

TELL CITY-TROY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION

REGULAR MEETING  
OF THE  
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2014

TELL CITY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER  
900 12<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
TELL CITY, INDIANA 47586

7:00 P.M.

**Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:**

**Call to Order: Larry Kleeman**

**Roll Call: Larry Kleeman X Mack Cail X Dr. Gene Ress X Sherri Flynn X Randy Cole X**

Adoption of the Agenda of Tuesday, February 11, 2014

**Add New Business items 9 & 10**

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Approval of the Minutes of the Executive Session, Regular Meeting, and the Board of Finance, held on January 14, 2014. **As Amended - New Business Item #11 (Board Member Compensation) of the January 14, 2014, Regular Meeting to reflect that the motion was made by Mack Cail; Second was by Dr. Ress; Motion passed 4-1; "No" vote was by Sherri Flynn**

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Approval of the Claim Docket (Cafeteria Fund Included)

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**A. Reports**

1. Mrs. Noble

2. Mr. Ramsey

**A discussion occurred during this time on how it will be best to make up the days missed because of snow/ice. If at all possible, it is desired to leave high school commencement on Friday, May 23. An option offered by the Indiana Department of Education is to add an hour to current school days. For every 6 days this is done (6 total hours), that can be counted as a make-up day of education. This motion allows school administration to explore the logistics of using this option.**

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**B. Communications from the Public:**

**C. Old Business:**

**D. New Business:**

1. Resignations (Information Only) **Lee Chestnut (JH Track Coach)**

2. Policy 3430.01 (FMLA) Policy Revision **This is the second reading, which makes it policy. This is changing the word "calendar" to "fiscal" for designating the twelve month period used by this school corporation with regards to tracking FMLA use.** M MC S GR V 5-0

3. Driver's Education Contract (Spring 2013 time period) **Maurice Harpenau for the time period of the spring of 2013. \$4,799.46** M SF S GR V 5-0
4. Support Staff
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| A. Junior High Girls' Track Coach      | <b>Jennifer Chestnut</b> |             |             |              |
| B. Volunteer Assistant Track Coach     | <b>Lee Chestnut</b>      |             |             |              |
| C. Volunteer Assistant Track Coach     | <b>Mary Jane Beckort</b> |             |             |              |
| D. Volunteer Assistant Track Coach     | <b>Craig George</b>      |             |             |              |
| E. Volunteer Assistant Track Coach     | <b>John Latta</b>        |             |             |              |
| F. Volunteer Assistant Track Coach     | <b>Laura Schilling</b>   |             |             |              |
| G. Volunteer Assistant Track Coach     | <b>Kelly Hollinden</b>   |             |             |              |
| H. Volunteer Assistant Wrestling Coach | <b>Tony Pisano</b>       | M <u>MC</u> | S <u>GR</u> | V <u>5-0</u> |
5. 2014-2015 School Calendar **Highlights: August 12<sup>th</sup> (first student day); May 22<sup>nd</sup> (Commencement)** A copy is posted on corporation website. M MC S GR V 5-0
6. Policy 1615 **No action taken** M \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ V \_\_\_\_\_
7. Policies: 0150; 1630.01; 1662; 3362; 3419.02; 3430.01; 4362; 4419.02; 4430.01; 5517; 5517.01; 5630.01; 6151; 8510 **Distribution of suggested policy updates. These will be reviewed by the Board and brought back as a first reading at the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting**
8. Superintendent Search (Discussion Only) **The Board opened 16 applications today. Executive sessions will be scheduled on February 25 & 26 to review these.**
9. Support Staff Handbook (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading) M SF S MC V 5-0
10. Proposed Property Tax Legislation **Discussion began on the impact of the Business Personal Property Tax elimination bills, HB 1001 and SB 1, currently on the floor in the State Legislature. After some discussion on the impact of these bills and information that was sent out by the ISBA and other groups asking that the State consider the impact of these bills on the funding, Mr. Kleeman called for a motion to adopt a resolution matching the City of Tell City's resolution, or an endorsement of support for the Replace Don't Erase document, or do nothing by the School Corporation. The resolution would ask that the State guarantee 100% replacement of these lost revenues to the School Corporation if the bills passed. Mr. Cail spoke to the three options and then made the motion to endorse the letter entitled "Replace, Don't Erase" and Mr. Kleeman seconded. Mr. Kleeman called for discussion. Mrs. Flynn stated that she could not vote for something that was brought for a vote without prior knowledge and more information, she objected to the vote. Mr. Cole made the same objection that more time and information was needed to make a decision. Mrs. Flynn also objected that the Board was not following Board Policy and Procedures and Robert's Rules of Order by taking a vote since the item was added to the agenda as a "discussion". Mrs. Flynn objected several times to the procedure and vote. Mrs. Flynn also stated that the Board President does not have the authority to override Board Policy or Procedures and that this is an illegal vote. Mr. Kleeman noted Mrs. Flynn's objections and called for a vote. Dr. Ress stated he was voting for the resolution but not whether or not it was an illegal vote.**
- Mrs. Flynn & Mr. Cole "No" Votes M MC S LK V 3-2

**E. Questions/Concerns from School Board Members and Administrators:**

**Mrs. Flynn:** We have violated Robert's Rules of Order and our School Board policies & procedures by voting on something that was not added to the agenda in an appropriate manner. I object to us not following our own set policies and procedures.

**Mr. Cole:** Health care for our employees is one of the big burdens we have I would like for one of the officers of the Board to take the initiative to poll other school corporations that are putting "health clinics" or other type of arrangements for their staffs to lessen the cost to see how that process is working. See if they feel it is successful or non-successful. This is going to be an ongoing issue and the next contract we will be fighting this issue again. See if they know of any way to help save health care cost. Every amount of money we get is being diverted into health care and raises are going to be slim. Anything we can do to help control that would be useful.

Also, suggest we as a board rotate the responsibility for a review of the monthly voucher registers before the monthly board meeting. The board member doing the review would then sign off and accept responsibility that the review of the receipt and check has been done and is confirmed. This way a set of school board member's eyes has reviewed and verified these on a monthly basis. This is a suggestion that we discuss this as becoming a practice of the Board.

**Mr. Cail:** Good job by everyone in keeping the school open as much as possible and dealing with the recent weather.

**Mr. Kleeman:** Stated he had recently attended a collective bargaining seminar in Indianapolis. There is a copy of a handbook that is available for downloading. If you want that information let him know. He also would like to announce that the Board's representatives with the upcoming collective bargaining sessions will be Mr. Cail and himself.

**F. Such Other Business As May Come Before the Board:**

1. Communications from the Administrative Assistant
2. Communications from the Superintendent
3. Communications from the Board of School Trustees

**G. Adjournment:**

1. Motion to Adjourn: Time 7:59 P.M. M MC S GR V 5-0

These minutes have been approved by the Tell City-Troy Township School Board.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Gene Ress, Board Secretary

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This meeting is a meeting of the School Board in public for the purpose of conducting the business of the Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation and is not to be considered a public community meeting. There will be time for public participation as indicated by agenda item "Communications from the Public."