



TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS

Regular Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2022

CALL TO ORDER: President Fennessy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., with members Powell, Campbell, Bice, Arnold, and Stewart present. Member Princer was absent. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited. President Fennessy welcomed everyone to the meeting. In the absence of Member Princer, Member Powell was appointed Acting Secretary.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Motion by Arnold, second by Bice to approve the agenda as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1)

GOOD THINGS: The Board always starts their business meeting by sharing good things happening in the district. Superintendent Cumings commented that the 60th Anniversary Kickoff event was very well attended and went well. He thanked the committee for their work on this event.

Mr. Cumings then shared that October is Principal Appreciation Month, and read a statement celebrating the hard work accomplished by our administrative team, Melissa Clegg, Tim Goheen, Hans Daum, Joe Williams, Andrew Buikema, Julie Scott, Jason Rykse, and Steve Garrison. They have been working diligently to set vision and goals for their buildings, implement new themes, curriculum, etc. Their work does not go unnoticed. Mr. Cumings graciously thanked them for all they do for our students, parents, and staff.

PRESENTATIONS

98C Learning Loss Grant Initiatives: Superintendent Cumings began by presenting 2021-22 M-Step data, which reflected areas to work on. Math scores showed some larger discrepancies than others across grad levels. The goal is to be 50% proficient by 2027, and in ELA scores reflected that students are just getting back to where we were pre-pandemic. He shared that math scores were more aligned in 2014-2017, then dropped in 2018 and 2020-21, which shows more learning loss than ELA scores. He stated that the predictive scores are not far off from the real scores. The admin team met to brainstorm ideas and opportunities to accelerate learning. They chose Math as the subject to focus on, monitor, etc. The high school received new Math instructional materials last year and new resources for elementary K-5 are being reviewed this coming year, working to align the curriculum K-12. Help is needed with the transition from 5th grade to 6th grade math, and teams have learned that after-school tutoring is not effective without being able to provide busing. Other initiatives include aligned curriculum in ELA, the Paper Tutoring program for grades 6-12, offer Tier II Math, mobile library, extended learning or tutoring, community connections, parent education, credit recovery or GED opportunities, etc.

ECOL Plan Update: Superintendent Cumings provided information the district's continuation of learning plan, much like was reported during the covid pandemic. This information does not need board approval but is for monitoring purposes and is a requirement of using ESSR III funds. Mr. Cumings stated that there were some changes to delivery of instruction, with no K-5 virtual offered to students, updated dates, and aligns to instructional practices and to pupil accounting, etc.

Board Committee Reports

Finance Committee: Member Campbell reported that the committee met just prior to tonight's meeting, where they reviewed the preliminary 2021-22 audit, discussed the 2022-2023 budget, which was formulated using a student count of 1700, and student count now reflects approximately 1733 students, not including Grant Christian. He shared that it's possible we may have a balanced budget when we had projected to fund balance dollars. Also reviewed was the Paper Tutoring program and costs related to offering this to students grade 6-12, with a 2-year contract.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Superintendent Cumings began his report sharing that the bond projects are running very smooth. The elementary team is narrowing down the furniture choices, and will be meeting to discuss survey results, etc. He shared that the concrete floors have been poured in the cafetorium and that the exterior brick will be started soon. Mr. Cumings also reported that the wastewater line has started at the village and is working back. Discussion and design on fencing, berms, and retention ponds at the new elementary has begun, as well as playground design. He also commented that the Middle School project will go out for bid soon with bids due in early November.

Mr. Cumings then offered that the District Strategic Planning Retreat has been scheduled for November 12th. Information regarding the retreat will be coming out soon.

Legislatively, Mr. Cuming shared that HB5703 has passed, where parts of the constitution will be required to be posted in all district offices, including board rooms, and all building offices. He commented that there probably won't be much activity until after the election.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items Only: No one spoke to this.

ACTION ITEM # 1 - Consent Agenda. Motion by Arnold, second by Stewart to approve the consent agenda as presented, which includes the Minutes from the September 12, 2022 Regular meeting, Resignation of Sarah Jordan-Elementary Special Ed, Brittany DeWar-Paraprofessional, New Hires: Alayna Merlington-Paraprofessional, and Accounts Payable of: \$2,328,332.80. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1)

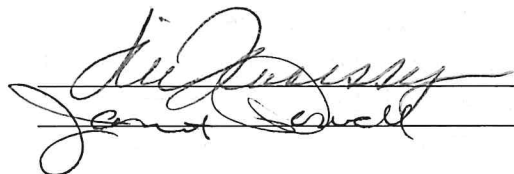
ACTION ITEM #2 – HS Tutoring Option – Paper Tutoring Program. Motion by Powell, second by Campbell to approve the purchase of the Paper Tutoring program as presented. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1)

PUBLIC COMMENT – General Comments – No one spoke to this

BOARD COMMENTS: Board members shared that notes from homecoming activities, the 60th anniversary kickoff event, elementary school bank news, and upcoming Halloween events in our surrounding communities.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Powell, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m. Motion CARRIED (6-0-1)

Approved by:
Jill Fennessy, President
Janet Powell, Acting Secretary

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