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TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS
Proposed Special Meeting Minutes
January 23, 2012

CALL TO ORDER: President Fennessy called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. with board members present. Student Liaison, Shana Shqair was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Hoisington, second by Powell to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0)).

CLOSED SESSION – Student Hearings. Motion by Schwalbach, second by Powell to go into Closed Session at 6:32 p.m. for the purpose of a student hearing. Roll Call Vote: Paulen-Aye, Britten-Aye, Karhoff-Aye, Fennessy-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Powell-Aye. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

The board returned to Open Session at 7:11 p.m. Motion by Powell, second by Schwalbach to suspend the subject of the first hearing, student #2, for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year, as recommended, for an assault on another student. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

Motion by Hoisington, second by Schwalbach to go into Closed Session at 7:15 p.m. for the purpose of a student hearing. Roll Call Vote: Fennessy-Aye, Powell-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Karhoff-Aye, Paulen-Aye, Britten-Aye, Hoisington-Aye. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

The board returned to Open Session at 8:05 p.m. Motion by Powell, second by Hoisington to suspend the subject of the second hearing, student #3, for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year for defiance and insubordination. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

Motion by Britten, second by Powell to return to Closed Session at 8:19 p.m. for the purpose of a student hearing. Roll Call Vote: Karhoff-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Powell-Aye, Fennessy-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Britten-Aye, Paulen-Aye. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

The board returned to Open Session at 8:35 p.m. Motion by Hoisington, second by Britten to suspend the subject of the third hearing, student #1, for the remainder of the 2011-12 school year, as recommended, for aggressive behavior/fighting. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT-Agenda Items Only: No one spoke to this.

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING:

- 1) **Election of Officers:** The meeting was turned over the Superintendent Cumings to entertain nominations for the office of President.
President: Member Schwalbach nominated Jill Fennessy to serve as President. With no other nominations, all members voted Aye (6-0-0). Member Fennessy elected as President. President Fennessy conducted the remainder of the elections.
Vice President: Member Karhoff nominated Janet Powell to serve as Vice President. With no other nominations, all members voted Aye (6-0-0). Member Powell elected as Vice President.
Treasurer: Member Karhoff nominated Sharon Schwalbach to serve as Treasurer. With no other nominations, all members voted Aye (6-0-0). Member Schwalbach elected as Treasurer.
Secretary: Member Powell nominated Keven Hoisington to serve as Secretary. With no other nominations, all members voted Aye (6-0-0). Member Hoisington elected as Secretary.
- 2) **Adoption of Schedule & Location of Regular Board meeting for the 2012-13 Fiscal Year.** Motion by Powell, second by Schwalbach to approve the meeting date and location schedule for the 2012-13 school year, for the 2nd Monday of each month in the Board Room in Sand Lake. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).
- 3) **Designation of Person for Posting of Public Notice of Meetings.** Motion by Schwalbach, second by Hoisington to appoint Superintendent Allen Cumings as the designated person for posting of public meetings. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).
- 4) **Designation of District Law Firms.** Motion by Hoisington, second by Powell to approve the following retainer contracts: Clark Hill, Thrun Law, Miller Johnson, LaPointe & Butler, and Varnum, Riddering, Schmidt, & Howlett. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0)
- 5) **Designation of Depositories.** Motion by Britten, second by Powell to approve the following district depositories: Independent Bank, Firstbank, Bank of New York. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).
- 6) **Check Signature Authorizations for Independent Bank Resolution.** Motion by Karhoff, second by Britten to authorize the following signatures: BOE President, BOE Secretary, BOE Treasurer, Finance Director, Payroll Specialist, and Accounts Payable Specialist. Roll Call Vote: Paulen-Aye, Britten-Aye, Karoff-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Fennessy-Aye, Powell-Aye. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).
- 7) **Approval of Organizational Memberships.** Motion by Powell, second by Schwalbach to approve the organizational membership to Michigan Association of School Boards and the Panhandle Chamber of Commerce. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

Montcalm County School Board Association Resolution. Motion by Paulen, second by Schwalbach to approve membership with the Montcalm County School Board Association. Roll Call Vote: Fennessy-Aye, Powell-Aye, Hoisington-Aye, Schwalbach-Aye, Karhoff-Aye, Britten-Aye, Paulen-Aye. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

8) Designation of MASB Legislative Network Relations Representative. Motion by Schwalbach, second by Hoisington to appoint Jill Fennessy as legislative network relations representative to MASB. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

9) Designation of Title IX Grievance Coordinators. Motion by Powell, second by Britten to appoint Bill Cichewicz and Tim Goheen as district Title IX grievance officials as recommended by Superintendent Cumings. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

10) Designation of Civil Rights Coordinator. Motion by Schwalbach, second by Powell to appoint Dan Brant as the district Civil Rights Coordinator, as recommended by Superintendent Cumings. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

11) Designation of Recording Secretary. Motion by Hoisington, second by Powell to appoint Sherry Wheeler as recording secretary. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

OTHER ACTION ITEMS:

Approval of Overnight Field Trip. Motion by Hoisington, second by Powell to approve an overnight field trip to the University of Michigan for the National Oceans Sciences Bowl, as presented. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

PUBLIC COMMENT – General Comments: No one spoke to this.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Member Karhoff commented that he has heard lots of positive comments regarding the new telephoning system recently implemented.

Member Paulen suggested that the Student Liaison submit a report from the Student Council President as part of her report to the board.

Member Hoisington commented that no other area board currently has a student liaison. He has heard positive comments regarding this and indicated that TC is setting the standard for board/student relations.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Powell, second by Britten to adjourn the meeting at 9:05 p.m. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0).

Approved by:

Jill Fennessy, President

Keven Hoisington, Secretary
