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### TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS

Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes

September 12, 2011

**CALL TO ORDER:** President Fennessy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with all members present. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:** The agenda was amended to add Action Item #5-Best Practices Resolution. Motion by Hoisington, second by Powell to approve the agenda as amended. Motion CARRIED (6-0-0)

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

**PRESENTATION #1 – Teacher Recognition.** Krys Sweeney, Sand Lake Elementary Principal, recognized Julie Scott, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, for being awarded a scholarship to the Mickelson ExxonMobil Teacher Academy held at the Liberty Science Center in Jersey City, NJ this past summer. Out of 1500 teachers that applied, Julie was one of 200 chosen to attend this all expenses paid training program. Congratulations to Julie on being chosen. Also recognized was Jennifer Arnold, Music teacher, for being chosen to receive the 2011 John P. Varineau Outstanding Music Educator Award. This award supports those who work tirelessly to ensure that music and music-making is an active part of every student's education. A cash award is given to provide specialized opportunities for students to interact with the Grand Rapids Symphony musicians and education programs. Great job Jennifer!

**PRESENTATION #2 – District Updates. Mr. Cumings provided the following updates:**

**Turning Technologies:** TCHS has been selected to pilot a program for Turning Technologies, which provides student response systems for test taking, etc. We are one of the few schools in the State of Michigan to pilot this program.

**Elementary Tardy Times:** Tardy times for our elementaries have been adjusted to work with the new start and dismissal times.

**Board Vacancy Interviews:** Candidate interviews for the vacant seat on our BOE will take place on Wednesday, September 28<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m.

**Best Practices:** Criteria was reviewed regarding the Best Practices Resolution to receive a one-time \$100.00 per pupil grant, as provided by the State School Aid Act.

**ACTION ITEM #1 – New Bank Account – 2011 Debt Funds.** Motion by Hoisington, second by Schwalbach to approve the establishment of a new bank account for the 2011 Debt Funds. Motion CARRIED (6-0-0).

**ACTION ITEM #2 – Out of State PD.** Motion by Powell, second by Karhoff to approve out of state travel for coaches, Chad Gould and Eli Hassenrik, for professional development. Motion CARRIED (6-0-0).

**ACTION ITEM #3 –Delegate Appointment.** Motion by Karhoff, second by Powell to appoint Keven Hoisington as delegate and Jill Fennessy as the alternate delegate for the MASB General Assembly meeting to be held in October. Motion CARRIED (6-0-0).

**ACTION ITEM #4 – Appointment of BOE Vice President.** Nominations were opened to appoint a new Vice President in lieu of the resignation of Chad Dailey. Motion by Hoisington, second by Karhoff to nominate Janet Powell for the office of Vice President. With no other nominations, Motion CARRIED (5-0-0, 1 abstained).

With the new appointment of Janet Powell as Vice President, nominations were opened for the office of Secretary. Motion by Karhoff, second by Powell to nominate Keven Hoisington for the office of Secretary. With no other nominations, Motion CARRIED (5-0-0, 1 abstained).

With the appointment of Keven Hoisington as Secretary, nominations were opened for the office of Treasurer. Motion by Powell, second by Britten to nominate Sharon Schwalbach for the office of Treasurer. With no other nominations, Motion CARRIED (5-0-0, 1 abstained).

**ACTION ITEM #5 – Best Practices Resolution.** Motion by Powell, second by Schwalbach to adopt the resolution satisfying at least 4 of 5 Best Practices criteria to receive the one-time \$100.00 per pupil grant, as provided by Section 22f of the State School Aid Act, as presented. Roll Call Vote: Fennessy-Aye, Powell-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Karhoff-Aye, Britten-Aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0-0).

**PUBLIC COMMENT – General Comments:**

Jerry Poprawski address the board regarding the community survey taken, scores received, and plans to be implemented. He also commented on percentile rankings Statewide, and encouraged our board members to attend local legislative meetings.

Several parents addressed the board regarding busing issues.

Monica Gould addressed the board commenting that our elementary curriculum was on par with other schools.

Devin Harold addressed the board concerning the driveway at the high school.

Board Comments: Member Powell relayed the board understand and appreciates everyone’s concerns and they share them. Many people have pulled together and that is also appreciated.

**CLOSED SESSION:** Motion by Powell, second by Hoisington to go into closed session at 8:15 p.m. for the purpose of a Student Hearing. Roll Call Vote: Karhoff-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Fennessy-Aye, Powell-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Britten-Aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0-0).

The board returned to Open Session at 8:25 p.m. Motion by Powell, second by Hoisington to reinstate the subject of the first hearing to TC High School, effective immediately, as recommended. Motion CARRIED (6-0-0).

Motion by Powell, second by Schwalbach to return to Closed Session at 8:27 p.m. for the purpose of Negotiations. Roll Call Vote: Britten-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Powell-Aye, Fennessy-Aye, Karhoff-Aye, Hoisington-Aye. Motion CARRIED (6-0-0).

The board returned to Open Session at 8:52 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Karhoff, second by Powell to adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m. Motion CARRIED (6-0-0).

Approved by:

Jill Fennessy, President

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Keven Hoisington, Secretary

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