



TRI COUNTY AREA SCHOOLS

Proposed Regular Meeting Minutes

July 8, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: President Fennessy called the meeting to order at 7:10 p.m. with all members present. President Fennessy welcomed all those in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

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

GOOD THINGS: Superintendent Biller shared some great things going on in the district this summer.

PRESENTATIONS:

2023-2024 Sports Wrap-Up: Athletic Director, Phil Butler, provided a wrap-up of the 2023-2024 sports seasons, sharing TC had very successful sports seasons, with 42 All Conference athletes, 2 District Championship teams (Soccer and Wrestling), 10 Athletes that competed at the State level, a State Playoff team (football), and 2 First Team All-State Athletes, and 4 Academic All-State Honorable Mention teams (Football, Volleyball, Competitive Cheer, Girls Soccer).

Mr. Butler shared highlights from each sport, including the football team's trip across the bridge to Kingsford for their playoff game, Competitive Cheer winning their 9th League title in a row and a 7th place finish at State, and Boys and Girls Track and Field teams sending 9 members to the State meet. He also mentioned individual athlete accomplishments, naming Alex Culver who qualified for the State finals in Cross Country, Isaac Gitchel and Coy Hall who took first place in their weight class at the CSAA Wrestling Conference Championship, Owen Behrenwald being named 1st team All-State by placing 7th in the 100-meter dash at the State Track meet, and Xander Antor being crowned Regional Champ in the Pole Vault. He also offered his congratulations to Savanah Thompson who was named 1st team All-State for Girls Soccer. Savanah also broke the school record for number of goals scored in a single season, scoring 65 goals. This puts her 5th in the State in all divisions for number of goals scored.

Mr. Butler shared that Tri County also is well represented by our coaching staff, with two of our coaches receiving post season awards. Jennifer Laskey, Varsity Competitive Cheer Coach, was named CCCAM Regional Coach of the Year, and Brian Campbell, Varsity Girls Soccer Coach was named the All District Coach of the Year!

Another athletic accomplishment this year was the induction of the first class of Tri County Hall of Fame honorees. Mr. Butler shared that this inaugural class included multiple State winning athletes and teams, and coaches who have paved the way for Tri County athletics. Mr. Butler also noted that this year the Class of 2024 Valedictorians and Salutatorians were all student athletes.

Mr. Butler commented that the new weight room at the high school is probably the busiest classroom in the building, and has been beneficial in the successes of our athletic teams and individuals. Goals for athletics is to be in the top 3 in conference sports, and to keep improving in everything, not only athletics but academics as well. Mr. Butler concluded his sports wrap-up by sharing that senior, Mike Stout, was not only one of the Class of 2024 Valedictorians, but also a celebrated athlete, who was named a finalist for MHSAA's most prestigious award, landing in the top 100 finalist out of 10,000 applicants. An amazing achievement!

Appointment of Filing Agent for QZAB Loan: Superintendent Biller shared that the current filing agent for the 2012 QZAB (Qualified Zone Academy Bonds), The Bank of New York Mellon, tendered its resignation. The recommendation is to use U.S. Bank Trust Company, National Association, for this purpose.

Policy Second Reading: Member Bice provided the second reading for policies 1240, 2410, 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, and 8800. Some policies were revised, some had technical errors corrected, one policy was rescinded, and one policy was new (6350). The committee recommends adoption.

BOARD COMMITTEE REPORTS

Policy Committee: Member Bice shared that the committee met on June 24th, where they reviewed the remaining policies from the spring update. Next meeting will be after the fall update is released.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT: Superintendent Biller shared that a new Director of Special Education had been selected after interviewing four candidates. Keith Hutchins has been offered and accepted this position after second round interviews were concluded. He comes with several years of building administrator experience, and holds all credentials necessary to fill this role, including full MDE approval as a Special Education Director. Mr. Biller commented that Mr. Hutchins is thoughtful and has a calm demeanor, which will bode well with parents and staff. Welcome Keith!

Mr. Biller also commented on the State budget outlook

Follow Up To Public Comment: PUBLIC COMMENT – Agenda items Only: No one spoke to this.

ACTION ITEMS

Action Item # 1 - Consent Agenda. Motion by Bice, second by Arnold to approve the consent agenda as presented, which includes Minutes from the June 10, 2024 Regular meeting and Closed Session, Minutes from the June 24, 2024 Special Meeting and Closed Session, Resignations of: Taylor Merchant-Accounting Manager, Hans Daum-HS Assistant Principal, Tyler Arends-HS Math, Sarah Behem-Kindergarten, Melissa McNeill-MS Math, Wendy Bradford-MS Science, New Hires: Keith Hutchins-Dir of Special Education, Peter Wurm-HS ELA, Samuel Hutchinson-1st Grade, Allyssa Marineau-MS Social Work, Lacie Hutton-Elementary Music, Ashley Young-Elementary Social Work, Lindsay Lehman-Kindergarten, Kyndra Denton-Paraprofessional, Staci Schutt-ECSE Paraprofessional, and Accounts Payable of \$1,073,755.97. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0)

Action Item #2 – Appointment of Filing Agent Resolution. Motion by Campbell, second by Helfmann to appoint U.S. Bank Trust Company as the filing agent for the 2012 QZAB Loan as recommended. Roll Call Vote: Arnold-Aye, Campbell-Aye, Powell-Aye, Princer-Aye, Bice-Aye, Helfmann-Aye, Fennessy-Aye Motion CARRIED (7-0-0)

Action Item #3 –Policy Adoption. Motion by Helfmann, second by Campbell to adopt policies 1240, 2410, 2414, 2418, 3220, 6320, 6321, 6325, 6350, 6520, 8390, and 8800 as read. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0)

PUBLIC COMMENT – General Comments No one spoke to this.

BOARD COMMENTS: President Fennessy reminded the board and audience that the board will have four seats on the ballot in November, with a filing deadline of July 23, 2024 at 4:00pm to submit documents to run.

Member Campbell brought up the option of having a facilities tour on July 15 to look at needs. The tour will take place beginning at 5:00 pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Powell, second by Campbell to adjourn the meeting at 7:57 p.m. Motion CARRIED (7-0-0)

Approved by:

Jill Fennessy, President

MaDonna Princer, Secretary

