

**Tri-County Area School District,**

**Plainfield, Wisconsin**

## Minutes from August 25, 2015

At 7:00 p.m., Mark Bacon, President called the meeting order in the Tri-County Lecture Hall located at 409 S West Street, Plainfield, Wisconsin.

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

There were thirteen (13) people present. Marjory Prescher entered at 7:07 and Gary Knuth entered at 7:24. Total fifteen (15).

Mark Bacon welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Jim Cesar nominated Jim Miller as Chairperson. Wayne Cummings seconded. Jim Knutson made a motion that nominations be closed and cast a unanimous vote for Jim Miller as chairperson. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

The clerk, Peggy Buckholt, and deputy clerk, Wendy Hetzel, were requested to keep the official minutes of the meeting. The minutes from this evening will be approved at the end of the meeting.

**Public Input** -None

**Agenda** - Jim Cesar made a motion to adopt the agenda. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Summary of the 2014-2015 Budget Analysis and 2015-2016 Proposed Budget** - Anthony Marinack, District Administrator, stated we were approximately \$74,000 revenues over expenses at the end of 2014-2015. About the cost of our new school bus we ordered. The school bus will not be here until November because Ford is behind on the chassis. We will be leasing one until then. Unfortunately, we had to do some roof repair for the cost of \$14,000.00 on the west side of the Middle School. We will be short about \$250,000.00 going into 2015-2016. But we are looking to be about even by the end of the 2015-2016 school year. Percentage increase total levy from prior year indicates a decrease of 0.02%. This can change by October when the equalized valuation is finalized. Fund 80 budget and areas were discussed, including police liaison officer program operations.

**Lunch Program** - Jim Cesar made a motion that the school lunch program be operated by the Board of Education for the School District. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Pupil Insurance** - Jim Knutson made a motion to authorize the Board of Education to appropriate funds to obtain pupil accident insurance. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Legal Counsel** - Cindy Baumgartner made a motion to allow the Board of Education to use legal counsel on all legal matters associated with and involving the School District. Jim Cesar seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Financial Audit** - Jim Knutson made a motion to direct an annual financial audit of all School District accounts by either a licensed accountant or by the State Department of Revenue. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Short-term Borrowing** - Cindy Baumgartner made a motion approving the Board of Education to borrow necessary funds on a short-term basis. Jim Knutson seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Sale of Property** - Jim Cesar made a motion to authorize the sale of any property belonging to and not needed that ceases to be of any further use by the district. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Textbooks** - Jim Knutson made a motion to authorize the School Board to furnish textbooks. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Mo-

**Board Salaries** -- Jim Cesar made a motion to keep the School Board salaries for the 2015-2016 school year to the rate of \$50.00 per monthly meeting/committee meeting/conventions/seminars and \$125.00 additional per year for the Clerk. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Discussion of the salaries took place. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Mileage Rate Reimbursement** - Jim Cesar made a motion that the mileage rate for all employees and board members be equal to the IRS standard business mileage rate.( Currently .575) Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Board Reimbursement** - Tony Marinack made a motion to authorize the payment of actual and necessary expenses of a school board member when traveling in the performance of duties. Mark Bacon seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Tax Levy** - Wayne Cummings made a motion, seconded by Jeff Hopkins and passed on a voice vote to approve the proposed tax levy as follows:

<b>FUND</b>	<b>Audited 2013-2014</b>	<b>Draft Audit 2014-2015</b>	<b>Budget 2015-2016</b>
General Fund	3,019,056.00	3,334,510.00	3,333,749.00
Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Non-Referendum Debt Service Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Capital Expansion Fund	0.00	0.00	0.00
Community Service Fund	21,470.00	21,470.00	21,470.00
<b>TOTAL SCHOOL LEVY</b>	<b>3,040,526.00</b>	<b>3,355,980.00</b>	<b>3,355,219.00</b>
<b>PERCENTAGE INCREASE --</b>	<b>-3.38%</b>	<b>10.37%</b>	<b>-0.02%</b>

The 2015-2016 budget and tax levy will be finalized at the October Board Meeting.

**Next Annual Meeting** - Jim Cesar made a motion to set the next annual meeting date for August 23, 2016 at 7:00 p.m. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**August 25, 2015 Budget Hearing/Annual Meeting Minutes** - Deputy clerk Wendy Hetzel read the minutes. Jeff Hopkins made a motion to approve the minutes, Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried on a voice vote.

**Adjournment** - Jim Cesar made a motion to adjourn, Cindy Baumgartner seconded, and passed on a voice vote. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Recorded by: Wendy Hetzel

Submitted by:

Peggy Buckholt, Clerk