

Regular Board Meeting
Tri-West Middle School - 6:30 p.m.
December 10, 2019

Mr. Jim Diagostino, Board President called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and began with the Pledge of Allegiance along with a moment of silence.

Roll Call

Jim Diagostino - President	Craig Brelage - Member
Brad Williams - Vice President	Craig Peoples - Member
Cindy Griffith - Secretary	

Dr. Scott Syverson - Interim Superintendent
David Hobaugh - Business Manager
Terry Kessinger - School Attorney
Donna Petraits - Public Relations

Others Present

Steve Terrell	Mike Brown	Stacy Steffey	Sherry Gunn
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Public Comments on Agenda Items

Mr. Kessinger, school attorney, welcomed everyone and reminded those who are present that the school board meetings are held in public because they are dealing with the public's business. Although our school board allows public comments on agenda items and non-agenda items during each regular session they are not intended to be forums for dialogue between the public and the board. There are numerous other ways to share questions and concerns with members of the board and school administration. Email, in person and through the USPS, or by just picking up the phone. We encourage using those opportunities for better communication.

Mike Brown stated he is a parent of two students in the TW band. He expressed that the band trip that is coming up is a tremendous opportunity for the students. He is hoping the school board will let them go.

Additions or Changes to Agenda Items

None

Mr. Diagostino read the Mission and Vision Statement. *Mission:* Preparing today's learners to become tomorrow's Leaders. *Vision:* With an emphasis on personal relationships and individualized learning, our PreK-12 learners will develop into the most sought after candidates for colleges/universities, the workforce, the military, or apprenticeships.

Superintendent Report

Mr. Brooks Recognition

Mr. Brooks, Principal of Pittsboro Elementary School, introduced Mrs Wiles, teacher. Mrs. Wiles then introduced the 5th grade team for the VEX Robotics Program. Mrs. Wiles explained there are 24 students from 3rd to 5th graders that participate in the program. Every year is a new game so you have to build the robot according to the game. Mrs. Wiles has the students take apart the robot and rebuild it so they know how it works. The students showed how the game works. Then the students had the board members try out the game. It is not easy to win a game. The students have to have strategies and good communication..They are starting a Middle School Team soon.

District Newsletter

Dr. Syverson reported that the 1st District Newsletter, since he has been here, went out at the beginning of December 2019. This is to inform the community all the great things that are happening in our schools. The next District Newsletter will go out at the beginning of February 2020.

Holiday Celebration

Dr. Syverson reported that the Holiday Celebration at the Administration Building turned out great. It was nice to see all the retirees and the employees eat and have great conversation. Thank you girls at the Administration Building for all your hard work.

Consent Agenda

- a. Board Meeting Minutes - 11/12/19
- b. Work Session Minutes - 12/2/19
- c. Payment of Claims - 11/18/19, 11/27/19 and 12/10/19
- d. Gifts and Donations - None
- e. Fund Report - 11/30/19
- f. Payroll Report - 11/8/19, 11/21/19 and 11/22/19
- g. Personnel Report
- h. Student Transfer Recommendations
- i. Declaration of Items of No Value - Tri-West High School and Pittsboro Primary School

Action Items

Appointment of new member to Pittsboro Redevelopment Commission

Mr. Diagostino recommends approval for the Appointment of a new member to the Pittsboro Redevelopment Commission.

_____ Jim Diagostino made the motion for approval for Appointment of a new member to Pittsboro Redevelopment Commission. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Approval of Department of Counseling MOU with University of Indianapolis

Dr. Syverson reported the purpose of this agreement is to form a working relationship between NWHSC and the University of Indianapolis to provide clinical education experiences. This is for one or more psychology graduate students with the objective of producing competent graduates upon degree completion. The clinical students can support our counseling services at NSES, PPS and PES. There is no cost to our district. These interns will be supervised by Kimberly Holleman, one of our school counselors, who will complete her LCSW (Licensed Clinical Social Work) certification this summer.

_____ Cindy Griffith made the motion for Approval of Department of Counseling MOU with University of Indianapolis. Craig Peoples seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Summer School Reimbursement Claims

Mr. Hobough reported the we have received our summer school reimbursement money from the state. The cost of our summer school teacher has been removed from the monies and the remaining monies will be reimbursed to the families that participated in summer school classes.

_____ Craig Brelage made the motion for Summer School Reimbursement Claims. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Recommendation to end our contract with CORE Construction

Dr. Syverson recommends approval to end the contract with CORE Construction. Given the concerns we have with regards to how the bidding process went on the Transportation/Maintenance project and communication. Dr. Syverson asked Terry Kessinger, School Attorney, to draft a letter to CORE Construction outlining our decision.

_____ Jim Diagostino made the motion for Recommendation to end our contract with CORE Construction. Craig Brelage seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Recommendation to enter into an agreement with Tecton Construction Management Inc. to take the lead on our current construction projects

Dr. Syverson recommends approval to enter into an agreement with Tecton Construction Management Inc. After talking with Tecton Construction and sharing the school board's priorities about current project issues and updates we believe we can stay on budget.

_____ Cindy Griffith made the motion for Recommendation to enter into an agreement with Tecton Construction Management Inc. to take the lead on our current construction projects. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Band/Choir High School Trip to Disney World Request Approval

Dr. Syverson recommends approval for the Band/Choir High School Trip to Disney World. The trip is scheduled for November 24-29, 2020. The cost will be \$1344 to \$1370 per student. They are hoping to have 65 students involved. The band will march in the Magic Kingdom parade and the choir will perform at Epcot. The students will only miss a ½ day of school for this great opportunity.

_____ Jim Diagostino made the motion for Approval for the Band/Choir High School Trip to DisneyWorld Request. Craig Brelage seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Discussion Items

School Board Policy Review (SBP 4001 - SBP 4001.04)

Dr. Syverson reported that the ISBA legal team will review our School Board Policies in section 4000 (Harassment and Equal Opportunity). There are 15 policies that will be reviewed. They will review 5 policies at a time. This will be the 1st reading on SBP 4001 - SBP 4001.04.

Patron Request to Address the Board

Sherry Gunn requested to address the Board. Sherry shared that she had a conversation with Mr. Hobaugh who asked her what do you want to gain or see happen? Sherry shared she wants safety for students and employees. Sherry believes this is a wonderful school and does not want to see things just sweep under the rug. Sherry had many questions about Title 9. Sherry believes that all employees should have the same code of conduct.

Calendar Items

- a. Next Board Meeting: January 14, 2020 @ 6:30p.m. at Tri-West Middle School

Public/Board Comments on Non-Agenda Items

Steve Terrell stated he began teaching in 1977 and he has learned a lot in the 42 years he taught. He stated that we all need to respect each other. He stated that he served 11 years on the school board. He knows how frustrating it is with people yelling at the board members. People disrespect the board members. He trusts that the school board is following the legal process. His heart goes out to the board members.

Board Comments

Mr. Hobaugh read a letter of Formal Complaint 19-FC-107. He stated that in the letter Mr. Haas filed a complaint against the School Corporation for not posting the Executive Session Board Minutes. Mr. Hobaugh stated that we took responsibility for this oversight and corrected it.

Mr. Kessinger reported nothing communicated about the case.

Adjournment

Cindy Griffith made a motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 7:18 p.m.
Craig Brelage seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Dawn Russell
Superintendent Secretary

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Jim Diagostino, President

Craig Peoples, Member

Brad Williams, Vice President

Craig Brelage, Member

Cindy Griffith, Secretary