

TCSC Board Meeting

TCSC School Board

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

Tuesday, March 10, 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 6:31 PM by Mr. Plumer

2 Pledge of Allegiance

Minutes:

Mr. McNew led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

- February 11, 2020 Regular Session
- February 25, 2020 Executive Session
- March 4, 2020 Executive Session
- March 5, 2020 Executive Session
- March 7, 2020 Executive Session

Approval of Claims

- Payroll Claims February 14, 2020
- Payroll Claims February 28, 2020
- Accounts Payable Claims

Approval of Personnel Report

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

- THS Band to St. Louis MO, March 27-29, 2020.
- THS National Art Honor Society to Chicago, IL, April 24, 2020.
- TMS 8th Grade to Washington, DC, April 7-11, 2021.

Approval to Accept Donations

Minutes:

Personnel

AO/KS

Mr. Emsweller thanked Mr. Grimme, Mrs. Alley and Mrs. Esposito for their many years of service and dedication to Tipton Schools and their many students over the years. We wish them well in their future endeavors.

Trips approved as long as no travel restrictions in place due to Coronavirus.

Motioned: Gary Johnson

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		

4 Superintendent's Report

Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent

4.1 National Art Honor Society

March is National Youth Art Month.

Minutes:

National Art Honor Society members presented to the Board about the history of Youth Art Month as well as the importance of Art in everyday life.

4.2 Department Reports

Facilities & Transportation, Scott Wessel
Student Services, Shayne Clark
Food Services, Adam Proulx
Technology, Steven Gingerich

Minutes:

911 App...Great tool in case of emergency. Still trying to educate staff and encourage them to place app on their phones in case of emergency.

Spring Break plans: Deep clean/sanitize roof inspections, out building repairs.

Breakfast in classroom: will be piloting new program soon to get more breakfast meals served, especially for those who qualify for free breakfast but do not take part in program. This is usually due to no time for students to stop and get breakfast that they are entitled to.

HS Projector installation bids...waiting from Roeing for pricing.

4.3 Financial Report

Kevin Emsweller

The February Report provides the revenue and expenditures from the Education Fund. For February, the expenditures exceeded the revenue by over \$36,000. This is due in part because the salaries expenses are more than expected. We have sizable cash balances in Debt Service (\$1,127,012) and Operations (\$1,818,100). With the excess expenditure in the Education Fund, we will need to watch this in the upcoming months. We may need to move some funds from the Rainy Day Fund to cover this fund. This has been expected.

4.4 Other

Kevin Emsweller, Superintendent

- Update on Coronavirus plans at TCSC.
- Update on communication consultant's activities.

5 Old Business

Gary Plumer, Board President

5.1 Consideration to approve various board policies on Second Reading

A number of Board Policies have been submitted for revisions that were considered last month on First Reading. Many of these are based on new state laws. Others are to refine or clarify policies and procedures. They are presented now for approval on Second Reading. It is recommended that the Board approve the policy changes as presented on Second Reading.

Recommended Policy Changes

Minutes:

Allow drones to fly over property with permission of Superintendent

Wording change on ??

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		

6 New Business

Gary Plumer, Board President

6.1 Consideration to approve the pursuing the purchase of and installation of a used green house.

We are looking at the possibility of purchasing a used greenhouse from Bona Vista for \$2500. To bring it to Tipton, we would need to have a concrete pad/foundation, as well as connecting with utilities (water, electric, sewage, gas). The actual costs for the installation have not yet been established but is estimated to be around \$15,000 (high end). Initial plans are to locate the greenhouse on the east side of the building, south of the THS Swimming Pool. This will need to be checked to insure that it is the best location based on utilities availability. It is recommended that corporation proceed with the purchase and installation of the greenhouse on school property. The board will be kept informed as to the plans and costs for the installation.

Motioned: Jim Ankrum

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		

6.2 Consideration to approve lease with Apple, Inc. for student laptop computers

It is recommended that the lease with Apple to purchase 265 MacBook Air laptops be approved. This is a four-year lease as we have done in the past. The total amount of the lease is \$188,150 at 0.9% financing. This also reflects a \$31,535 discount from Apple. These new devices will be distributed to students in grades 9 and 6 in the fall of this year. It is recommended that the lease with Apple, Inc for the 2020-2021 student laptop computers.

Minutes:

CMcN wants to explore this earlier next year Nov/Dec

Motioned: Chris McNew

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		

6.3 Consideration to approve lease with Apple, Inc. for staff laptop computers

The Apple laptops currently used by the certified staff are in need of being replaced. The current devices being used were purchased in 2012 and 2014. We have two options:

- These devices can be purchase on a 4-year lease similar to what we do with the student devices at a cost of \$114,600, or
- These devices can be purchased outright at a cost of \$112,680.

It is recommended that we take the second option for the purchase of the laptops for staff.

Motioned: Jim Ankrum

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 Other Matters to Come Before the Board

Gary Plumer, Board President

Minutes:

None

7.1 Advisory Committees

Gary Plumer, Board President

- March 16 - Personnel Advisory Committee
- April 20 - Business Affairs Advisory Committee
- May 18 - Facilities & Technology Advisory Committee
- June 15 - Personnel Advisory Committee
- July 20 - Business Affairs Advisory Committee

7.2 Schedule of Events

Gary Plumer, Board President

- March 16, Personnel Committee, 5:30
- March 21, 3rd Housed Session, 11:00
- March 27-April 3, Spring Break
- April 13, Tipton Academy

- April 14, School Board Meeting 6:00/6:30
- April 20, Business Affairs Committee, 5:30

8 Comments from Community

Gary Plumer, Board President

9 Adjournment

Gary Plumer, Board President

Minutes:

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 PM.

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		