

TRI-VALLEY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3

OFFICIAL MINUTES

April 19, 2023

I. CALL TO ORDER

The Tri-Valley Board of Education held a meeting in Downs, Illinois, on Wednesday, April 19, 2023. Board President, Mr. Carl Neubauer, called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Upon roll call, the following members answered present: J.B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jill Messamore, Jessica Alt and Bobby Brown. Others Present: Mr. Ben Derges, Superintendent. Board member, Lori Stickling, was absent.

III. CONSENT AGENDA

Motion by Brian Myers to approve the Consent Agenda that included the following items:

- Board Meeting Minutes from February 15, 2023;
- Board Bills from April 2023;
- Student Activity Accounts for March 2023;
- Treasurer's Reports for March 2023; and
- Destruction of Executive Session Tapes Dating Back Eighteen Months.

Seconded by Jill Messamore. The following members voted aye: J. B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jessica Alt, Jill Messamore and Bobby Brown. The motion carried.

IV. VISITORS AND REPORTS

A. Visitors: Catie Carlson (New Hire) - Catie is coming from the McLean County Health Department and is recommended to the board for the position of Food Service Director.

Jessica Weinbrecht (New Hire) - Jessica is coming from Cedar Ridge as a Kindergarten teacher. She is being recommended to the board for the position of First Grade Teacher.

Joy Prater (New Hire) - Joy is being recommended to the board for the position of MS Speech/Language.

Tanner Shelton - HS student attending the meeting to earn a merit badge from Boy Scouts. His mother, Jennifer Decker, attended with him.

B. Committee Reports: None

C. Administrator Reports:

Elementary School: Mr. Swearingen highlighted new initiatives that will be started in the ES and fully implemented in the fall.

Middle School: Track season has started with over 130 students on the team. IAR testing is finishing up. It has taken many hands on deck to help. Scholastic Bowl is concluding and regionals will be starting soon. The team is predicted to go far.

High School: PSAT, SAT and Senior Volunteer Days are wrapping up. Many

individuals have helped make these events successful. End of the year activities are being planned. Graduation is scheduled for May 21st at 1:00pm. Prom and After Prom were huge successes. Spring athletics are in full swing.

Special Services: Transition meetings are occurring now to plan for next year. Many meetings are needed to make these transitions smooth. Mrs. McCane has been asked to be a member of the ISU Special Ed Advisory Council - a great honor!

Superintendent: Student fees will remain the same for next year, but work is being done to adjust the fee structure by combining the general fees with the tech fees. Free admission to athletic events will be allowed for all students moving forward. There are currently a few open positions in the facilities department (Custodian, Mechanic, Cook) Viking Essentials (grade level standards) documents will soon be available online via curriculum maps for all levels. Ms. Day continues to work diligently on this task with a district committee. CIRA expansion of the taxing bodies has been proposed at the state level with a bill that is likely to pass. There has not been any specific information regarding how this will impact tax rates or how this additional revenue can be used by the airport. No planned action by the TV board regarding this will be taken at this time. Mr. Derges attended the annual Village of Downs board meeting regarding the TIF districts in our area. Reimbursement of almost \$60,000 this year.

V. ACTION ITEMS

A. Approval of the Contract for Food Service Director

Motion by Jill Messamore that the Board approve the contract. Seconded by J.B. Goff. The following members voted aye: J. B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jessica Alt, Jill Messamore and Bobby Brown. The motion carried.

B. Approve the Resolution to Authorize the Purchase of Real Estate

Motion by Brian Myers that the Board approve the Resolution. Seconded by J.B. Goff. The following members voted aye: J.B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jessica Alt, Jill Messamore and Bobby Brown. The motion carried.

C. Approval of the Resolution Authorizing the Abatement of Working Cash Fund

Motion by Jill Messamore that the Board approve the Resolution. Seconded by Bobby Brown. The following members voted aye: J. B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jessica Alt, Jill Messamore and Bobby Brown. The motion carried.

D. Approval of the 1st Reading of Board Policy Manual Updates

Motion by Jill Messamore that the Board approve the 1st Reading of Board Policy Manual Updates. Seconded by J.B. Goff. The following members voted aye: J.B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jessica Alt, Jill Messamore and Bobby Brown. The motion carried.

E. Approve the 2023-2024 IESA Membership Renewal

Motion by Brian Myers that the Board approve the IESA Membership Renewal for next school year. Seconded by J.B. Goff. The following members voted aye: J.B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jessica Alt, Jill Messamore and Bobby Brown. The motion carried.

F. Approve the 2023-2024 IHSA Membership Renewal

Motion by Jill Messamore that the Board approve the IHSA Membership Renewal for next school year. Seconded by Bobby Brown. The following members voted aye: J. B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jessica Alt, Jill Messamore and Bobby Brown.

VI. DISCUSSION ITEMS

A. Amended Budget Due in May for Approval

Expenditures are higher this year than years past, but this is to be expected with overall costs going up.

B. HEAT Academy

HEAT will be in addition to BACC in partnership with HCC and business and industry partners. Mr. Derges shared the 3 year plan of action with the board.

C. Transition to Board Docs

Mr. Derges and Mrs. Bunn attended an initial training to implement the use of Board Docs beginning in June. The June 21st board meeting will begin at 5:00pm for a tour of the program

D. End of the Year Activities and Graduation

A handout was provided by Mr. Arnolts that details all end of the year activities for senior students. Graduation is May 21st and the last day of student attendance (PK-11th grades) will be May 25th. The last day of attendance for staff members is May 26.

E. May Board Meeting

The changing of the board will be on May 10th at the regular meeting of the board.

VII. PUBLIC COMMENT TO THE BOARD

Casey Misch addressed the board regarding a solar project that is being explored by the board, He also spoke about tax rates in the district, materials in the district libraries, and asked for a public apology.

VIII. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Motion made by Brian Myers to move to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, resignation of personnel, or acquisition of property pursuant to Section 2(c)(1) of the Open Meetings Act.

Seconded by Carl Neubauer. Motion carried and all members voted aye. Executive session was entered at 7:09 p.m.

Motion by Jill Messamore to exit executive session. Seconded by J.B. Goff. All members voted aye.

Motion by J.B. Goff to approve the closed session minutes previously read in closed session just ended, and seconded by Bobby Brown.

Executive session was exited at 7:28 p.m.

IX. PERSONNEL REPORT

Motion by Jessica Alt that the Board approves the Personnel Report as presented. Seconded by Jill Messamore. The following members voted aye: J.B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jessica Alt, Jill Messamore and Bobby Brown. The motion carried.

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Jill Messamore to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by Brian Myers. The following members voted aye: J.B. Goff, Brian Myers, Carl Neubauer, Jessica Alt, Jill Messamore and Bobby Brown. The motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Approved

Board President

Board Secretary