



# Tonica Grade School #79

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## Board of Education

### OPEN SESSION MINUTES July 19, 2023

The following minutes were recorded for the Regular Board Meeting of the Tonica Community Consolidated School District #79, LaSalle County; July 23, 2023 in the Media Center.

President Ritch Fundell called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Present: Briddick, Fundell, Konczak, Trumpinski, Zimmer

Absent: Mr. Robert Ketcham, Mr. Olesen, Mrs. Chalus

Administration: Mr. Chris Waca, Principal; Charles Schneider, Assistant Superintendent

Guests: Holli Rapp, Amy Mareta, Carlee Skinner, Morena Duncan and Carlee Skinner

1. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment/Correspondence
  - a. Listed above
  
2. Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the consent agenda: Konczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpinks; 5 Ayes; Motion carried
  - a. Approval and release of Open and Closed Session Board meeting minutes of June 21, 2023
  - b. District Bills & Treasurer's Reports
  - c. Authorization to pay bills prior to adoption of FY 24 Budget
  - d. Approve Board/Staff Reimbursements
  - e. Approve IASB policy update 112 - Date adoption to presented policies
  - f. FOIA June 16, 2023 - Katy Smyser, NBC Chicago; Documents related to FOIA lawsuits and costs associated with any such lawsuits. Response: The district has no documents responsive to the request. FOIA closed.
  
3. Principal
  - a. Technology Update - Interactive Panels
    - i. Two options were presented. The consensus was to move forward with Promethean. Installation is anticipated prior to the start of school with training provided when staff return.
  - b. Health Curriculum reviewed: Consensus was to continue to seek alternate resources and provide an update in August
  - c. Extra-Curricular Update 2023-2024
    - i. Revised eligibility was reviewed which aligns both Tonica and Lostant regarding cooperative activities

4. Athletic Director Report
  - a. Written report provided.
  
5. Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent Reports
  - a. Building Project Updates
    - i. The last two cameras are set for installation then training on use of the system
    - ii. Exterior doors are still in the shop drawing phase; anticipated installation is late October early November
  - b. PreK Transportation Billing
    - i. Oglesby SD provided a billing for the pre-k transportation. IN the past the grant covered the costs but moving forward billing is anticipated to be continued. The board discussed whether to continue to provide transportation which is not required and also is not reimbursable on the ISBE transportation claim.
  - c. Student Teaching Stipend
    - i. A stipend of \$500.00 per week @ \$13.33 per hour was discussed. Possible action in August.
  
6. Committee Updates/Report/Discussion
  - a. Discussion
    - i. Grade Weighting and Fees LPHS Algebra
      1. The grade will be weighted and TGS will cover the fees if Alg1 is required to be taken at LPHS.
    - ii. Storage Rental Contract/Agreement
      1. Item reviewed with no pending action
  - b. Superintendent Committee Updates
    - i. Strategic Plan
      1. The committee reviewed the final plan. There was consensus to move forward with IASB providing a presentation documents at a cost around \$500.00
  - c. Tonica/Lostant Superintendent Joint Committee
    - i. Board Presidents set August meeting with superintendent and committee
      1. Mr. Fundell will await information from Lostant as to who will be the committee from Lostant.
  
7. New Business
  - a. Motions pertaining to appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, resignations or dismissal of specific employees or volunteers.
    - i. Motion to accept the retirement of Rose Stavrakas, cook, with last work day of September 1, 2023: Fundell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Zimmer; 5 Ayes; Motion Carried
  
8. Executive Session for the purpose of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body 5 ILCS 120/2(c)(1)
  - a. Motion to enter into executive session at 7:49 p.m.: Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpinski; 5 Ayes; Motion Carried
  - b. Motion to re-enter into open session at 8:17p.m: Zimmer, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpinski; 5 Ayes; Motion Carried

9. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn the July 19, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 8:19 p.m.: Konczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Trumpinski; 5 Ayes; Motion Carried

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*Protemp*

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