

# TCSC School Board Meeting

Administration Office, 1051 S Main St, Tipton, IN 46072  
Tuesday, May 8, 2018  
6:30pm - 7:30pm

**Present:** Greg Burton, Board Member; John Junco, Assistant Superintendent; Dawn Benefiel, Administrative Assistant; April Overdorf, Board Secretary; Randy Sottong, Board Member; Jim Ankrum, Board Member; Gary Johnson, Board Member; Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President; Rick Powell, Board President; Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent

## 1 Call to Order/Welcome

Rick Powell, Board President

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**Minutes:**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 PM by Mr. Powell.

## 2 Pledge of Allegiance

**Minutes:**

Mr. Burton led the Pledge of Allegiance.

## 3 Approval of Agenda

Rick Powell, Board President

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**Motioned:** Jim Ankrum

**Seconded:** Greg Burton

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		
Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		

## 4 Approval of Minutes

Rick Powell, Board President

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Regular Session, April 10, 2018.

**Motioned:** Jim Ankrum  
**Seconded:** Greg Burton

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		
Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		

**Attachments:**

[Board Minutes 2018.04.10.pdf](#)

## 5 Superintendent's Report

Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent

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### 5.1 Student Recognition

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**Minutes:**

1. Student Recognition:

- KJ Roudebush – selected as one of the Indiana Football Digest Prime Time 25 Players for the upcoming 2018 season.
- Cassidy Crawford - named to the Small School Underclassmen All-State 1st Team (2A, 1A).
- Carson Dolezal - named to Small School Underclass All-State 1st Team (2A, 1A).
- Rachel Majors - named to the IBCA Academic All-State (Honorable Mention).
- Harry Finch - named to the Indiana Academic All-State Team, Indiana Soccer Coaches Association.
- Jacob Hughes - named to the Indiana Academic All-State Team, Indiana Soccer Coaches Association.

2. Board Recognition:

At ISBA's Region 5 Spring Meeting, the Board received the Outstanding Board Award and Rick Powell was recognized for achieving the Level 2 distinction (earning 125 points). The ISBA's CAP (Certification Award Program) was established to recognize officially seated board members for their dedication to continuous improvement, especially through attendance at ISBA-sponsored conferences, seminars, and retreats. Individual board members can earn four different level distinctions, Level 1, 2, 3 and Master board member, by accumulating points for various ISBA or ISBA recognized activities. If a majority of a board attains a minimum of Level 1 recognition, the board is considered an Outstanding Board.

### 5.2 Spotlight on Schools

Tipton Middle School's National Junior Honor Society (NJHS), Carolyn Friend, Sponsor

**Minutes:**

NJHS Officers provided the board with information on some of the activities that NJHS is involved with during the school year.

**Attachments:**

[NJHS.pptx](#)

## 5.3 Facilities & Transportation

John Junco, Assistant Superintendent

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**Minutes:**

Performance Services year four energy savings report is attached. Things appear to be operating efficiently. TCSC saved \$17,966 beyond the guaranteed savings amount of \$73,554 from January 1, 2017 through December 31, 2017. Equipment runtimes and engineering calculations are used to arrive at the savings based on your consumption. However, utility invoices and reflect savings for this period totaling \$130,366.

**School Safety**

Three administrators attended school safety training on April 11th and 12th to complete their state recertification for the year. Two more administrators will be attending sessions on May 14th and 15th in Indianapolis.

TCSC continues to tighten down security with the recent change of school doors now being open at 7:30 am instead of 7 am. This has went well for the most part, with the biggest adjustment being at High School for those students who were meeting teachers for tutoring in the morning.

TCSC continues to work with the City of Tipton (Mayor) and lawyers on the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the School Resource Officer (SRO) for the 2018-19 school year. Basically we are down to working out the financial agreement.

TCSC has submitted and been approved for intent to apply for the 2019 Homeland Security Grant. This matching grant must be submitted by May 21, 2018. TCSC will be applying for the maximum allowed \$50,000.00. If approved for the grant will allow \$25,000.00 to be applied to the SRO position and the remaining \$25,000.00 will be utilized to continue camera upgrades and electronic door entry.

**Transportation and Facilities**

Transportation continues to go well. I want to extend a special thank you to our sub bus drivers Ken Day, Randall Hudson, Linda Sottong and Randy Sottong for helping us cover many extended absences this spring. They have gone above what we normally have in a year.

Facilities: The irrigation system at the fields lost the main pipe for water over the winter. Either through age/freeze or both it was laying on the ground. We are working on a quote for repairs.

Performance Services has scheduled June 4 for the floor repairs to begin that week, as well as other items to be completed and get the project finished by June 29. The remaining sinks and counter tops will be installed and Performance is not adding any of that cost to TCSC.

Baumgartner's is scheduled to begin work on May 25 with bumper replacement at the tennis court area. They will continue May 29 with milling/reseal/stripping to be complete by June 8 pending weather. This will be the entire campus area being resealed.

**Attachments:**

[Tipton Year 4 Energy Savings Report 1 .pdf](#)

## 5.4 Technology Report

Brian Witherow

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1. TCSC has received notice that we have been approved for eRate funding in the amount up to \$38,640.

**Minutes:**

Mr. Witherow reported that Securely has been sending weekly emails to parents regarding the sites their student visits while on the school electronic device. Mr. Witherow also reported that 25 Seniors have elected to purchase their laptops at this time. The students may still contact the IT Department if they wish to purchase their laptop at the end of the school year. It was reported that TCSC has been approved for eRate funding (reimbursement) in the amount up to \$38,640.

**Attachments:**

[eRate Funding Approval 2018.pdf](#)

## 5.5 Other

Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent

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**Minutes:**

- Budget Calendar
- Recognize teacher retirees: Kathy Uitts, Matt Wood, "Top" Fletcher. Also, TCSC Treasurer - Renee' Anderson
- Participation in the Tipton County Family Fun Fair (April 28). THS Cheerleaders were there to help.
- Upcoming music productions. Congratulations to the cast of Les Miserables and directors Mrs. Haynes and Mrs. Hendricks. Combined bands - May 8, THS Choir Awards - May 9, Jazz Band - May 11, TMS Choir - May 14, TMS Band - May 15, Swing & Stage - May 18, Band Awards - May 21

**Attachments:**

[Budget 2019 Timeline.pdf](#)

# 6 Financial Report

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## 6.1 Approval of Claims

Rick Powell, Board President

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**Motioned:** April Overdorf

**Seconded:** Gary Plumer

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		

Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		

**Attachments:**

[AP CLAIMS 4.11-4.30.18.pdf](#)

[PAYROLL CLAIMS.pdf](#)

[AP CLAIMS 5.1-5.8.18.pdf](#)

## 6.2 Financial Report

Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent

The Treasurer has been unable to balance the bank statement in time to complete the monthly report for April. We will provide the April report to the board as soon as possible.

## 7 Old Business

Rick Powell, Board President

None

## 8 New Business

Rick Powell, Board President

### 8.1 Consideration to approve the 2018-2019 Textbook Rental and Fees.

The 2018-2019 Textbook Rental and Fees are being submitted for approval. This recommendation includes rental for new textbooks that were approved last month, as well as the other textbooks considered tonight. It also includes the \$75 Technology Fee assessed at grades 3 through 12. It is recommended that the Board approve the 2018-2019 Textbook Rental and Fees, including a fee to be assessed K-8 for the IXL Program.

**Motioned:** Greg Burton

**Seconded:** Gary Johnson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		
Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		

Rick Powell, Board President	X		
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**Attachments:**

[TBR 2018-2019.pdf](#)

[Memo - IXL Fee Proposal.pdf](#)

## 8.2 Consideration to approve eLearning Days for 2018-2019.

TCSC is seeking approval to apply for the use of up to four (4) eLearning Days to use for inclement weather for the 2018-2019 school year. Previously, the board has approved the use of these days for Professional Development. These days would be in addition. We successfully used one eLearning Day this past year because of weather. The TCSC Technology Committee has reviewed the eLearning Plan and has made some changes. A copy of that plan is attached.

**Motioned:** Gary Plumer

**Seconded:** April Overdorf

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		
Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		

**Attachments:**

[Memo - eLearning 2018-2019 board 1.pdf](#)

## 8.3 Consideration to give permission to the Superintendent to hire staff between the June, July and August Board Meetings.

This is a busy time of year in filling positions; schools are in competition to find the best candidate possible. In addition, we do not know what may happen with some teachers who may be looking for other positions, or deciding to leave for other reasons. By giving the Superintendent permission to hire, we can go ahead and secure qualified candidates without having to wait for the Board to act on resignations, and allows us to get the commitment from the candidate before they accept another position. It is recommended that the Superintendent be granted permission to hire staff between the Board meetings of June, July and August.

**Motioned:** Jim Ankrum

**Seconded:** Gary Johnson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		

Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		
Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		

#### 8.4 Consideration to approve overnight field trip: Boys Soccer Team.

The Tipton High School's Soccer Team is requesting permission for the Boys Soccer Team to participate in the UIndy Team Camp. This camp takes place on the campus of the University of Indianapolis, July 16-18. There are two coaches and fifteen athletes planning to attend. Participants will be staying in the dorms. It is recommended that this overnight trip be approved.

**Motioned:** Greg Burton

**Seconded:** Jim Ankrum

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		
Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		

**Attachments:**

[Soccer Camp 2018.pdf](#)

#### 8.5 Consideration to approve overnight field trip: FFA State Convention.

The FFA is requesting permission to attend the Indiana State FFA Convention in West Lafayette again this year. The group will be staying in Lafayette (Best Western Hotel) during the convention from June 18-21, 2018. It is recommended that the Board approve the overnight field trip for the FFA to Lafayette.

**Motioned:** Gary Plumer

**Seconded:** Randy Sottong

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		

Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		

**Attachments:**

[FFA Convention 2018.pdf](#)

## 8.6 Consideration to approve the 2018-2019 agreement with The Crossing.

The Crossing provides an alternative education for students who struggle in the traditional classroom. TCSC has partnered with The Crossing for the past few years. The offering in Noblesville closed, but students can still attend the program in Kokomo. TCSC is only charged tuition for those students who are actually enrolled in The Crossing's program. It is recommended that the Board approve the continued partnering with The Crossing for 2018-2019.

**Motioned:** April Overdorf

**Seconded:** Gary Johnson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		
Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		

**Attachments:**

[Tipton Secondary Agreement 2018-19.pdf](#)

## 9 Personnel Report

Rick Powell, Board President

**Motioned:** April Overdorf

**Seconded:** Greg Burton

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		



Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		

**Attachments:**

[Personnel Report 5.8.2018.pdf](#)

## 10 Other Matter to Come Before the Board

Rick Powell, Board President

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**Minutes:**

None.

### 10.1 Advisory Committees

Rick Powell, Board President

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- Facilities & Technology - June 5
- Personnel - June 18
- Business Affairs - July (TBA)

### 10.2 Schedule of Events

Rick Powell, Board President

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May 7-11	Teacher Appreciation Week
May 8	Board Meeting, 5:30/6:30
May 8	Band Concert (Combined), 7:30
May 9	Staff Recognition Dinner, 4:00
May 9	THS Choir Awards, 7:00
May 11	THS Jazz Band/Alumni Concert, 7:00
May 14	TMS Spring Choir Concert, 7:00
May 15	TMS Spring Band Concert, 7:00
May 16	Top 10 Banquet, 6:00
May 17	Executive Session, 5:30
May 18	Stage & Swing Concert, 7:00
May 21	Band Awards Programm, 7:00
May 23	TMS Awards Program, 6:30

May 23	Last Student Day
May 24	Teacher Work Day
May 24	Senior Awards, 7:00 PM
May 26	Graduation, 2:00 PM
May 28	Memorial Day
June 5	Facilities & Technology Committee, 5:30
June 12	Board Meeting, 5:30/6:30
June 18	Personnel Advisory Committee, 5:30
July 10-15	Tipton County Fair

## 11 Comments from Community

Rick Powell, Board President

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**Minutes:**

Mr. Emsweller thanked the Teachers for all they do for the students of Tipton Community Schools.

Mr. Stillson reported that the THS Senior Trip to NYC was very successful this year. The students were very well behaved and had a great time. They were able to do a lot of sight seeing and the weather was great for them. Mr. Jerry Fernung did a very good job organizing the trip and making sure the students got the most they could out of the trip.

## 12 Adjournment

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**Minutes:**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 PM.

**Motioned:** Greg Burton

**Seconded:** Jim Ankrum

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
Greg Burton, Board Member	X		
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		
Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
Gary Johnson, Board Member	X		
Gary Plumer, Board Vice-President	X		
Rick Powell, Board President	X		