

TONICA GRADE SCHOOL REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES

September 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, September 21, 2011 in the Media Center.

I. ROUTINE BUSINESS

President Dan Arkels convened the board meeting at 7:09pm.

Dan Arkels, Jeremy Hillyer, Scott Obermiller, Marty Wiesbrock, Dusty Freeman and Brian Marcinkus were present. Kim Goodbred was absent. Additional Attendees: Ty Wolf, and Kirsten Augspols, Janie Hoffmann, Laura Mentgen and Amy Flannery. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Hillyer, 2nd by Wiesbrock, to approve the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting August 17th. All ayes.

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

II. NEW BUSINESS

- Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Hillyer to approve the School Budget for Fiscal 2012 as presented. *All ayes.*
- Motion by Obermiller, 2nd by Wiesbrock to approve the application for Recognition of Schools. *All ayes.*
- Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Obermiller to approve the employment of Ms. Darlene Wright as .8 FTE teacher aide, and .2 FTE Art teacher. *All ayes.*
- Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Hillyer to accept the resignation of Mrs. Sally Wenzel, with regrets. *All ayes.*
- Motion by Freeman, 2nd by Obermiller to employ Mrs. Raylene Grossi as the Middle School Science teacher for the remainder of the school year.

Arkels- aye Freeman- aye Hillyer-aye Marcinkus-aye
Obermiller- aye Wiesbrock- nay

III. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Laura Mentgen presented information about our technology needs:

- 41 cpu's over 6 years old
- 53 cpu's 3 years old
- 26 cpu's 2 years old

The network is currently running slower than is needed for the school's needs. The network needs to be updated to a speed of 1GB, which would require 4 new switches and this upgrade would cost approximately \$5,000 not including labor. She recommended that we should begin to cycle out the 6 year old computers with newer models.

We are currently running a Windows 2003 server, which is no longer supported. The recommendation is to upgrade to a Windows 2008 server, which would require more RAM and hard disk space. We currently have approximately 10GB of disk space available on the server. The recommendation would be to increase to (3) 164GB hard disks with RAID and 8GB of RAM at a cost of about \$4,000 with \$900 in installation fees. Upgrading the server may require us to upgrade the software that we are currently using.

The current email system is getting a lot of SPAM mail; we may want to look into getting a new email system. The recommendation would be to use a program such as Google mail or a pay per month service. Our website is also becoming less accessible for our teachers to use and update. We may want to look into upgrading our website. Mrs. Hoffmann also said that most websites will give you a certain number of emails to use.

The computers need to have more consistent general maintenance done to them in order for them to run at their optimum. This should be done at least twice a year, it is currently not done. The maintenance records should be kept on a database that can be referenced when there are issues with certain machines. This will allow us to track our computers and see how frequently computers are being serviced. A database would also be helpful in preparing our yearly tech plan.

Going forward the recommendation would be to have someone come in approximately 8 hours per week to upgrade and maintain the system.

Dr. Wolf is going to work with Laura to check into the benefits of leasing new computers vs. buying them. They will be hoping to present their findings by the next board meeting if not before. The board wants to be sure there will be role clarity between Laura and Mrs. Hoffmann.

B. Dr. Wolf presented the Salary and Compensation report for FY11.

C. Discuss TGS Board of Education Goals and Strategic Plan

1. Two main goals are improvements in Literacy Achievement and improvements in Math
2. These improvements are to get our students in line with the new Common Core Standards, which will begin being tested on in the 2015 school year.

D. Dr. Wolf presented the Student Behavior matrix that is being used this school year.

IV. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Wiesbrock to enter into an executive session at 8:38pm.

Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Freeman to come out of executive session at 8:56pm.

V. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Marcinkus, 2nd by Wiesbrock to adjourn the meeting at 9:45pm. All ayes.

Secretary

President