Regular Board Meeting
Tri-West Middle School – 7:00 p.m.
May 9, 2017

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

Roll Call
Connie Bowman – President                Jim Diagostino - Member
Brad Williams – Vice President           Craig Peoples - Member
Cindy Griffith - Secretary

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

Others Present
Ryan Nickoli                                Jenny Hollingsworth
Jeremy Brooks                              Tiffany Cox
Adam Benner                                Mary Houchin

Pledge of Allegiance

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 April 11, 2017 executive sessions 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 April 11, 2017 Regular Meeting.

           Jim Diagostino made a motion to approve the April 11, 2017 minutes. Cindy Griffith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

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

           Connie Bowman made a motion to approve both the regular Claims and Construction Claims as submitted. Jim Diagostino seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

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Consent Items: Continued

Fund Report
Mr. King reported that due to timing the Fund Report from April 30, 2016 is not ready yet, it will submitted for approval at the June Board Meeting.

Payroll Report
Mr. King recommended the Board approve the Payroll Reports from April 14 and April 28, 2017 as submitted.

Cindy Griffith 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 - Debbie Heinz – Instructional Assistant – Pittsboro Primary School
Karen Diggs – Technology Director – NWHSC

Hires – Gina Whitaker – Summer School Teacher – Tri-West High School
Lauren DeSutter – 6th Grade Reading Teacher – Tri-West Middle School
Amber Furry – Life Skills Instructional Assistant – Tri-West High School
Tyler Bruce – Assistant Track Coach – Tri-West High School
Jessica Mason- Marching Band Assistant – Tri-West High School
Clay Powell – Marching Band Assistant – Tri-West High School
Garret Cox – Marching Band Assistant – Tri-West High School
Courtney Green – Marching Band Assistant – Tri-West High School

Resignation – Emily Mulpuri – Sophomore Class Sponsor – Tri-West High School
April Harris – 4th Grade Teacher – North Salem Elementary School
Kelli Wiley – Science Teacher – Tri-West High School
Austin Hendershot – MS Assistant Football Coach – Tri-West Middle School
Heather Elenich – MS Swimming & Diving Head Coach – Tri-West Middle School

Leave of Absence – Debra Kersteff – 3rd grade Teacher Pittsboro Elementary School 2017-2018 school year– will return for the 18-19 school year in a position in which she is licensed to teach

Cindy Griffith made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning personnel. Connie Bowman seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.
Consent Items: Continued
Personnel: Continued
Mr. King reported a change in Mike Springer’s contract and his start date with the Corporation will be on June 1, 2017.

Jim Diagnostino made a motion to approve the change in Mike Springer’s contract as submitted. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

School Board Awards
Mr. King presented School Board Awards to students and adult volunteers that helped during the 7th annual Dollars 4 Scholars phone-a-thon. It was another successful year for the phone-a-thon, even though the power went out for a while volunteers stepped up and made sure it ran smoothly. The leader of Dollars 4 Scholars, Kathy Waite spoke about the success of this year’s fundraiser. Throughout the seven years of the phone-a-thon more than $225,000 has been raised. Mrs. Waite presented a short clip that aired on Fox 59 featuring the phone-a-thon along with pictures from this year’s event.

Mr. King turned it over to Adam Benner to present the School Board Awards to the students and adults that participated in the Every 15 Minute Program. Mr. Benner also introduced Bob Linn the leader of the program here at Tri-West High School. This year the program was based on a distracted driver program where a student “dies” every 15 minutes. The program also included an accident where a student dies on the scene and another one is air lifted to the hospital. Parents of these students need to identify the body, plan a funeral and write their child’s obituary. The students are disconnected from the outside world and must write goodbye letters to their parents. The parents also write goodbye letters to their child. This year the program consisted of 10 seniors, 6 juniors and 2 sophomores. Kathy Frederick started this program back in 2014 and is vital in setting up everything to make this program a success. She does an amazing job of getting the fundraising done in order for the program to operate; Mr. Benner thanked her for all of her hard work in running this program, especially since it needed to be postponed due to weather.

Presentation- Tri-West Middle School
Mr. King turned it over to Mr. Nickoli for the presentation by the Middle School students. Mr. Nickoli reported that students from Mrs. Fay’s class would be presenting demonstrations using MakerSpace for the Board Members.

Personnel
Mr. King reported that Laurie Bonifield was left off of the hire list for the IREAD3 Summer Remediation course.

Connie Bowman made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning Laurie Bonifield. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.
Facilities/Transportation

Update on Construction Projects

Mr. Ward provided an update on the status of the roofs at Pittsboro Elementary, Tri-West High School and Administration Building. McGruff Roofing is getting everything in place in order to begin at Tri-West High School and the Administration Building. Pittsboro Elementary will begin the repairs once school is out for the summer.

Curriculum

Elementary Textbook Rental Fees

Mr. King recommends approval of the Elementary textbook rental fees as submitted. There was a discussion amongst the Board in regards to using two different Science Programs, one for Pittsboro and a different one for North Salem. Tiffany Cox and Jenny Hollingsworth explained that this is a special circumstance and these programs fit the needs of each school.

Jim Diagostino made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning the Elementary textbook rental fees as submitted. Cindy Griffith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

TWMS Course and Textbook Rental Fees

Mr. King recommends approval of the Tri-West Middle School course and textbook rental fees as submitted.

Connie Bowman made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning the Tri-West Middle School course and textbook rental fees as submitted. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

TWHS Course Fees

Mr. King recommends approval of the Tri-West High School course fees as submitted. Mr. Benner would like to wait on the Science curriculum due to the fact that we have a new science teacher being hired.

Cindy Griffith made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning the Tri-West High School course fees as submitted. Jim Diagostino seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Elementary Handbook Revisions

Mr. King recommends approval of the Elementary Schools Handbook Revisions as submitted. There was a discussion about background checks for visitors, guidelines that will be used across the board. We are looking at going with a company in Danville that offers immediate background checks that would be used at all schools.

Connie Bowman made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning the revisions to the Elementary Schools Handbook as submitted. Jim Diagostino seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.
Curriculum: Continued

TWMS Handbook Revisions
Mr. King recommends approval of the Tri-West Middle School Handbook Revisions as submitted.

   Jim Diagostino made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning the revisions to the Tri-West Middle School Handbook as submitted. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

TWHS Handbook Revisions
Mr. King recommends approval of the Tri-West High School Handbook Revisions as submitted.

   Connie Bowman made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning the revisions to the Tri-West High School Handbook as submitted. Brad Williams seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Financial Matters
Nothing at this time.

Other Business
Leap Program Approval
Mr. King recommends approval of the LEAP Program as submitted.

   Cindy Griffith made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning the LEAP Program. Jim Diagostino seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Authorization to Sign for Alternative Placement
Mr. King stated each year by law the School Board President and Secretary must delegate that responsibility to two people within the district. Mr. King recommends for approval he be named for Connie Bowman, President and that Mike Springer be named for Cindy Griffith, Secretary.

   Connie Bowman made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation concerning signed agreements for Alternative Services. Cindy Griffith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Aramark Report
Mr. King presented the Aramark Food Services Report to the Board. Overall it looks good for this month.
Other Business: Continued

Cubs Pre-School Program
Mr. King turned it over to Jenny Hollingsworth to discuss the Cubs Pre-School Program. Mrs. Hollingsworth reported that the numbers are still down but they are getting closer to where we need to be in order to make the program run. Many options were discussed amongst the Board, Mrs. Hollingsworth, Mr. King and Mr. Ward. Mrs. Hollingsworth feels that she may need to borrow some funds, possibly around $1400, from the corporation in order to get the program up and running. Mr. King recommends allowing PPS to borrow the funds in order to get the program running.

Connie Bowman made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation to allow PPS to borrow up to $3000 in assistance in order to get the Cubs Pre-School up and running as submitted. Jim Diagostino seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Next Board Meeting – June 13, 2017
Mr. King reminded everyone the next Board Meeting will be June 13th at the Administration Building at 6:30 pm. Both Mr. King and Mr. Ward will be out of town, if the Board would like to keep the date the same then Mike Springer will be conducting the meeting. The Board agreed to keep the date the same.

ISBA Directories
Mr. King reported to the Board that we have received three ISBA Directories and those will be distributed to the officers. Copies will be made and given to the other two Board Members along with a copy for the Central Office

District 31 Vocational Program Review
Mr. King shared with the Board a copy of the District 31 Vocational Program Review that Wayne Township paid to have done, this will help us move forward with our programming. Connie Bowman requested a tour of the Area 31 facility.

New Contract with Hendricks County Foundation
Mr. King reported that the contract with the Hendricks County Foundation has not been updated since we have started the program with them. It was determined after meeting with the director that we need to get that contract updated. It is very standard and similar to other groups that are similar to us, Mr. King recommends approval of the contract as submitted.

Connie Bowman made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for the new contract with the Hendricks County Foundation as submitted. Cindy Griffith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.
Other Business: Continued

NWHSC Foundation Scholarship Recipients
Mr. King reported that several seniors applied for the scholarship and 6 will receive scholarships. Mr. King recommends that the list be approved as submitted.

Connie Bowman made a motion to approve the Superintendent’s recommendation for scholarships as submitted. Cindy Griffith seconded the motion and the vote was unanimous, 5-0.

Other

- Mr. King discussed the Marketing Plan/Branding Committee that is being formed within the community/staff in order to develop a specific marketing plan. They are wanting to get this all set up before school is out. The Board is in agreement to move forward with the plan.
- Mr. King reported that he is currently working on his three goals.
- Mr. Ward would like to give a big thank you to Gary Wood from Duo Water and Jason Love with the Town of Pittsboro for all the pallets of water that were donated to the school corporation during the time that we were under the boil advisory. Mr. King and Mr. Ward would like to give them School Board Awards.
- Jim Diagostino would like to commend Tri-West Middle School on their Fine Arts Night, the Administration for the Retirement Dinner that was held earlier this month, Mr. Nickoli for the presentation by his students on MakerSpace, Mr. Benner & Mr. Linn for the Every 15 Minutes Program, and Mrs. Hollingsworth on getting the Cubs Pre-School Program operating for the 2017-2018 school year. He also congratulated and thanked Mr. Ward for his hard work and contributions to the school corporation over the past 40 years, as this is Mr. Ward’s last school board meeting.
- Mary Houchin reported that the Teacher Association is giving out one $1500 scholarship this year to a student pursuing education.

Comments from Public – Non Agenda Items
None

Adjournment

Jim Diagostino made the motion at 8:36 pm to adjourn the meeting. Brad Williams seconded the motion and meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Kristina S. James
Treasurer
APPROVED BY THE SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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Mrs. Connie Bowman, President  Mr. Brad Williams, Vice President

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Mrs. Cindy Griffith, Secretary  Mr. Jim Diagostino, Member

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Mr. Craig Peoples, Member