

# Tri-County Area School District

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Plainfield, Wisconsin  
Minutes from Regular School Board Meeting  
Held November 25, 2014

## **#78 Call to Order**

Mark Bacon-President called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm in the district office conference room.

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

School board members present were: Mark Bacon, Jim Knutson, Cindy Baumgartner, Amy Anderson, Wayne Cummings, Jim Cesar and Kathryn Rutz. Members absent-Sue Lederer and Peggy Buckholt. A quorum was declared.

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

## **#81 Adoption of the Agenda**

Jim Cesar made a motion; Cindy Baumgartner seconded and carried on a voice vote to adopt the agenda amended with the Athletic Director to report right after the consent agenda.

## **#82 Revenue/Expense Report**

Anthony Marinack, District Administrator, stated that 9.89% \$915,199.06 of the anticipated revenue has been received to date and 29.28% \$2,823,149.43 of this year's budget had been spent to date. Thus, the need for the fund balances to prevent short term borrowing.

## **#83 Bills/Receipts Approved**

Wayne Cummings made a motion, Kathryn Rutz seconded, and carried on a voice vote to approve checks 970613 through 970756 and wire transfers #201400041 through # 201400047 in the amount of \$471,148.40 and receipt of revenue in the amount of \$760,929.21 from October 25, 2014 to November 25, 2014.

## **#84 Public Forum**

## **#85 Consent Agenda Items Approved**

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

- Approved minutes from Regular Board Meeting October 28, 2014.
- Accepted Robert D. Senfts resignation as educational aide.

- Hired Dejonna Bates as educational aide.
- Hired Bart McCarthy as the M.S. Track Coach.
- Accepted donation of two loads of wood chips to the school forest from Bacon Construction to be used around the shelter building.
- Accepted donation of \$1600.00 to the Wrestling program and \$500.00 for the Volleyball program from Ponderosa Pines.
- Accepted donation of \$1500.00 from Heartland Farms for Baseball uniforms.
- Accepted donation from the Justin J. Watt Foundation in the amount of \$2550.00 for M.S. Football helmets to be purchased from Badger Sporting Goods and the amount of \$4380.00 for M.S. football uniforms and shoulder pads from Mada Custom Apparel.

### **#86 Report-Athletic Director**

Athletic Director Mike Vesperman gave a report on Fall Sports update and a very big donation from the JJ Watt Foundation. First he wanted to say Thank you to Ken Dill and Denise Spors Dill for their years of service as the Middle School Girls Volleyball coaches and for the help Ken Dill has given Mike as he took on this role as Athletic Director. Soccer had a good season with 26 athletes participating this year. They were able to win a few games and Mike was able to schedule a couple JV games so that all the athletes were able to participate. Anticipation for next year is to get more JV games with that many students. They did not have All Conference but Juan Landeros would have been nominated. Varsity Football also won a couple of games this year. They are losing a few seniors this year but for the most part the line should be returning, so he has high hopes for the next season. Lucas Marinack received 2<sup>nd</sup> Team all conference honors as a receiver, Brock Akkerman received honorable mention all conference on defense as a linebacker and Dylan Nigh was elected honorable mention all conference on defense as a linebacker, and offense as a running back. Volleyball finished the season with a 12-2 record. They advance to Regional semifinal match for the first time since 2009. They took 3<sup>rd</sup> in conference with a better record than second place. Sara Lauer received 2<sup>nd</sup> team all conference, Amber Baehman received honorable mention all conference, and Isabella Weekly was voted unanimous 1<sup>st</sup> team all conference and player of the year for the Central Wisconsin Conference 10. Mike was ecstatic with the JJ Watt Foundation for giving us funding for the Middle School football helmets, football uniforms and football equipment. This funding can only be used for the Middle School level and we also have another funding request in with this foundation and hoping to receive it in the future. Just a little note about who JJ Watt is , Quoted from his website. "Dream Big Work Hard". Those four simple words have helped to transform Pewaukee native JJ Watt from small-town Wisconsin boy to being selected #11 Overall Pick in the 2011 NFL Draft by the Houston Texans and 2012 NFL Defensive Player of the Year. The journey from backyard football to the big stage of the NFL was not always smooth, never easy and filled with adversity, but with unbelievable support from his friends and family, JJ turned his childhood dreams into reality.

" I hope to make you proud of me on the field as well as off the field by helping the kids in the community have the same opportunities that were afforded to me. That is only possible with the support of people like you and for that I'd like to say thank you! I would not have received such success if it were not for the support of athletics.... this is the intent of my organization...."  
Thanks to Mike, Ray, Nick and everyone else who worked so diligently to get this funding.

### **#87 Weapons on School Premises #832R EXH 1415-13**

Kathry Rutz made a motion; Cindy Baumgartner seconded, and carried on a voice vote to approve the changes to the policy change to weapons on school premises rule. Also a memorandum of understanding will be signed with the Village of Plainfield, and the Tri-County Area School District.

### **#88 Correspondence - none**

### **#89 Reports**

Tony reported on WASDA Regional Advocacy meeting he attended. The SAA (School Administrators Alliance) presented the material for the meeting. The presentation entailed the outline of our children's education and how we need to get the legislators in Wisconsin to keep the focus on public education. We all need to get involved and keep public school on the forefront of everyone's minds. He also attended a meeting for the Portage County Bridge updates; it was open to all the public to let everyone know what would be involved in using the alternate routes. This will not have as big of a transportation impact on our school as it would Almond. Family reading night is scheduled for February 12, 2015 and Biscuit the dog will be the featured reader. The Education fair will be one month later on March 12, 2015. The board also watched a video American Education Week 2014 from Tony Evers, State Superintendent who announced his 2015-2017 Education budget. It details the cost of education and the Fair Funding program, which could help our education system. Very informative on all aspects of education and how much it really costs to support all schools. You can also watch this video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WjvxZRt8kgI> . The FFA gave their presentation on their Louisville KY FFA trip. Lucas Marinack, Matthew Nigh, Elizabeth Nigh, Brianna Shackelford, Cody Nigh, Sarah Chojnacki, Sarah Lauer, Ivy Klabunde, Katie Craig, Paige Moen, Lindsay Knutson, and Shannon Heath from the Tri-County FFA Chapter traveled to Louisville, Kentucky to participate in the 87th National FFA Convention. During October 28 through November 1, students participated in several tours, a career expo, and convention sessions, students participated in tours of the Louisville Slugger Factory and Museum, Corvette Manufacturing Plant, Louisville Slugger Field Tour and Mammoth Cave National Park. They thanked the board for allowing them to be able to take advantage of this trip and learn so much. Matthew Nigh gave his report on recent events; the math league, who has earned so many honors in prior years, is off to a great start again this year. Tri-County placed 9 out of 12 students in the Top Ten in their math categories in the first round of tests. The FFA held their Thanksgiving meal and

banquet this evening. The NHS just finished up their fundraiser selling coffee and soup and was able to raise \$600.00. Upcoming events, which our students will be participating in, are the Salvation Army bell ringing and SOS packaging. Winter sports have begun with games starting respectively on Monday and Tuesday of next week. The H.S. play -The High Schooler's Guide to the Galaxy- will held on December 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Featured class is the juniors, who are busy planning their prom and doing debates in Mr. Dassows' class. 7-12 Principal Nicholas Marti gave his report, he added to Matthew's upcoming events, the H.S. Choir will be having their Choir concert on the December 11<sup>th</sup> and the H.S. Band will have their concert on the December 15<sup>th</sup>. Varsity Wrestling will also be starting soon and have been practicing for the upcoming season. Nick also reported on the 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter grades, in the 7<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> grade; we had a 21% decrease from last year first quarter failing grades. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade only had 1 student with an F. Hoping at semester there will be none. Congratulation Joe Raboin H.S. Science Teacher and Environmental Education Teacher for winning the Project WET (Water Education for Teachers) Teacher of the Year Award! Nick also wanted to let everyone know that Tri-County Area School District will be featured in the Stevens Point Journal on Monday December 1, 2014. Mrs. Jepson also had Congratulations going out to the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers for winning a \$10,000 grant for Tech-Savy Mathematicians through America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant sponsored by the Monsanto Fund. They were presented the check on Monday and were able to show Steve Lefever, Monsanto representative, the chromebooks that had been purchased with the grant money. Upcoming events-Access testing will start on December 1. Christmas program on December 11<sup>th</sup> for the 4k-4 will be in the H.S. gym starting at 12:45 p.m. and for the 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade band at 2:00 in the lecture hall. Early release for the students on December 23<sup>rd</sup> at 12:30 and the teachers will be having ALICE training with Lafe Hendrickson that afternoon.

### **#90 Future Agenda Items**

WASB/WASDA/WASBO Resolutions  
WASB School Perceptions Survey  
Sports Fall Letter of Intent  
District Administration Evaluation to the Board

### **#91 Announcements**

### **#92 Set Meeting Dates**

### **#93 Adjourned at 8:50 p.m.**

Recorded by: Wendy Hetzel

Submitted by:

Amy Anderson, Clerk