

Tri-County Area School District

Plainfield, Wisconsin

Minutes from Regular School Board Meeting
Held April 27, 2016

Newly elected board members Cindy Baumgartner, Wayne Cummings, and Sue Lederer were sworn in prior to April 22, 2016 and begin their three-year term. Jerry Knutson was sworn in prior to April 22, 2016 and begins a one-year term.

#188 Call to Order

Mark Bacon- President called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm in the district office conference room.

#189 Roll Call of Members/Declaration of Quorum

School board members present were: Mark Bacon, Jeff Hopkins, Susan Lederer, Wayne Cummings, Jim Knutson, Cindy Baumgartner, Jerry Knutson, Jim Cesar, and Peggy Buckholt. A quorum was declared. Both student representatives Dakota Lockhart and Matthew Nigh were present. The board presented Dakota and Matthew with a certificate.

#190 The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited

#191 Election of Officers

Nominations for Tri-County Area School District Board of Education Organization Meeting

President:

Sue Lederer nominated Mark Bacon for President. Peggy Buckholt seconded. Jim Knutson moved to close nominations for President, Jim Cesar seconded. Motion carried. Unanimous voice vote for Mark Bacon as President was made.

Vice President:

Wayne Cummings nominated Jeff Hopkins for Vice-President. Peggy Buckholt seconded. Sue Lederer nominated Jim Cesar for Vice-President. Mark Bacon seconded Jim Cesar declined. Cindy Baumgartner moved to close nominations for Vice-President, Sue Lederer seconded. Motion carried. Unanimous voice vote for Jeff Hopkins as Vice-President was made.

Clerk: Wayne Cummings nominated Peggy Buckholt for Clerk Sue Lederer seconded. Jim Knutson moved to close the nominations for Clerk. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried. Unanimous voice vote for Peggy Buckholt as Clerk was made.

Treasurer:

Peggy Buckholt nominated Wayne Cummings for treasurer. Sue Lederer seconded. Jim Knutson moved to close the nominations for treasurer. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried. Unanimous voice vote for Wayne Cummings as treasurer was made.

#192 Appointment of deputy clerk

Jim Cesar moved to appoint Wendy R Hetzel, Administrative Assistant, as deputy clerk. Cindy Baumgartner seconded. Motion carried. Unanimous voice vote for Wendy Hetzel as Deputy Clerk was made.

#193 Committee Assignments & Other Appointments

Mark will send out committee assignments in a week. Cindy Baumgartner will be the delegate for the CESA 5 Convention on May 19, 2016. Jim Cesar was appointed as legislative contact. Jeff Hopkins was appointed as delegate and Jerry Knutson was appointed as alternate to the January 20 - 22, 2016 Joint State WASB/WASDA Convention. Cindy Baumgartner will be there so if either cannot do it she will.

#194 Adoption of the Agenda

Updates to the agenda were made, It was stated to move agenda new business (K) (Discussion and actions to approve changes in academic eligibility to School Board Policy #370.00AR Interscholastic Athletics/Co-Curricular Activities. Jeff Hopkins presenting. EXH-1516-49) to after the public forum. Wayne Cummings asked to move item E on the consent agenda off and vote on that item separately. Peggy Buckholt made a motion to adopt the agenda as corrected Sue Lederer seconded and it was carried on a voice vote. Jim Cesar voting no.

#195 Revenue/Expense Report

Anthony Marinack, District Administrator, stated that 60.40% \$5,492,645.25 of the anticipated revenue has been received to date and 64.85 % \$6,040,965.86 of this year's budget has been spent.

#196 Bills/Receipts Approved

Peggy Buckholt made a motion, Jim Cesar seconded, and carried on a voice vote to approve checks 973359 through 973594 and wire transfers #201500096 through #201500104 in the amount of \$365,538.61 and receipt of revenue in the amount of \$778,882.03 March 30, 2016 to April 27, 2016.

#197 Public Forum

Mark Bacon read the public forum statement; no one was here for the public forum.

#198 School Board Policy 370.00AR EXH1516-49

Jeff Hopkins presented Academic eligibility policies from 4 other schools and presented to the board changes in our policy that he would like to see happen at Tri-County. Jeff would like to decrease the number of F's a student is allowed to have to participate in sports. He would like to see the rule become students with no F's or a .667 GPA (70%) are eligible to play, students with 1 F still practice but not play, 2 or more F's can't practice or play until the next quarter grading check. Jeff also suggested a grading check after 15 days if possible for those with one F. Jeff would like to see a resolution put in place so the kids would have help and find a way so our students would do better academically. Jeff really like Port Edwards ineligibility policy. Jeff feels our policy does not hold the kids accountable enough. Tony pointed out that the Port Edwards grading scale has an F at 59% and Tri-County's is 69%. Sue Lederer stated that in Port Edwards you could have a list of grades at 80%, 70%, 70%, 60%, and 60% and you are still eligible. At Tri-County you would be ineligible, so how is our policy less accountable than Port Edwards? It was opened up to the public- Mike Vesperman athletic director, said he had a lot of input from the coaching staff; 70% participated when he asked for their opinions. They feel there is, for many students, difficulty in getting homework help at home, learning disabilities, language barriers, and other various reasons that would inhibit the student athletes and deflate students participation. Julie Senft stated if we could get students to stay after school it would help, most of the kids have to go home and watch their siblings. Julie stated the Hispanic students are at a disadvantage due to language barriers because some parents don't speak English at home. She said the zero F policy isn't feasible. Jake Keahler (Senior, student athlete) spoke to the board about having 1 F. He stated if he couldn't do what he loves it wouldn't inspire him. He mentioned that when kids are younger they don't care as much, and then when they become older they realize they need to do it. Annette Carroll spoke and said the code we have now is concise and easily maintained, 15 days on and off is not doable. If you have 1 F, and you're ineligible, kids will not go outside their comfort zone and take AP classes or harder classes. If they find out their over their head and they become ineligible they won't even try. Gary Knuth stated we are moving on this policy too fast we are trying to go from 0 to 60. Bill Femal spoke about the policy, he stated we now don't have enough athletes, but if we put this policy in place, we won't have enough athletes to even put together a team. Bob Woyak, checks grades in first quarter, and talks to the students and then he checks again 2nd quarter, the biggest problem is students don't care. Coaches check grades and say something to them than they quit because you are checking on them and the curriculum today is much harder than years ago and students struggle to even pass subjects. Dakotah Lockhart spoke and he was not in favor of the policy change either. Matthew Nigh said the large majority of the student athletes are not in favor of this policy change suggested.

Jeff Hopkins made a motion to move the intra-curricular activities onto the list of co-curricular activities on Policy #370.00AR Interscholastic Athletics/Co Curricular Activities; no second was made.

Jeff Hopkins made motion to change the Policy 370AR Interscholastic Athletics/Co Curricular Activities to read with 1 F the student would be ineligible to play, can still practice, 2 F's would be ineligible to play and practice. It would be a Zero F rule. Peggy Buckholt seconded and a roll count vote was made, Mark Bacon-no, Jim Cesar-no, Cindy Baumgartner-yes, Jeff Hopkins-yes, Wayne Cummings-no, Peggy Buckholt-yes, Sue Lederer-no, Jerry Knutson-no, Jim Knutson-no, 3 yes votes and 6 no votes; motion failed.

#199 Consent Agenda Items Approved

Jim Cesar made a motion, seconded by Peggy Buckholt and carried on a voice vote, to approve the following consent agenda items:

- Minutes from Regular Board Meeting Held March 29, 2016
- Minutes from Special Board Meeting April 13, 2016
- Accepted Grace Schmid's resignation letter as EC-6th Grade Counselor at the end of 2015-2016 school year
- Accepted Mary Cummings resignation letter as Food Service Secretary at the end of 2015-2016 school year
- Accepted donation of \$500.00 from Becher Plastics to the H.S. Baseball Team
- Accepted donation of \$250.00 from Gregg and Reinie Ruffalo for the carved penguin
- Snow make up for teachers on June 6, 2016
- Accepted end of year budget resolutions

#200 Hire Hattie Rettler

Wayne Cummings asked how much experience did all the candidates have? Nicholas Marti said just some tutoring and student teaching, but we are very excited with the work Hattie has done. Wayne asked if we thought about re-posting? Nicholas stated absolutely not. The board expressed their concern of learning who was hired before the packet came out. Jim Cesar made a motion Jeff Hopkins seconded to approved hiring Hattie Rettler for 9-12 Mathematics Teacher at BA Step 1; motion carried on a voice vote with all members voting yes.

#201 School Board Policy EXH 1516-36

Peggy Buckholt made a motion, Cindy Baumgartner seconded to approve the second reading of School Board Policy #522.70 Staff Use of Information Technology and Communication Resources; motion carried on a voice vote.

#202 School Board Policy EXH 1516-37

Peggy Buckholt made a motion, Cindy Baumgartner seconded to approve the second reading of School Board Policy #522.71 Staff Use of Social Media; motion carried on a voice vote.

#203 School Board Policy EXH 1516-38

Peggy Buckholt made a motion, Cindy Baumgartner seconded to approve the second reading of School Board Policy #522.72 Staff Use of Mobile Phones and Other Mobile Devices; motion carried on a voice vote.

#204 School Board Policy EXH 1516-39

Peggy Buckholt - made a motion, Cindy Baumgartner seconded to approve the second reading of School Board Policy #523.03 Employee Assistance Program; motion carried on a voice vote.

#205 School Board Policy EXH 1516-45

Jim Cesar made a motion, Sue Lederer seconded to approve the first reading of School Board Policy #881.01 Organizations Supporting District Activities/Programs; motion carried on a voice vote.

#206 School Board Policy EXH 1516-46

Jim Cesar made a motion, Sue Lederer seconded to approve the first reading of School Board Policy #882.01 Police School Liaison Program; motion carried on a voice vote.

#207 School Board Policy EXH 1516-47

Cindy Baumgartner made a motion, Jeff Hopkins seconded to approve the first reading of School Board Policy #737.00 Tri-County Indoor Environmental Quality Management Plan; motion carried on a voice vote.

#208 School Board Policy EXH 1516-47

Cindy Baumgartner made a motion, Jeff Hopkins seconded to approve the first reading of School Board Policy #737.00EX Tri-County Indoor Environmental Quality Management Plan; motion carried on a voice vote.

#209 School Board Policies- Section 700 EXH 1516-41

Wayne Cummings made a motion, seconded by Jim Knutson and carried on a voice vote, to approve Section 700 School Policies that were recently updated by Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis and Lacy excluding the new policies, #737.00, and 737.00EX.

#210 School Board Policies- Section 800 EXH 1516-42

Jim Knutson made a motion, seconded by Jim Cesar and carried on a voice vote, to approve Section 800 School Policies that were recently updated by Strang, Patteson, Renning, Lewis and Lacy excluding the new policies, #881.01, and #882.01.

#211 Summer School Calendars EXH 1516-50

Cindy Baumgartner made a motion to accept the Summer school calendars. NovaNet/Gradpoint will start on June 20th and continue through July 22nd. Summer school and Migrant school will start on July 11^h and end on July 29th. Jeff Hopkins seconded and motion was carried on a voice vote.

#212 Letter of Intent EXH 1516-51

Jim Cesar made a motion, and Sue Lederer seconded to approve the winter letter of intents; motion was carried on a voice vote.

#213 Property and Liability Insurance EXH 1516-52

Jim Cesar made a motion, and Sue Lederer seconded to approve changing the District Property and Liability Insurance carrier to the Insurance Center for the 2016-2017 school year starting July 1, 2016 ;motion was carried on a voice vote.

#214 Reports

Student representative Dakota Lockhart gave his report on NHS Plainfield and Hancock Lions Award Banquet, Dakota stated he thinks it is so nice and very inspiring for them to do that for the students. FFA Banquet was on Sunday following Junior Prom on Saturday and Post Prom into Sunday morning, so the students had a very busy weekend but all events were very successful. Seniors are getting ready for graduation; caps and gowns are ordered and should be coming in soon. Future plans for Dakota he will be interviewing at King for a CNA position for the summer and will be attending UW-Milwaukee in the fall for nursing. Matthew Nigh will be attending UW-Platteville in the fall, he plans to study Electrical Engineering and Renewable Energy. Jerry Knutson reported on the new School Board member gathering meeting. There were 12 new members who attended and other members that have been on the board previous years. It was very interesting to see why people ran for school board. He thought there was good information but thought the meeting lacked the legality items. Jim Cesar also attended and he said they have gotten away from the legal items such as walking quorums, and they really promoted the WASB. Generally there is an attorney present however, at this meeting there was not. Tony thought the same as Jim Cesar. Tony Marinack presented Lara's Crafts idea for a summer class about mental health issues and handed out a summary of the class. Lara had an emergency so she could not attend, which actually coincided with mental health issues. This will be presented at the next school board meeting. Tony also presented the projection budget for the remainder of the 2015-2016 school year, and presented the preliminary budget information for 2016-2017

school year. It looks like we will be around \$150,000 long in 2015-2016 and in the end \$150,000 short in 2016-2017. We are legally bound by the revenue limit calculations as to dollars generated on a yearly basis. The 2016 CPI index shows a small .12% increase. Nicholas Marti and Shawn Jepson talked about the upcoming testing which includes Forward exam for 3rd graders, 4th graders, 5&6 graders, 7&8 graders, and 10th graders. There will also be 9th grade civics exam to include some 10th and 11th graders, and the AP testing schedule. School forest trips, field trips, award nights, Waushara Olympics, Rural Safety day and lots of softball, baseball and track events will be happening in the next month. Please refer to the website for all these very important dates. Graduation will be held on Friday evening May 27th this year after 2 years of Saturday graduations. The last day of school is June 2, with an early release at 12:30 p.m.

#215 Future Agenda Items

Open enrollment applications In/Out
Summer School Teachers
Lara Craft-Nugent Proposal for summer school

#216 Announcements

Minutes will not be out until Monday

#217 Set Meeting Dates

Policy Meeting for Policy 370AR Interscholastic Athletics/Co Curricular Activities to discuss intra-curricular/extra-curricular applications to this policy.

#218 Adjourned at 10:35 p.m.

Recorded by: Wendy Hetzel

Submitted by:

Peggy Buckholt, Clerk