

Minutes of the meeting of the Board of Education held on February 20, 2023 at the Unified School District Office. Those present were Juanita Morris, Michelle Murk, Jeremiah VanDoren, Robert Miller, Jeff Shamburg and Rani Pecenka, Superintendent Pam Irwin, Administrators Steven Kimmi, Clay Mettlen, Trica McVay, and Dr. Curt Graves, Clerk Cindy Regnier and 9 guests.

President Juanita Morris called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. The agenda for the meeting was adopted as amended. Motion by Robert Miller, seconded by Rani Pecenka. Carried 6-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to adopt the consent agenda, approval of January 23, 2023, minutes and checks 65817 through 65957 totaling \$821,151.04 Seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 6-0.

Tescott Students on the LifeSmarts team made a presentation to the board regarding their upcoming state competition.

Board President Morris announced that beginning with the March 2023 board meeting a new procedure for public comment will be put in place. To make a comment at the meeting a patron must notify the Board of Education President by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday before the board meeting of the intent to do so. Notifications should include the name and topic.

Darrin Hurd arrived at 6:10 p.m.

The board discussed implementation of the StopIt App. Motion by Robert Miller to accept the free year of use and evaluate its benefit to our schools. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 5-2, Morris and VanDoren dissenting.

Motion by Jeff Shamburg to adopt option 2 as presented for the 23-24 district calendar. Seconded by Michelle Murk. Motion carried 7-0.

The board discussed possible implementation of a Twin Valley Electronic Device Policy. Further discussion will follow at future meetings.

The board discussed updates on the new construction. Motion by Jeremiah VanDoren that the board enter executive session for 20 minutes to discuss building security issues. Seconded by Robert Miller. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 7:52 p.m.

The board reconvened at 8:12 p.m.

The board will hold a special meeting for policy updates on May 1, 2023.

Motion by Robert Miller to approve the facilities use requests as presented. Seconded by Jeff Shamburg. Motion carried 7-0.

The board discussed Continuous Improvement.

Motion by Robert Miller that the board enter executive session for 30 minutes to discuss personnel and student issues with Principals present. Seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 9:00 p.m.

The board reconvened at 9:30 p.m.

Motion by Robert Miller that the board reenter executive session for 30 minutes with principals to continue discussing personnel issues. Seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 9:30 p.m.

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Motion by Robert Miller that the board reenter executive session for 20 minutes to discuss personnel. Seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 7-0. The board entered executive session at 11:00 p.m.

The board reconvened at 11:20 p.m.

Motion by Robert Miller to extend the contracts of Clay Mettlen, Dr, Curt Graves and Tricia McVay for the 24-25 school year. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to approve the contract of Director of Curriculum and Instructional Support for the 23-24 year. Seconded by Jeremiah VanDoren. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to approve the hire of Stephanie Laack as Tescott Ag Teacher, Valarie Martin as Tescott J. High track coach, Chloe Witt as Business Instructor and the hire of a Bennington High School Assistant Track Coach pending numbers of student athletes warrant the hire. Seconded by Rani Pecenka. Motion carried 7-0.

Motion by Robert Miller to approve the resignation of Storm Myer as BJH football coach .
Seconded by Jeff Shamburg. Motion carried 7-0.

President Juanita Morris adjourned the meeting.

Cindy Regnier
Clerk of the Board