

# Tri-County Area School District

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## Minutes from Special School Board Meeting Held June 7, 2018

### **#198 Call to Order**

Mark Bacon, President called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. in the boardroom.

### **#199 Roll Call of Members/Declaration of Quorum**

School Board Members present were Mark Bacon, Jeff Hopkins, Cindy Baumgartner, Jim Miller, Wayne Cummings, Jim Knutson, and Dakotah Smiley. Jerry Knutson was absent. A quorum was declared. Also present were Anthony Marinack, Nicholas Marti, Shawn Jepson, Jim Pieper, Becky Snearly and Wendy Hetzel.

### **#200 The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited**

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited Wayne Cummings made a motion; Dakotah Smiley seconded and carried on a voice vote to adopt the Agenda.

### **#201 Consent Agenda Items Approved**

Jim Knutson requested to have Item D hire Jim Pieper pulled off the consent agenda for a separate vote. Jeff Hopkins made a motion; Jim Knutson seconded to approve items A-C and E-I. Wayne Cummings asked if there was always a HS Forensics Assistant Coach and Tony stated yes, this motion carried on a voice vote to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Hire Theresa Schiferl as the Agri-Science/Careers/FFA Advisor BA Step 6.
- Hire Kathy Knutson as the Cross-Categorical Special Education Teacher at base.
- Hire Jason Mata as the MS Wrestling Coach Step 7.
- Hire Tawnia Mitchell as HS Forensics Assistant Coach Step 2.
- Hire Tawnia Mitchell as HS Play Director Step 5.
- Hire Lisa Ertl as MS Play Director Step 5.
- Hire Rose Schultz as Bilingual Educational Assistant Step 3.
- Accept Rhonda Clark resignation as English/Language Arts teacher as of June 30, 2018.

Mark Bacon asked Jim Pieper to state his concerns. Jim stated this would be his 2<sup>nd</sup> round of coaching, he had resigned in 2010 and hope that this is not going to be a repeat. Events like that happened prior, he would hope would not happen again. He felt the board didn't back him at the time, and wants their full backing. Jim Knutson stated that he wanted Jim to know that he has no problem with Jim as a teacher and as a board they hire the Administration/Principals to recommend the staff. The board will back the coach/teacher as long as the Administration does. Jim Knutson stated that he didn't like the fact that Jim Pieper was accusing the school board from years ago and it just snowballed into a whole bigger thing. Jim Miller made a motion; Dakotah Smiley seconded to hire Jim Pieper as HS Head Girls Basketball Coach step 9. Jim Pieper stated he is not here to accuse the board of any wrong doing, there just was no finality back in 2010. He just wants to move forward, and we need to work together with full support of the board. Wayne Cummings stated that there were only 2 people that were on the board in 2010 when this all transpired. It apparently was an issue back then but it really is not now. The motion carried on a voice vote with Jim Knutson voting no.

**#202 Policy #411.00 Equal Educational Opportunities. EXH-1718-37**

Tony stated to the board that we needed to update our policy to include a statement about homeless children in our district. Our legal counsel added the paragraph. Jim Miller made a motion; Dakotah Smiley seconded and carried on a voice vote to approve the updated policy #411.00 Equal Educational Opportunities.

**#203 Policy #427.00 Homeless Education EXH-1718-38**

Wayne Cummings made a motion; Jim Miller seconded and carried on a voice vote to approve the first reading of the policy #427.00 Homeless Education.

**#204 Board Member Area 1 EXH-1718-39**

The board interviewed Becky Snearly, the board asked Becky a series of questions and Becky responded. Jim Miller made a motion, Jeff Hopkins seconded and carried on a voice vote to approve the interviewee and appoint Becky Snearly as the new school board member for the Area 1 that was vacated by Jim Cesar. Tony will check with WASB as how the term will work.

Adjourned at 7:47 pm  
Recorded by: Wendy Hetzel

Submitted By:  
Cindy Baumgartner, Clerk