

Tipton, Iowa
May 11, 2020

On Monday May 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m., the school board of the Tipton Community School District met in regular session in the high school media center.

President Diane Wallick called the meeting to order with Directors Kirby Bierman, Heidi Shumaker, Randy Shumaker, Ray Vitense, Superintendent Jason Wester and secretary Jim Becker present. All board members were present in the building, however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, this meeting was held online.

Motion by Kirby Bierman, seconded by Heidi Shumaker, that the May 11, 2020 meeting agenda be approved. Motion carried unanimously.

The Mission and Aim of the District were read.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Motion by Randy Shumaker, seconded by Ray Vitense, that minutes taken April 13, April 22, and April 29, 2020 be approved as reported. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ray Vitense, seconded by Kirby Bierman, that claims number 05-20-01 through 48 of the general fund, 22589 through 23627 of the activity and agency funds and 13286 through 13294 of the nutrition fund be approved and the president and secretary are authorized to pay same. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ray Vitense, seconded by Kirby Bierman, that the reports of the secretary's financial statements for the month of April 2020 be accepted subject to final audit. Motion carried unanimously.

Principal's Reports:

Principal Hill:

- Thank you to the teachers for all their work to stay connected with students.
- Parents reached out asking for hard copies of instructional materials. Packets have been put together and are being handed out each week.
- Working with staff to find the best way to close out the school year.
- Acknowledged the students for their great work with the Kid Heart Challenge fundraiser that raised over \$12,000.
- ISU Extension handed out their trees to the 3rd grade class.
- Elementary and Middle School teachers are doing a book study.

Principal Smock:

- Thank you to the teachers for their hard work reaching out to students.
- Weekly agendas are posted showing what the teachers will be working on each day.
- Along with high school events, middle school events have also been canceled which affects the students emotionally as well.
- The student leadership team developed an online etiquette protocol.
- Teachers are doing a book study with the elementary teachers.
- A survey was developed and sent to parents regarding how much their students are engaged with online learning.

Principal Evans:

- Very proud of the 2020 graduates that will be approved tonight.
- Senior graduation signs were ordered this year to highlight them in a small way.
- Concurrent enrollment classes will be taught in house next year so no one will need to travel to the Kirkwood Learning Center.
- Geography curriculum will be starting next year for 9th graders.
- High School Teachers are also doing a book study.

Dawn Siech:

- Reviewed the curriculum purchase orders for Dreambox, High School Geography, and K-8 English/Language Arts and the purchase orders for new classroom furniture.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Wester:-Reviewed the beginning of the “Return to Learn” plan, the list of team members to work on the plan, focus areas of the plan and other considerations in developing the plan.

Motion by Kirby Bierman, seconded by Randy Shumaker, to approve the resignations of John Geyer – 7th Grade Science, Jake Reinhardt – Assistant Varsity Boys Basketball, Jill Reeve – 1st Grade Teacher, Kendra Whitman – Assistant Varsity Girls Basketball, Vicki Pruess – Food Service Worker, and Sally Kruse – Title I Teacher and to hire Larae Edens – At Risk Liaison. Motion carried unanimously.

The budget amendment hearing was held to amend the 2019-2020 budget. There were no written or oral objections.

Motion by Heidi Shumaker, seconded by Kirby Bierman, to approve the budget amendment for the 2019-20 budget year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kirby Bierman, seconded by Ray Vitense, to approve a meal price increase of \$.10 for the 2020-21 school year. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ray Vitense, seconded by Kirby Bierman, to combine the activity drama account and the activity thespian account. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kirby Bierman, seconded by Heidi Shumaker, to approve the Software Unlimited invoice in the amount of \$6,350, the renewal of Dreambox in the amount of \$7,350, the Premier F&E proposal for elementary classroom furniture in the amount of \$11,969 and high school furniture in the amount of \$15,884, the Houghton Mifflin Harcourt K-8 English/Language Arts curriculum adoption in the amount of \$141,687.98 and the McGraw Hill high school geography curriculum adoption in the amount of \$8,621.70. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Randy Shumaker, seconded by Ray Vitense, to approve the disposal of the elementary playground equipment by the Cedar County Fair Board. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Kirby Bierman, seconded by Ray Vitense, to approve the 2020 graduates. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Heidi Shumaker, seconded by Kirby Bierman, to approve the open enrollment request of Mannix McHugh to Wilton. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ray Vitense, seconded by Kirby Bierman, to enter closed session as provided in section 21.5(1)(i) of the open meetings law to evaluate the professional competency of an individual whose performance is being considered to prevent needless and irreparable injury to that individual's reputation, as that individual has requested a closed session.

Ayes: Bierman, Vitense, Heidi Shumaker, Randy Shumaker, Wallick. Motion carried unanimously.

Entered closed session at 8:18 p.m.

Returned from closed session at 10:28 p.m.

Motion by Kirby Bierman, seconded by Randy Shumaker, to approve the support staff contracts for 2020-21. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Randy Shumaker, seconded by Ray Vitense, to approve the administrative and director contracts for 2020-21. Motion carried unanimously.

Motion by Ray Vitense, seconded by Heidi Shumaker, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 10:36 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board of directors is scheduled for Monday June 8, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the high school media center.

Diane Wallick
President

Jim Becker
Secretary