



Tonica Community Consolidated School District #79

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Board of Education

Open Session Minutes August 16, 2023

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

President Pro-Temp Jennifer Konczak called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Briddick, Chalus, Konczak, Trumpinski, Zimmer.

Absent: Mr. Fundell, Mr. Olesen

Administration: Mr. Chris Waca, Principal; Mr. Robert Ketcham, Superintendent

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

1. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment/Correspondence
 - a. Listed Above
2. Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the consent agenda: Trumpinski, 2nd Chalus; 5 ayes; Motion carried
 - a. Approval and release of Open and Closed Session Board meeting minutes of July 19, 2023 and Closed Session minutes of June 21, 2023
 - b. District Bills & Treasurer's Reports
 - c. Approve Board/Staff Reimbursements
 - d. FOIA Request: July 26, 2023 - Katy Smyser, NBC Chicago; Documents related to requests to remove books from the school library or classroom going back to January 1, 2013; documents related to threats received regarding the removal of books or materials from the library or classrooms going back to January 1, 2013. Response July 27, 2023: The district has no documents responsive to the request. FOIA closed.
3. Principal
 - a. Staff Return First Day Update– wonderful opening TI day, off to a good start
 - b. First Student Day preview – Eagerly await 8-18-23 when students return
 - c. Interactive Panel Installation and Implementation Update – company will be here 8-17-23 to train staff.
 - d. Enrollment Update – currently at 121 students.
4. Athletic Director Report
 - a. Baseball and Softball update
 - b. No discussion

5. Superintendent Reports
 - a. Building Project Updates – phones are installed as well as cameras both companies came to train admin. Doors are in production phase and should be ready by mid-October.
 - b. IT Support and Services Update – A proposal from Zobrio as well as Mark Karlosky Consulting were presented. The Karlosky consulting proposal was accepted.
 - c. Update on ESSER 3 Grant – Discussion regarding use of ESSER 3 funds was held
 - d. Tentative Budget Review – Mr. Ketcham presented the tentative budget for adoption and discussion was held regarding the various fund balances.
 - e. Financial Report – Mr. Ketcham presented the financial report that will become a regular part of the packet each month.
6. Committee Updates/Report/Discussion
 - a. Superintendent Committee Updates
 - i. Buildings and Grounds 7/25/2023 – Discussion was held on the timeline of upgrades to the baseball diamond. Mr. Ketcham was asked to assign Asst. Superintendent Mr. Schneider to research various grant sources that might be available as a possible funding source.
 - b. Tonica/Lostant Superintendent Joint Committee
 - i. Report/Update – Mrs. Chalus provided information from the August 11 meeting held at TGS.
 - c. Tonica Grade School Foundation Report – Mr. Trumpinski provided a summary of the most recent foundation meeting.
 - d. IASB Educational Mandates – No discussion.
 - e. Hiring coaches in emergency situations – Mr. Ketcham discussed the process for hiring coaches in the district.
7. New Business
 - a. Motion to appoint Zimmer as secretary pro-tem: Chalus; 2nd Briddick; 5 ayes; Motion carried.
 - b. Motion to accept the resignation of Tom O’Neil as PE/Health teacher and coach: Zimmer; 2nd Trumpinski; 5 ayes; Motion carried
 - c. Motion to hire Patricia Redig as a long-term substitute for 2023-24: Zimmer; 2nd Chalus; 5 ayes; Motion carried
 - d. Motion to hire Randi Poole - FT Cook - Step 10 - begin September 5, 2023: Zimmer; 2nd Konczak; 4 ayes; 1 abstain; Motion carried
 - e. Motion to hire Suzanne Grosenbach - PT Cook - Step 9 - beginning September 5, 2023: Chalus; 2nd Zimmer; 5 ayes; Motion carried.
 - f. Motion to hire Alex Kinsella as baseball assistant coach for the 2023-2024 school year pending the completion of IESA requirements as well as employment requirements: Chalus; 2nd Trumpinski; 5 ayes; Motion carried
 - g. Motion to approve the Employee Handbook as presented: Zimmer; 2nd Chalus; 5 ayes; Motion carried
 - h. Motion to approve a fall 2023 student teacher stipend of \$13.33 dollars per hour not to exceed 7.5 hours per day: Zimmer; 2nd Konczak; 5 ayes; Motion carried.
 - i. Motion to approve adopt the tentative FY 24 budget: Chalus; 2nd Konczak; 5 ayes; Motion carried
 - j. Motion to approve Sam Obermiller as long term substitute for the 2023-2024 school year: Zimmer; 2nd Trumpinski; 5 ayes; Motion carried
 - k. Motion to approve the IGA amendment with Lostant CUSD 425 for shared Superintendent services: Chalus; 2nd Konczak; 5 ayes; Motion carried
 - l. Motion to approve amendment to the Superintendent contract with Robert Ketcham: Chalus; 2nd Konczak; 5 ayes; Motion carried
 - m. Motion to adjourn the August 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting at 8:09 pm: Trumpinski; 2nd Briddick; 5 ayes; Motion carried

Rita Funnell

Board President

9-20-23

Date

J. O.

Secretary

9-20-23

Date