



## Tri County Area Schools

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### TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS

Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2011

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

#### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

- Consent Agenda – Motion by Powell, second by Schwalbach to approve the agenda as presented, which included Minutes from the September 12, 2011 Regular Meeting and Closed Session, the September 19, 2011 Special Meeting and Closed Session, Minutes from the September 28, 2011 Special Meeting, and Accounts Payable of \$954,994.51. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).
- Administrative Hire: Motion by Powell, second by Karhoff to approve the hire of Phil Butler as Athletic Director. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

#### BOARD RECOGNITION – GOOD THINGS AT TC

The board recognized the Tri County Rocket Football program in appreciation of their donations to the football and athletic programs over the years. Most recently, new track mats were donated for use when players need to cross the track.

#### PRESENTATION #1 – Empowered High School

Joe Williams and Wes Zerlaut presented information received at recent training regarding Empowered High School, which is a RTI (response to intervention) process, based on the ACT curriculum. This process will provide continued improvement of instruction for college and career readiness. Currently high school staff is working on strategies for implementation. This will be a long-term change. The focus being on aligning both standards and strategies.

#### ADMINISTRATIVE & BOARD REPORTS

Board President, Jill Fennessy, read board committee assignments through December 2011. Standing committees: Athletics – members Fennessy, Powell, and Schwalbach, Finance & Negotiations – members Fennessy, Powell, and Karhoff, Operations – members Britten, Hoisington, and Paulen, Ad hoc committee: Student Advisor to the Board – members Karhoff and Schwalbach. Ad hoc committees may be added as determined by the board and superintendent based on need.

Student Advisor to the Board, Ad Hoc Committee report: Member Karhoff reported that the committee had met with the faculty advisor for student council to develop a job description and process for the election of a student representative for the board of education. The election of the student representative will coincide with the board election on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

**PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda Items Only:** No one spoke to this

**ACTION ITEM #1 – GASB 54 Resolution Amendment.** President Fennessy read the portion of the resolution to be amended. Motion by Hoisington, second by Powell to strike the paragraph as read and approve as amended. Roll Call Vote: Fennessy-Aye, Powell-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Karhoff-Aye, Britten-Absent, Paulen-Aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

**PUBLIC COMMENT – General Comments:**

Jerry Poprawski addressed the board with several follow-up questions regarding the community survey, student count, and busing.

Joseph Dawood commented on the new faces on the board and encouraged the board to communicate with the community and provide higher standards.

**BOARD COMMENTS/NEW BUSINESS:**

Member Powell reported on the recent fall county-wide board meeting, where teacher evaluation tools were a topic of discussion.

President Fennessy offered that being a member of the Board of Education is a volunteer position, with many more hours that go into the positions other than attending the monthly meeting. The board is working diligently to accomplish district goals.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Hoisington, second by Powell to go into closed session at 7:43 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Karhoff-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Fennessy-Aye, Powell-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Paulen-Aye, Britten-Absent. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

The board returned to Open Session at 8:58 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Hoisington, second by Karhoff to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1).

Approved by:

Jill Fennessy, President

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Keven Hoisington, Secretary

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