

TONICA GRADE SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

October 21, 2011 7:00 PM

The following minutes were recorded for the Regular Board of Education Meeting of the Tonica Community Consolidated Grade School District #79, LaSalle County, October 19th, 2011 in the Media Center.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

Vice-President Jeremy Hillyer convened the board meeting at 7:00pm.

Jeremy Hillyer, Scott Obermiller, Marty Wiesbrock, Dusty Freeman, Brian Marcinkus and Kim Goodbred were present. Dan Arkels was absent.

Additional Attendees: Dr. Ty Wolf, Kirsten Augspols, Janie Hoffmann, Amy Mareta and Joel Hopkins. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Goodbred, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting September 21st, and the minutes from the Special Budget Hearing September 21st. All ayes.

Financial statements/bills reviewed. Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Obermiller, to approve the invoices/payments for the month of October 2011. All ayes.

II. NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Goodbred, 2nd by Wiesbrock to approve the Annual Financial Report as presented by Joel Hopkins from Hopkins and Assoc, CPAs for Fiscal Year 2012. *All ayes.*
- Motion by Goodbred, 2nd by Marcinkus to approve the purchase and installation of required network equipment upgrades. *All ayes.*
- Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Obermiller to approve the adoption of a resolution to support the Regional Offices of Education. *All ayes.*
- Motion by Obermiller, 2nd by Wiesbrock to change the date of the December School Board Meeting from the 16th to 14th. *All ayes.*

III. OTHER BUSINESS

- Joel Hopkins discussed the pro's and con's of transitioning our financial statements to an accrual accounting method instead of the cash based statements that we currently use. As a district we ended the fiscal year with an excess of \$140,027. As of June 30, 2011 the State owed us \$107,837 which was mostly in the Special Ed and Transportation funds. The district received the highest possible profile score, which is a 4.00.
- Review of School Report Card- TGS had 95.9% meeting or exceeding the state standards. We had an outstanding overall score as a district. We spend \$6,541 per student on educational expenses vs. a state average of \$6,773.

- Next Monday there is a public hearing at Heartland Community College in Bloomington to discuss school consolidation. Dr. Wolf will be attending.
- Dr. Wolf discussed the transportation funding that is currently being discussed in Springfield. Budget cuts have reduced the amount of money that we are reimbursed for our transportation expense. Based on the previous years' figures we lost approximately \$19,000 due to the budget cuts. Legislators put the funding back up to previous years' levels but the governor vetoed that amount back down to the previous years' amounts, which would cost the district \$22,000. Dr. Wolf will be emailing the contact information for our local legislators.
- Dr. Wolf also gave us an update on the school district realignment plans. There will be five public hearings held throughout the state. Board members are encouraged to contact our local legislators and speak out against forced school consolidation.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

None

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Obermiller, 2nd by Goodbred to adjourn the meeting at 9:21pm.
All ayes.

Secretary

President