

TELL CITY-TROY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION

SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

WEDNESDAY, MAY 28TH, 2014

TELL CITY JR-SR HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
900 12TH STREET
TELL CITY, IN 47586

7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Larry Kleeman called to order at 7:00 P.M. with the Pledge of Allegiance and Moment of Silence.

Call to Order: 7:00 P.M.

Approve amended agenda: Motion-Sherri Flynn Second-Mack Cail Vote: 5-0

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

Added Item: Communications from the Public

Comments from the Public: None

A. New Business:

1. Staff Recommendations:

Athletic Director: John Atkins Motion-Gene Ress Second-Mack Cail Vote: 5-0

Project Lead the Way: Josh Teague Motion-Mack Cail Second-Sherri Flynn Vote: 5-0

21st CCLC: Laura Schilling Motion-Sherri Flynn Second-Randy Cole Vote: 5-0

English Teacher: Jennifer Teague Motion-Mack Cail Second-Gene Ress Vote: 5-0

Varsity Football: Ronnie Robinson Motion-Gene Ress Second-Mack Cail Vote: 5-0

2. Administrative Contract:

Lynn Blinzinger- reads Bruce Chinn retirement letter.

Sherri Flynn- asks for clarification of the letter. Larry Kleeman says it is a letter with no motion needed. Sherri then states that we need to clarify since there is no end date listed and it states desire for payment of services and all benefits.

Lynn Blinzinger - Bruce Chinn has worked 20-30 extra days per year since days cut from 260 to 200.

Randy Cole- can we discuss this? We need to clarify the existing days. What is the status of vacation days?

Lynn Blinzinger-these days are there on record with the State Board of Accounts.

Sherri Flynn-wishes to comment. No contract specifying vacation days. Want to clarify last day of work, and all pay and benefits--107 vacation days, 60 days comp time. School employees have vacation days, and their contracts specify vacation days. Mr. Chinn does not have a contract, nor did he have a contract specifying vacation days. So, as a steward of public money, I don't know how I can pay out vacation days when they aren't in a contract. I would like to resolve what this means in the letter, "the last day of work and all pay and benefits entitled to me as I break from service?" You and I both know that we are talking about here. We are talking about 107 claimed vacation days, and 60 comp time. As a board are going to do about this? I would like to resolve what this means. I would like to resolve this issue in a public meeting. I propose that we treat all employees in our corporation the same; with equal respect. I too contacted the state board of accounts, Mr. Ryan Preston, who advised the complete opposite. He advised that we follow contracts as written. I have the email if anyone would like to see it.

Lynn Blinzinger-says no comp time.

Sherri Flynn-how can we pay vacation days when this is not stated in the contract? I have contacted State Board of Accounts who says we should honor the contracts. I proposes we follow contracts as written by the board. Should not have to be a motion.

Larry Kleeman-we will honor contractual obligations. We're not going to discuss it.

Sherri Flynn-Our contractual obligations are not for what was promised on a handshake side deal. I would like to make a motion that our school board follow all policies and procedures as voted upon and agreed upon and follow all contracts as written and signed and approved by the board...for anyone; for any employee."

Dr. Gene Ress-different opinions presented. Our school attorney says vacation days are due. Should have our attorney further explore.

Sherri Flynn--has contacted an employment attorney, where there is pre-existing contract, any additional funding is unenforceable.

Mack Cail—what you're saying, Sherri Flynn, is not a legal document. It's opinions.

Sherri Flynn-we should follow a contract, not a handshake deal.

Mack Cail-what you're saying is not appropriate right now without an attorney present.

Randy Cole-ambiguity in current letter. He signed all teacher contracts-no vacation days. Nothing in file about retirement. Personal days and sick days in file. Hand-written notes put in by somebody. Public funding.

Larry Kleeman – not appropriate to discuss personnel file at public meeting. Do you want to re-state the motion?

Sherri Flynn – repeats same proposal

Motion-Sherri Flynn Second-Randy Cole

Results of vote: Failed 2-3. Yes: Randy Cole, Sherri Flynn. No: Larry Kleeman, Mack Cail, Dr. Ress

Added Item:

3. Comments from the Board:

Mack Cail – Good Luck track team-won Sectional, Baseball team up 9-1.

Larry Kleeman – Appreciates Lynn Blinzinger and the job he's done.

Gene Ress – Assure public that means of hiring starts with the Principal and Assistant Principal, then to the Superintendent. Assure you that they follow everything possible so that it is best for students.

B. Adjournment:

1. Motion to Adjourn: Time 7:22 P.M.

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

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Gene Ress, Board Secretary