent beginning July 1, 2023), Sarah Briddick, Amy Mareta, Carlee Skinner, Morena Duncan, Allison Twardowski, Heather Arbet

**I. Visitors/Public Comment/Correspondence**

- No comment or correspondence

**II. Consent Agenda**

- Approval of the consent agenda items: Motion Zimmer , 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 6 Ayes; Motion Carried

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

- Mr. Waca provided an update on BB/SB and received direction to move forward planning for the season with 5<sup>th</sup> graders involved; Next year's tentative cooperative participation numbers were provided; an update on cooperative discussion with Lostant and a report for a following board meeting

**IV. Superintendent Reports**

- Mr. Schneider provided updates on the start of the camera project during spring break and added cameras that are within the grant reserves; walk through for the door project and reminder bids will be opened on March 27 with a Special Board Meeting on March 29<sup>th</sup> and 6:00 p.m.; review of family math and art night

**V. Discussion**

- Cooperative shared athletic director – TGS and Lostant will move forward with the process to set up an agreement to share the services of an athletic director starting in the 2023 – 2024 school year.

**VI. Committee Reports**

- Superintendent Evaluation Development Committee established by Mr. Fundell appointing Mrs. Zimmer and Mrs. Konczak to the committee
- Strategic Plan Committee discussed that the draft plan will be ready for an April review

**VII. New Business**

- *Motion to approve addendum to "An Intergovernmental Agreement with Respect to Superintendent Services": Motion Konczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpinski; 6 Ayes; Motion Carried*
- *Motion to appoint Mr. Robert Ketcham as a part-time superintendent beginning on July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026 in conjunction with the terms of an Intergovernmental Agreement with Lostant CUSD #425 : Motion Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Konczak; 6 Ayes; Motion Carried*
- *Motion to appoint Mr. Christopher Waca as a full-time building principal beginning on July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2027 per the conditions set-forth in: Motion Konczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpinski; 6 Ayes; Motion Carried*
- *Motion to honorable dismiss Patricia Redig, long-term substitute, at the conclusion of the school year: Motion Konczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 6 ayes; Motion Carried*
- *Motion to approve the certified staff personnel report 3.15.2015: Motion Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lambert; 6 Ayes; Motion Carried (report attached)*

**VIII. Executive Session**

- *Motion to enter into executive session at 7:18 p.m. for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1): Motion Lambert, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 6 Ayes; Motion Carried*
- *Motion to re-enter into open session at 7:59 p.m.: Motion Olesen, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zimmer; 6 Ayes; Motion Carried*

**IX. Adjournment**

- *Motion to adjourn the March 15, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 8:00 p.m.: Motion Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Konczak; 6 Ayes; Motion Carried*



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President



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Secretary

**Tonica CCSD #79  
Personnel Report 3.15.2023  
2023 – 2024  
Certified Staff**

**Certified Staff Employment Recommendations**

**1<sup>st</sup> year probationary**

- Pointer, Courtney (Art/Supports)

**1<sup>st</sup> year probationary to 2<sup>nd</sup> year probationary**

- O'Neill, Thomas (PE/Health)
- Stephen, Michael (JH SS/Elem Tech)

**3<sup>rd</sup> year probationary to 4<sup>th</sup> year probationary**

- Hines, Kyle (Science)
- Larem, Megan (K)
- Richardson, Alicia (1<sup>st</sup> grade)

**4<sup>th</sup> year probationary to continual contract (tenure for 2023-24)**

- Flavel, Laura (3<sup>rd</sup>)
- Heider, Amber (Math/SS)
- Twardowski, Allison (SpecEd)

**Continued Contractual Service**

- Arbet, Heather
- Farb, Samantha
- Mareta, Amy
- Skinner Carlee
- Thomas, Lauren

*Motion to approve the certified staff personnel report 3.15.2015: Motion Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Lambert; 6 Ayes;  
Motion Carried (report attached)*

**Honorable Dismissal**

Redig, Patricia (Long-term sub)

*Motion to honorable dismiss Patricia Redig, long-term substitute, at the conclusion of the school year:  
Motion Konczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 6 ayes; Motion Carried*