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TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS

Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes

December 12, 2011

CALL TO ORDER: President Fennessy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with members Powell, Hoisington, Schwalbach, Karhoff, and Paulen present. Member Britten was absent due to illness. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Consent Agenda – Motion by Hoisington, second by Karhoff to approve the agenda as presented, which included Minutes from the November 14, 2011 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, the retirement of Jan Dewey-2nd Grade, MacNaughton Elementary, and Accounts Payable of \$879,941.24. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

BOARD RECOGNITION – GOOD THINGS AT TC

The board recognized Pat Perry and Barb Gould for their continued support of all student athletes by photographing them in action and sharing photos with parents, community, and school. The board also recognized the four students who accepted the challenge to run for the student liaison position on the board. Students who ran were Jason Bergman, Charity Smith, Shana Shqair, and Caleb Miller. Shana Shqair will represent the student body beginning in January.

PRESENTATIONS:

#1 –District Switch Project. Kathi Wood presented information regarding the installation of new technology switches, which will provide a much more stable environment for online learning. These new switches, if approved, will be paid for out of the technology bond passed earlier this year. Ms. Wood also reviewed notes from the Finance and Facilities Committees meetings.

#2 – MacNaughton Elementary – Raz Kids. Tim Goheen, Principal at MacNaughton Elementary, and two teachers, Mrs. Andres and Mrs. VanDyke, presented the board with information regarding a new program called Raz Kids. The program was purchased for every student at MacNaughton Elementary and parents will have access to this reading program at home. MacNaughton is piloting the program this year for parents.

#3 – New Athletic League Info. Phil Butler, Athletic Director, reported that the expansion of a possible new athletic league for TCAS had not been approved at this time. He indicated that there may be some other opportunities to consider in the near future.

ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD REPORTS

Mr. Cumings provided information regarding district assessments. This information included current assessments, possible future assessment tools, and how assessments are used to monitor curriculum and student progress. He also provided information on the use of Lexile scores.

Legislative Update: Anti-bullying law recently signed. The board will need to develop a policy that aligns with the new law. Also watching the bill regarding personal property tax, charter school cap legislation, and the surplus in the K-12 education fund.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only:

Jerry Poprawski commented on the assessment presentation.

ACTION ITEM #1 – Board Bylaws, Section 1000, First Reading. A review of the bylaw changes were read by President Fennessy. Motion by Hoisington, second by Schwalbach to accept the first reading of section 1000 as read. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

ACTION ITEM #2 – Custodial Contract Language. Motion by Schwalbach, second by Powell to approve a letter of agreement aligning the custodial group to the PA152 hard cap versus the current negotiated cap for insurance. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

ACTION ITEM #3 – Monitoring Report. Motion by Powell, second by Karhoff to accept the monitoring report 2.1 Treatment of Consumers, as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

PUBLIC COMMENT – General Comments:

Amy Blake addressed the board regarding issues with a teacher and grading at the high school.

BOARD COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS:

President Fennessy stated there would not be a board workshop in December. She also wished everyone safe and happy holidays. She also commented on the recent change in elections for school districts and stated that this would extend the terms of office by one year. President Fennessy also stated that the annual organizational meeting will take place at the board workshop in January.

Member Hoisington thanked all the people who filled the gym at the recent band concert.

Mr. Cumings took this opportunity to thank Jan Dewey for her 35 years of service and commitment to the students and families of Tri County Schools.

CLOSED SESSION: Motion by Powell, second by Schwalbach to go into Closed Session at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of Student Hearings. Roll Call Vote: Paulen-Aye, Britten-Absent, Hoisington-Aye, Fennessy-Aye, Powell-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Karhoff-Aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

The board returned to Open Session at 8:46 p.m.

Motion by Powell, second by Paulen to suspend the student of the first hearing for 1 year/170 days for possession and transfer of a controlled substance, as recommended. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

Motion by Hoisington, second by Powell to return to Closed Session at 8:50 p.m. for the purpose of a student hearing. Roll Call Vote: Karhoff-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Powell-Aye, Fennessy-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Paulen-Aye, Britten-Absent. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

The board returned to Open Session at 9:03 p.m. Motion by Powell, second by Karhoff to not reinstate the subject of the second hearing at this time. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

Motion by Karhoff, second by Paulen to return to Closed Session at 9:07 p.m. for the purpose of a student hearing. Roll Call Vote: Fennessy-Aye, Powell-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Karhoff-Aye, Paulen-Aye, Britten-Absent. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

The board returned to Open Session at 9:15 p.m. Motion by Hoisington, second by Powell to expel the subject of the third hearing for 170 days for possession and transfer of a controlled substance, as recommended. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Schwalbach, second by Powell to adjourn the meeting at 9:17 p.m. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

Approved by:

Jill Fennessy, President

Keven Hoisington, Secretary
