

# Tri-County Area School District

## Plainfield, Wisconsin

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### Minutes from Special Board Meeting Held June 6, 2016

Mark Bacon-President called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm in the district office conference room.

Board Members present included: Mark Bacon, Cindy Baumgartner, Wayne Cummings, Jim Knutson, Jeff Hopkins, Jim Cesar, Peggy Buckholt, and Susan Lederer. Anthony Marinack, District Administrator, Nicholas Marti, Shawn Jepson, Wendy Hetzel, Kevin Fenske, Tina Krummel, Jessica Rettler, Jamie Helmrick, Bill Femal, Mike Vesperman, Lara Nugent, and Julie Senft were also present. Board member absent was Jerry Knutson. He arrived at 6:07 p.m.

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Sue Lederer made a motion; Jeff Hopkins seconded and carried on a voice vote to adopt the agenda.

Reviewed policies #443.71 and #443.71EX and all policies that are cross referenced to these policies. We had just reviewed these policies in the prior months and the board thought they were pertinent. Mark asked the principals to share with the group how they handle these situations Shawn presented a curriculum that was implemented this year by our school counselor Grace Schmid, it is called Second Step. The unit is split into 4 and each grade level is different but each unit has a focus on bullying. It is presented to Kindergarten-Through 6<sup>th</sup> grade. They also do a survey quarterly anomalously and ask the students to name a boy and girl who you believe is a bully, name a boy and girl you believe is bullied here at school and the last question they ask is where do you see this bullying take place in the school. Nicholas stated that 7-12 school counselor communicate between google docs when they have issues with students. They have a constant communication. It was brought to their attention by the Yearbook advisor, Kathy Knutson that Josten’s has a free resource called Renaissance. It has videos that deal with life issues including bullying.

Scott Blader, District Attorney of Waushara County had sent over his definition of bullying. Kevin Fenske had to leave on a call so Tony Marinack presented it. Bullying has to be a continuous/repeated event, what is the person doing, what is the intent? Tony explained that if there are numerous complaints and continual incidents, if offenders are under 17 they will be referred to Juvenile authorities including the Department of Social Services pursuant to Wisconsin Chapter 938.

Jim Cesar made a motion to move into closed session, pursuant to Section 19.85 (1) (c) and 118.125, Wisconsin Statutes, to discuss for the purpose of considering personnel issues, which may include the reference to or discussion of the records of certain students/past students of the District; seconded by Jim Knutson and motion carried on a roll call vote with all present voting yes.