

Regular School Board Meeting
TMS/THS Media Center
Wednesday, June 8, 2011
7:00p.m.

Board Members Present:

Mr. Dennis Marler
Mr. Jeff Kellar
Mr. Bill Brubaker
Mr. Brian Cox (arrived at 7:14pm)
Mr. Scott Maple

Administration and Central Office Staff Present:

Dr. John Magers, Superintendent
Melinda Brown, Recorder
Debbie Barton, Treasurer
Eric Hartman, THS Principal
Heather Hord, TMS Principal
Stan Williams, TIS Principal
Shannon Richards, TPS Principal

Others Present:

See attached list

The regular school board meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm in the Taylor Middle/High School Media Center located at 3794 East 300 South, Kokomo, Indiana. Mr. Marler led the Pledge of Allegiance and a moment of silence.

III. Revision and Adoption of Agenda

Mr. Maple moved to approve the agenda with the presented revisions. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

V. Recognition of Visitors

Mr. Monty Arvin, 5807 Seneca Trail, Kokomo, IN asked to discuss item VII, A, 3: Loco Parentis and Tornado Warnings.

VI. Consideration of the Minutes

Mr. Maple moved to approve the minutes from the May 11, 2011 Regular Board Meeting and the May 23, 2011 Special Session as written. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VII. Consideration of the Claims

Mr. Maple moved to approve the claims as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 4-0.

VIII. Financial Reports

The financial reports will be filed subject to audit.

IX. Communications

A. Information

1. Energy Management Team Update

Board members reviewed the Energy Management Spreadsheet.

2. Legislative Update

Mr. Maple updated the school board on the latest legislative updates.

3. Loco Parentis and Tornado Warnings

Mr. Monty Arvin spoke on his concerns with the lock down procedure. Mr. Hartman and Melinda Brown also spoke on the events concerning the recent tornado warning during school dismissal time.

4. Review of NEOLA Policies

The board will review the Neola policies and bring back next month. Forward any questions to Jeff Kellar.

X. Old Business

A. Consideration of ¼ Title I Director / ¾ Title I Teacher Position

Miss Casper presented the proposal for ¼ Title I Director / ¾ Title I Teacher. Mr. Brubaker moved to approve the creation of a ¼ Title I Director / ¾ Title I Teacher position as presented. Mr. Kellar seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0

B. Consideration of Approval of Classified Staff Handbook Revision

This item was tabled until a later date.

C. Consideration of THS Student Handbook

Mr. Hartman updated the school board on the latest revisions to the THS student handbook. Mr. Maple moved to approve the THS student handbook as revised. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

XI. New Business

A. Consideration to Include Recognitions/Information Items in Official Minutes

Mr. Maple moved to approve the inclusion of recognition and information items in the official minutes. Mr. Kellar seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

B. Consideration of Designation of Depositories Resolution

Mr. Maple moved to approve the Designation of Depositories Resolution. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

C. Consideration of TIS Handbook Revisions

Mr. Maple moved to approve the TIS Handbook Revisions as presented. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

D. Consideration of Grade Changing Procedures

Mr. Maple moved to approve the grade changing procedures for TPS. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

E. Consideration of Leasing TMS Mobil Computer Lab for Science

Mr. Maple moved to amend the current lease to allow for the purchase of computers for the mobile science lab for Taylor Middle School. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

F. Consideration of TMS Curriculum Adoption and Student Fees

Mr. Maple moved to approve the adoption of the TMS curriculum and student fees as presented. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

G. Consideration of THS Curriculum Adoption and Student Fees

Mr. Maple moved to approve the adoption of THS curriculum and student fees as presented. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

I. Personnel Issues

i. Resignations

a. Mr. Maple moved to approve the resignation of George Phares, Girls Golf Coach. Mr. Kellar seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

ii. Employment

a. Athletics

Mr. Kellar moved to approve the employment recommendation for Karen Franklin, THS Health/PE Department Chair. Mr. Brubaker seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

b. Summer School

Mr. Maple moved to approve Erin Casper, Summer School Teacher -pending enrollment. Mr. Cox seconded the motion. Motion passed 5-0.

XII. Items from the School Board Members

A. Mr. Kellar would like a report from TPS & TIS on the Singapore Math program

B. Mr. Kellar would also like to look into an open door policy for our employees that need to deal with a problem with a supervisor. The policy needs to provide protection for the fear of retaliation.

C. Brian Cox spoke concerning the storm that hit and damaged the school on Saturday evening. He publicly thanked everyone that helped the people at the ball fields that were stuck in the storm. Mr. Williams thanked the employees that came out and helped clean up the damage on Sunday. Bill Brubaker thanked Steve Stiner for helping with the ball fields..

D. A reminder that the boys baseball team will be playing at Highland Park on Saturday at 6:00pm.

XIII. Items from the Superintendent

A. Dr. Magers updated the school board on the information gathered thus far on the storm damage. Mr. Marler asked for a list of all items damaged. Dr. Magers would like for Steve Stiner to come to the July meeting for an update. Also, the chillers are set to be updated. There will be no air conditioning in the TMS/THS building for June 15-July 5.

B. Dr. Magers gave a report on the professional development going on throughout the summer at all schools.

C. Dr. Magers will be investigating the possibilities of purchasing a propane bus and will report back his findings to the school board members.

XIV. The next regular school board meeting will be Wednesday, July 13, 2011 at 7:00p.m in the TMS/THS Media Center.

XV. Adjournment

With no other business, the board meeting adjourned at 8:51pm.

Dennis Marler

Bill Brubaker