



# Tonica Community Consolidated School District #79

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## Board of Education Open Session Minutes April 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 Ritch Fundell called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Present: Briddick, Zimmer, Olesen, Konczak, Fundell, Ganz, McGlaughlin, Ketcham and Waca

Absent:

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

Guests: Allison Twardowski, Morena Duncan, Carlee Skinner, Heather Arbet, Jamie Vice, Mark Zimmer, Amy Mareta.

1. Recognition of Visitors/Public Comment/Correspondence
  - a. Amy Mareta recognized for recent voting of favorite teacher.
2. Consent Agenda: Motion to approve the consent agenda: Konczak, 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundell; 7 ayes; Motion carried
  - a. Approval and release of Open Session Board Minutes from March 20, 2024.
  - b. District Bills & Treasurer's Reports
  - c. Approve Board/Staff Reimbursements
3. Motion to approve the financial report: McGlaughlin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Ganz, 7 ayes; motion carried.
4. Principal
  - a. Mr. Waca provided a brief summary of recent happenings at TGS and upcoming events.
5. Athletic Director Report
  - a. No Discussion
6. Superintendent Reports
  - a. Mr. Ketcham provided the board a brief update on the door project.
  - b. Mr. Ketcham provided a brief summary of the upcoming mowing season and the work involved.
7. 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
  - d. Tech Committee – Mr. Olesen summarized the recent meeting that took place.
8. Discussion Items
  - a. Mr. Ketcham discussed the request to use the gym by the Diggersz volleyball club.
  - b. Mr. Ketcham discussed the 1:1 Chromebook initiative with the board. Discussion took place regarding assessing a fee for damage to a Chromebook that is above the normal.
9. Consolidated District Plan
  - a. Motion to approve the 2024-2025 Consolidated District Plan: Ganz; 2<sup>nd</sup> Konczak; 7 ayes; Motion carried
10. Vermillion Conference Signs
  - a. Motion to allow administration to distribute the old Vermillion Conference signs to conference schools: Olesen; 2<sup>nd</sup> Briddick; 7 ayes; Motion carried


11. Athletic Fee
  - a. Motion to set the athletic fee at \$50 per student no matter the amount of activities that the student participates in starting in the 2024-2025 school year. Briddick; 2<sup>nd</sup> McGlaughlin; 7 ayes; Motion carried.
12. IESA Membership & Dues
  - a. Motion to approve the IESA dues & fees of \$700 for the 2024-2025 school year. Konczak; 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 7 ayes; Motion carried.
13. Jamie Vice
  - a. Motion to approve the employment of Jamie Vice as Special Education teacher beginning the 2024-2025 school year: Konczak; 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundell; 7 ayes; Motion carried.
14. Resignation
  - a. Motion to accept the resignation of Lauren Thomas with regret. McGlaughlin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundell; 7 ayes; Motion carried.
15. The Illinois Funds
  - a. Motion to invest in The Illinois Funds. Ganz; 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundell; 7 ayes; Motion carried.
16. Press Policy Update 114
  - a. Motion to adopt the Press Policy Update 114. Fundell; 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 7 ayes; Motion carried.
17. Amy Graham Instructional Technology Coach
  - a. Motion to contract with Amy Graham for instructional technology coach services starting the 2024-2025 school year. Mclaughlin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Konczak; 7 ayes; Motion carried
18. April Peronnel Report
  - a. Motion to approve the April personnel report as presented. Konczak; 2<sup>nd</sup> Briddick; 7 ayes, Motion carried.
19. Motion to enter into executive session @7:21 pm: Briddick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Konczak; 7 ayes; Motion carried.
20. Motion to re-enter into open session @ 8:01 pm: McGlaughlin; 2<sup>nd</sup> Olesen; 7 ayes; Motion carried.
21. Adjournment
  - a. Motion to adjourn the April 17, 2024 regular board meeting at 8:03 pm: Konczak; 2<sup>nd</sup> Fundell; 7 ayes; Motion carried.



Board President



Date



Secretary



Date