



Tonica Community Consolidated School

District #79

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Board of Education Open Session Minutes January 17, 2024

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 Konzack called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Briddick, Zimmer, Olesen, Konczak, Challus, Trumpinski, and Waca

Absent: Fundell

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

Guests: Holli Rapp, Carlee Skinner, Allison Twardowski, Amy Mareta, Morena Duncan, and Megain Larem.

1. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment/Correspondence
 - a. Listed Above
2. Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the consent agenda: Zimmer, 2nd Briddick; 6 ayes; Motion carried
 - a. Approval and release of Open and Closed Session Board meeting minutes of December 13, 2023
 - b. District Bills & Treasurer's Reports
 - c. Approve Board/Staff Reimbursements
3. Motion to approve the financial report: Briddick; 2nd Trumpinski, 6 ayes; motion carried.
4. Motion to enter into executive session @6:54 pm: Chalus, 2nd Zimmer; 6 ayes; motion carried.
5. Motion to re-enter into open session after executive session @ 7:27 pm: Chalus, 2nd Trumpinski; 6 ayes, motion carried.
6. Principal
 - a. Mr. Waca provided a brief summary of Rtl information and mentioned that benchmark testing would be moved due to recent events.
7. Athletic Director Report
 - a. Ms.Rapp provided an update on new uniforms that were ordered with money earned from hosting tournaments. She also mentioned a couple of upcoming fundraising events as well.
8. Superintendent Reports
 - a. Mr. Ketcham briefed the board on old office furniture, cabinets, shelves, and other random items that need to be disposed of.
9. Committee Updates/Report/Discussion
 - a. Building and Grounds – no discussion
 - b. Tonica/Lostant Superintendent Joint Committee – no discussion
 - c. Tonica Grade School Foundation Report – no discussion

10. Discussion Items

- a. Mr. Ketcham advised the joint Superintendent committee to begin work on a new Superintendent evaluation instrument that both the TGS and LGS boards can utilize in the future.
- b. Mr. Ketcham provided a draft copy of the '24-'25 school calendar, no discussion took place and Mr. Ketcham asked that further questions be forwarded to him.

11. Donate old green and white mats to local rugby team

- a. Motion to approve the donation of old green and white mats to the local rugby team: Konczak; 2nd Chalus; 6 ayes; Motion carried.

12. First Reading of IASB Policy Update 113

- a. Motion to accept the first reading of the IASB Policy Update 113: Zimmer; 2nd Chalus; 6 ayes; Motion carried.

13. Board Calendar for the '24-'25 school year

- a. Motion to approve the 3rd Wednesday of each month at 6:45 pm for board meetings: Konczak; 2nd Zimmer; 5 ayes; Motion carried.

14. Long Term Substitute

- a. Motion to approve the employment of Mr. Derek Nearhring as full-time substitute in PE/Health for the remainder of the school year or until a viable candidate emerges: Zimmer; 2nd Chalus; 6 ayes; Motion carried.

15. Adjournment

- a. Motion to adjourn the December 13, 2023 regular board meeting at 7:47 pm: Olesen; 2nd Trumpinski; 6 ayes; Motion carried.

Board President

Date

Secretary

Date