

TCSC Board Meeting

TCSC School Board

Administration Office, 1051 S Main St, Tipton, IN 46072

Tuesday, February 11, 2020

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Present: 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; Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent; Chris McNew, Board Member; Scott Wessel, Director of Operations; Kegan Schmicker, Board Member

1 Call to Order/Welcome

Gary Plumer, Board President

Minutes:

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

2 Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

The Pledge was led by Mrs. Overdorf.

3 Approval of Consent Agenda Items

Gary Plumer, Board President

A member of the Board may request any item to be removed from the consent resolution and defer it for a specific action and more discussion. No vote of the Board will be required to remove an item from the consent agenda. A single member's request shall cause it to be relocated as an action item eligible for discussion. Any item on the consent agenda may be removed and discussed as a nonaction item or be deferred for further study and discussion at a subsequent Board meeting if the Superintendent or any Board member thinks the item requires further discussion. (ByLaw 0166.1)

It is recommended that the following Consent Agenda Items be approved:

Approval of the Agenda

Approval of Minutes

- January 14, 2020

Approval of Claims

- Accounts Payable Claims February
- Payroll Claims 1.17.2020
- Payroll Claims 1.31.2020

Approval of Personnel Report

- February Personnel Report

Approval of Field Trips (Overnight and/or Out-of-State)

- NONE.

Approval to Accept Donations

- NONE.

Minutes:

The Personnel Report was separated out for consideration. The Personnel Report was unanimously approved following a motion by Mr. Ankrum, seconded by Mr. Schmicker.

Motioned: Kegan Schmicker

Seconded: Chris McNew

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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		
Chris McNew, Board Member	X		
Kegan Schmicker, Board Member	X		

4 Public Hearing for Additional Appropriation Rainy Day Fund

Each year the administration asks for additional appropriations from the Rainy Day Fund. In order to spend money from the Rainy Day Fund, it must be appropriated and this is the process to make it happen. The Rainy Day Fund can be used only in case of emergencies and although we do not expect and do not hope to have to use those funds, it is important to appropriate the funds in case an emergency should arise. Emergencies are defined by a Board resolution as either a reduction in revenues or an increase in expenditures that was unexpected and could not have been predicted. As required, these additional appropriations were advertised and this public hearing is being held for that purpose.

Minutes:

Public Hearing Opened 6:32 PM

Comments: None

Public Hearing Closed 6:34 PM

5 Superintendent's Report

Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent

5.1 Spotlight on Schools

Tipton High School - The Balcony Project, AP Speech Class

Minutes:

Mrs. Fernung and high school students presented to the Board a proposal to renovate high school balcony area. This would bring an updated look and feel to the area outside of the Student Success Center. This would give an additional space for students to work individually, in small groups as well as club meetings could be held there.

Mr. Schmicker made motion to approve the balcony project with the amount not to exceed \$10,000.

Motioned: Kegan Schmicker

Seconded: Gary Johnson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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		
Chris McNew, Board Member	X		
Kegan Schmicker, Board Member	X		

5.2 Department Reports

Facilities & Transportation, Scott Wessel

Student Services, Shayne Clark

Food Services, Adam Proulx

Technology, Steven Gingerich

5.3 Financial Report

Kevin Emsweller

This is the first month in reporting on the budget for this year. The January Report provides the revenue and expenditures from the Education Fund. For January, the expenditures exceeded the revenue by

over \$300,000. This is due in large part because of three payrolls in January. This will happen again in July. We have sizable cash balances in Debt Service (\$1,127,512) and Operations (\$2,075,884). With the excess expenditure in the Education Fund, we will need to watch this during the next couple of months. We may need to move some funds from the Rainy Day Fund to cover this fund. This has been expected.

5.4 Other

Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent

- Boys & Girls Club Recognition. TCSC was recognized at the Boys & Girls Club Annual "Heart of the Community" awards luncheon that was held today. TCSC was recognized for providing In-Kind Services of transporting students to the after school acre program at the club.
- UDL "Cling." Love First, Teach Second.

6 Old Business

Gary Plumer, Board President

Minutes:

None.

7 New Business

Gary Plumer, Board President

7.1 Consideration to approve the additional appropriations from the Rainy Day Fund.

It has been advertised and a Public Hearing has been held for the purpose of appropriating \$800,000 from the Rainy Day Fund. This will simply give the Board permission to spend these funds. Before any expenditure from the Rainy Day Fund is made, the Board will first have to consider an emergency for their use and then approve the expenditure. It is recommended that the Board approve the resolution to approve the additional appropriation of \$800,000 from the Rainy Day Fund.

Motioned: April Overdorf

Seconded: Kegan Schmicker

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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		
Chris McNew, Board Member	X		
Kegan Schmicker, Board Member	X		

7.2 Consideration to award bid for Fertilization and Weed Spraying for 2020.

Bids for fertilization and spraying were advertised and received. One (1) bid was received. List has been used in the past with the quality of the work and product being very consistent. It is recommended that the Board award the bid for Fertilization and Weed Spraying for one year, 2020, to List Lawn Care, INC.

Motioned: Kegan Schmicker

Seconded: Chris McNew

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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		
Chris McNew, Board Member	X		
Kegan Schmicker, Board Member	X		

7.3 Consideration to award bids for Mowing and Trimming Bids for 2020.

Bids for mowing and trimming were advertised and received. One (1) bid was received. It is recommended that Unique Lawn Care be awarded the bid for mowing and trimming for 2020.

Minutes:

Mrs. Overdorf asked the Board to please consider in house mowing. Mrs. Overdorf would like the school to own the mowers in the future. Unique Lawn Care has done a great job in the past but we should seriously consider purchasing mowers and mowing the school grounds with our own employees.

Motioned: Kegan Schmicker

Seconded: Jim Ankrum

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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		
Chris McNew, Board Member	X		
Kegan Schmicker, Board Member	X		

7.4 Consideration to approve revisions to Board Policies on First Reading.

A number of Board Policies have been submitted for consideration. Some of these are new others are revision that are based on new state laws or federal regulations. Others are to refine or clarify policies and procedures. It is recommended that the Board approve the policy changes for First Reading.

Motioned: Kegan Schmicker

Seconded: April Overdorf

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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		
Chris McNew, Board Member	X		
Kegan Schmicker, Board Member	X		

8 Other Matters to Come Before the Board

Gary Plumer, Board President

8.1 Appointment to CW Mount Community Center's Board

TCSC School Board needs to fill an appointed position on the CW Mount Board that was created with a resignation last year.

Historically, this position has been filled by the School Board President. Therefore, I [Gary Plumer] will continue that tradition at least for the remainder of this year.

Motioned: Chris McNew

Seconded: Gary Johnson

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
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		
Chris McNew, Board Member	X		
Kegan Schmicker, Board Member	X		

8.2 Advisory Committees

Gary Plumer, Board President

- February 17, Facilities & Technology
- March 16, Personnel
- April 20, Business Affairs
- May 18, Facilities & Technology
- June 15, Personnel

8.3 Schedule of Events

Gary Plumer, Board President

- February 17, Presidents Day – School IS IN Session
- February 28-29, TCT's Lion King, 7:30 PM
- March 1, TCT's Lion King, 2:00 PM
- March 6, First Responder Friday
- March 9, Tipton Academy
- March 10, End of 3rd Grading Period
- March 10, School Board Meeting, 6:00/6:30
- March 21, 3rd House Session, 11:00, TCF
- March 27- April 3 , Spring Break

9 Comments from Community

Gary Plumer, Board President

Minutes:

- Mr. Plumer stated thanked the community for taking time to complete the recent survey regarding the new Superintendent search. There were over 800 participants with 104 pages of comments for the Board to review.
- Mr. Schmicker inquired about future student groups would like to propose ideas for improvements to school. In the future they should continue same process working within the chain of command.
- Updates on Goals from parent meeting...will be posted to web site in near future.

- Possibility of looking to combine Tipton and Tri Central schools. This would save taxpayers money and would result in 1 high school for the county.
- Class schedules at high school to be discussed regarding Block 4 vs. Traditional Schedules.
- How will Superintendent interviews be handled.
- Groundhog problem was brought to the Boards attention. This will be looked into to see what can be done.

10 Adjournment

Gary Plumer, Board President

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Motioned: Chris McNew

Seconded: Jim Ankrum

Voter	Yes	No	Abstaining
April Overdorf, Board Secretary	X		
Randy Sottong, Board Member	X		
Jim Ankrum, Board Member	X		
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