Mrs. Connie Bowman, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Roll Call
Connie Bowman – President                              Judy Pingel – Member
Steve Sprecher – Vice President                        Cindy Griffith - Member
Brad Williams - Secretary

Mr. Richard King – Superintendent
Mr. Ronald Ward – Assistant Superintendent
Terry Kessinger – School Attorney

Others Present
Sherry McDonald                                        Matt Shoemaker
Hahn Altman                                            Heather Burgess
Jennifer Altman                                        Denise Smeltzer
Rhonda Beck                                            Dana Dillman
Doris Martin

Executive Session Certification
Connie Bowman, President, stated, “In accordance with Public Law 33, this Board hereby certifies that it discussed no subject matter in the February 11, 2015 executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice of the said meeting."

Comments from Public on Agenda Items
None

Consent Items
Minutes
Mr. Richard King, Superintendent, recommended the Board approve the minutes of the February 11, 2015 Regular Meeting.

    Steve Sprecher made a motion to approve the February 11, 2015 minutes. Judy Pingel seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Acceptance of Claims
Mr. King recommended the Board approve the regular Claims as submitted.

    Connie Bowman made a motion to approve all Claims as submitted. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.
Consent Items: Continued

Fund Report
Mr. King recommended the Board approve the Fund Report from February 28, 2015 as submitted.

Cindy Griffith made a motion to approve the February 2015 Fund Report as submitted. Steve Sprecher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Payroll Reports
Mr. King recommended the Board approve the Payroll Reports from February 27, 2015 and March 13, 2015 as submitted.

Judy Pingel made a motion to approve the Payroll Reports as submitted. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Personnel
Mr. King recommended the Board approve the following:

Retirement - Judy Retz – Instructional Assistant – North Salem Elementary School
Hires – Sam Stapleton – Temporary Science Teacher – Tri-West High School
Brad Acton – Assistant Boys/Girls Track Coach – Tri-West High School
Gordon Lucas – Volunteer Assistant Baseball Coach – Tri-West High School
Maternity Leave – Bobbijeane Farlow – Teacher – Pittsboro Elementary School
Separation agreement – Jeremy Small – Science Teacher – Tri-West High School

Steve Sprecher made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning personnel. Cindy Griffith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Sparks Donation
Mr. King turned it over to Tim Sparks and Debbie Dorrell, children of the late Mr. & Mrs. Larry Sparks. They explained that the Larry and Jackie Sparks Education Memorial Fund was established in October of 2014 and that an area that always held a special meaning to Mrs. Sparks was the Special Education Department. In that spirit they would like to donate $5000 to the corporation to be used in the Special Education Department and divided equally among the five schools. Mr. King and the Board greatly appreciate the donation.
Consent Items: Continued

Presentation – Tri-West Middle School

Mr. King turned it over to Mr. Nickoli for the presentation by the Tri-West Middle students. Mr. Nickoli explained that he has 9 students present and that 6th, 7th & 8th graders are all included. The students are all students who are involved in various types of activities that are not associated with the school; he went on to say that these students are just a few of the many that are involved outside of the school. He reported that these are all great students that represent Tri-West very well and he is very proud of them. The students went around and explained what various activities they are involved in. There were many activities represented including twirling a baton, racing Micro Sprints, playing on a Hockey team in Chicago, ballet, Junior Rodeo Princess, gymnast, competitive dancer, musical theater, and racing amateur Hill Climbs.

DAR Preservation Award

Mr. King turned it over to Judy Pingel, she then introduced Rhonda Beck. Mrs. Beck presented the DAR Preservation Award for the One Room School House to Dana Dillman and Doris Martin. These ladies were very instrumental in seeing that the One Room School House was preserved and put in many hours working on the project. Mrs. Beck went on to discuss more about the DAR and also the One Room School House.

Physical Plant

Estimate for repair/remodel TWHS Kitchen Area

Mr. King turned it over to Mr. Ward who then discussed the need to repair some things in the kitchen at Tri-West High School. Mr. Ward discussed that Johnson Melloh has looked at things in the kitchen and indicated that the floor needs to be redone. Mr. Ward also would like to replace the dishwasher and paint the walls. He indicated that he does not have a quote on the repairs at this time but is hoping to have that at the April Board Meeting.

Curriculum Matters

Summer School Drivers’ Education Program

Mr. King reported that Mr. Benner has requested permission to have the Summer School Driver’s Education program during the summer of 2015 and will be very similar to what was used in the summer of 2014 with a slight price increase. The class and driving instruction will be given by Rodney Farmer, Nathan Begle, and Kelly Simpson. Mr. King recommends approval.

Steve Sprecher made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation regarding the Summer School Driver’s Education Program request by Mr. Benner. Connie Bowman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.
Curriculum Matters: Continued

Summer School Proposal for TWHS
Mr. King reported that Tri-West High School has proposed a summer school schedule for 2015 that includes working ahead and credit recovery options. The program will be very similar to the program that was used last year. Mr. King recommends approval as proposed.

Cindy Griffith made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning the summer school program for Tri-West High School as proposed. Judy Pingel seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Summer School Proposal for Elementary Students – IREAD Program
Mr. King reported that due to the fact that students must pass the 3rd grade IREAD test to be able to move on to 4th grade, we would like to offer a two week intensive class for those students that did not pass in the first round of tests. The students will then be able to retake the test in the summer. This program is very similar to last year and will only be needed if there are students that do not pass the first round of tests. Mr. King recommends approval for the summer school program for those that do not pass IREAD.

Judy Pingel made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning the summer school for the IREAD program similar to last year’s program. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

AYS Summer Program Proposal
Mr. King reports that AYS is proposing they pay the same rate as last summer for the AYS Summer Camp, $10 per day plus $1 per day per student. The program enrollment has been increasing each year. Mr. King recommends approval of the AYS Summer Program for 2015.

Steve Sprecher made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for the AYS summer program as presented. Cindy Griffith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Financial Matters
Restructuring 2005A and 2005B Bonds
Mr. King turned it over to Terry Kessinger to discuss restructuring 2005A and 2005B Bonds, he also indicated that Matt Shoemaker is present to answer any questions.

1. Terry Kessinger then held the hearing providing restructuring parameters pursuant to IC 5-1-5-2.5(d)(1).
2. Terry Kessinger then held the hearing on Third Amendment to Lease.

Matt Shoemaker then discussed the Pension Bonds and also the restructuring of 2005A & 2005B Bonds.
Financial Matters: Continued
Restructuring 2005A and 2005B Bonds: Continued
Connie Bowman then opened the hearing on the 4 resolutions which include Resolution Approving Form of Undertaking, Resolution Approving Post Issuance Procedures, Resolution Authorizing Execution of Third Amendment to Lease and Resolution Approving Restructuring Parameters. Connie Bowman then closed the hearing. Mr. King recommends approval on these four resolutions.

Connie Bowman made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation of accepting the four resolutions as noted for the restructuring of 2005A & 2005B Bonds. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Early Retirement Incentive
Mr. King reported that the corporation will offer an early retirement incentive to those that will qualify. The Teachers Association has approved the incentive as well. Mr. King recommends approval.

Connie Bowman made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to offer the early retirement incentive to those that qualify. Steve Sprecher seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

RoofSmart Proposal
Mr. King turned it over to Mr. Ward to discuss the RoofSmart Proposal. Mr. Ward reported that he has been working with Shorty Sibbing along with RoofSmart. RoofSmart has put together a proposal for a 3 year plan, they would be an unbiased opinion to help us implement a planned program of preventative or corrective maintenance which could reduce the high cost of unplanned roof replacement. Mr. Ward believes that this would be very beneficial in the long run. Mr. Sprecher asked if this proposal would include the Central Office, it does not. Mr. Ward is going to check into adding the Central Office and the One Room School House. Mr. King recommends approval.

Connie Bowman made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to move forward with this company under Mr. Ward’s guidance. Cindy Griffith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Edwards Transportation Contract Extension
Mr. King and Mr. Ward reported that they have met with Hahn Altman and have agreed on an extension to the contract for Edwards Transportation. It will be keeping with the current contract and every 2 years there will be a 3% increase. Mr. Altman has asked for a 4 year contract, he also indicated that his wife Jennifer Altman will become more involved with the business. He also talked about Heather Burgess working closely with him in regards to a training program for new drivers. Mr. Altman also indicated that he is willing to help when he can with the corporation’s buses. Connie Bowman indicated that she and the Board appreciates the changes that have been made with Mr. Altman becoming more involved within the corporation. Mr. King recommends approval of the four year contract extension.
Financial Matters: Continued

Edwards Transportation Contract Extension

Connie Bowman made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation regarding the four year contract extension with Edwards Transportation. Judy Pingel seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Other Business

Dollars for Scholars Phone-A-Thon Update
Mr. King gave an update on the Dollars for Scholars Phone-A-Thon. He reported that over the course of the 2 days that there 84 student helpers and things went extremely well. Currently there is over $28,000 pledged.

NWHSC Scholarship Application Discussion/Fund Report
Mr. King reported that there are 23 applicants this year for the NWHSC Scholarship. He indicated that we could give 6 or 7 scholarships this year; the Board decided that they would like to give 7. Mr. King has all of the applications to give to the Board Members and they will need to send their top 10 choices to Mr. King. It was noted that Steve Sprecher will abstain from the selection process this year due to having children in the graduating class.

Board Policy – Section XI – Second Reading
Mr. King presented Section XI of the Board Policy as the second reading and recommends approval. Connie Bowman reported that there are some grammatical errors and typos that need to be corrected. She also is asking for some clarification in regards to the football and soccer facilities.

Steve Sprecher made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation regarding Section XI of the Board Policy with corrections by Connie Bowman as noted. Connie Bowman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Diplomas
Mr. King reported that the diplomas are making the rounds to get all board members signatures. He also checked with the Board to see who would be sitting on stage and Cindy Griffith will need a robe.

Aramark Report
Mr. King shared with the Board the Aramark reports for February. The numbers were down quite a bit this month due to delays & snow days and also sickness, but yet still made a profit this month.

Privacy Practices Policy – First Reading
Mr. King presented Privacy Practices Policy as the first reading, it has been recommended to have this policy in place.
Other Business: Continued

Field Trip Request
Mr. King reported that there has been another change to the overnight field trip for the TWHS Drumline on April 10, 2015. Due to the competition growing so large there is a possibility that they will need to perform Thursday evening. So they may need to leave on Thursday and stay through Saturday. Which means it is possible that they may need to miss some school on Thursday and also Friday. Mr. King informed them in the future they should not be missing school for these competitions. The students have all worked hard to make this trip happen. Mr. King recommends approval.

Connie Bowman made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation regarding the Field Trip Request for Drumline. Cindy Griffith seconded the motion and the vote passed 3-2.

ISBA Spring Board Academy
Mr. King informed the Board of the ISBA Spring Board Academy and would like everyone to let him know if they would be attending.

The Indiana Choice Scholarship Program
Mr. King wanted to share the information regarding the Indiana Choice Scholarship Program with the Board.

Indiana DOE Emergency Preparedness Plan Review
Mr. King reported that each year the state reviews the emergency preparedness of at least 30 schools throughout the state. Tri-West High School was selected this year and the state was quite impressed with the plan the high school has in place. Mr. King thanked Mr. Simpson for all of his help in regards to this, he spent several hours going over everything during the review.

Transfer Numbers
Mr. King recommends approval of the transfer numbers for the 2015-2016 school year to be advertised, these numbers indicate the number of openings available per grade as transfer students.

Steve Sprecher made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation regarding the transfer numbers to be advertised for the 2015-2016 school year. Connie Bowman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.
Other Business: Continued

Other

- Mr. King recommends approval of the 2015-2016 school year pay schedule as noted.

  Brad Williams made the motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation regarding the pay schedule for the 2015-2016 school year. Connie Bowman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

- Connie Bowman had some questions regarding what will be covered in next month’s executive session; these were discussed amongst the Board.

Comments from Public – Non Agenda Items

None

Adjournment

Cindy Griffith made the motion to adjourn the regular meeting at 8:41 pm. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina S. James
Treasurer

APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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Mrs. Connie Bowman, President                Mr. Steve Sprecher, Vice President

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Mr. Brad Williams, Secretary                  Mrs. Judith Pingel, Member

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Mrs. Cindy Griffith, Member

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