

TELL CITY-TROY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION

**REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**

TUESDAY JANUARY 8, 2019

**TELL CITY HIGH SCHOOL MEDIA CENTER
900 12TH STREET
TELL CITY, INDIANA 47586**

7:00 P.M.

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Larry Goffinet X Gregg Jarboe X Linda Mattingly X Rick May X Tony Thomas X

Organizational Session (Election of Officers):

Nominations do not have to be seconded, but it is not out of order for members to second a nomination to signal their endorsement. After nominations are closed, the vote is taken on each nominee in the order in which they were nominated.

President Nomination(s): Gregg Jarboe (M: Rick May, S: Larry Goffinet)

Motion to Close Nominations: M: Tony Thomas, S: Larry Goffinet

Vote: 5-0

Vice-President Nomination(s): Rick May (M: Tony Thomas, S: Larry Goffinet)

Motion to Close Nominations: M: Tony Thomas, S: Larry Goffinet

Vote: 5-0

Secretary Nomination(s): Tony Thomas (M: Linda Mattingly, S: Larry Goffinet)

Motion to Close Nominations: M: Rick May, S: Linda Mattingly

Vote: 5-0

Adoption of the Agenda of Tuesday, January 8, 2019 M RM S TT V 5-0

Approval of the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of December 18, 2018 M LM S RM V 5-0

Approval of the Claim Docket M RM S LM V 5-0

Mr. Thomas questions the RDC money and if it was fully utilized in 2018. It was confirmed that the money has been expended for that allocation. Regarding security, Mr. Thomas questioned security protocols around arming staff. Discussion followed on the recent commission studies and a future meeting the superintendent will be attending on policies and procedures regarding this situation. Motion was to accept the claim docket as presented.

1. Reports:

- a. Mrs. Noble
- b. Mr. Ramsey
- c. Redevelopment Corporation Report

2. Communications from the Public:

3. Old Business:

4. New Business:

a. **Designate a day, place, and time for regular meetings which shall be held at least once every month** M LG S RM V 1-2-2

M TT S LM V 4-1

The regularly scheduled board meeting is currently held on the second Tuesday of the month at 7 PM in the JSMS Media Center. Motion 1 is to maintain the meeting as is. Mr. Thomas discussed moving the meeting up to 6:30 PM and when other meetings are held. Mr. Jarboe questions the representative from the PC News, and no conflict was noted. Mr. Thomas proposes the meeting be moved to 6:30 PM. Mr. Goffinet was the dissenting vote.

b. **Designate those persons authorized to use the safe deposit box.** M RM S LM V 5-0

The superintendent and corporation treasurer are currently authorized to access the safe deposit box. Motion is to maintain the current authorization.

c. **Authorize the President of the Board to appoint individual Board members to any necessary committees or as representatives to various organizations** M TT S RM V 5-0

Currently the Board President has the power to appoint board members to committees. Some examples are the RDC, bargaining, and school specific committees. Motion is to grant the president power to appoint members to committees.

d. **Appointment of Legal Counsel** M LG S RM V 5-0

Chris Goffinet has submitted a response to the RFP. No others have been received. It is included in your packet. Motion is to accept the proposal submitted by Mr. Goffinet.

- e. Appoint a Board member as legislative liaison to the Indiana School Boards Association** **Appointment**
- The Board President has historically served in this role. Mr. Jarboe accepts this role.
- f. Discuss the need for work sessions and set a schedule if needed** **M GJ S TT V 5-0**
- Work sessions for 2018 were established as every other month on the first Tuesday of the month at 7:00 PM in the JSBS media center, to be held only if needed. Mr. Jarboe motions the meetings be the same but moved to 6:30 PM to correspond with the regularly scheduled board meeting.
- g. Appoint the School Corporation's Treasurer** **M GJ S TT V 5-0**
- I recommend Mrs. Elder continue to serve as Corporation Treasurer. Motion is to reappoint Mrs. Elder to the role of Corporation Treasurer.
- h. Appoint a member of the Board as a non-voting member of the County Redevelopment Commission** **APPOINTMENT**
- IC 36-7-14-6.1
 ...(d) A nonvoting adviser appointed under this section:
 (1) must also be a member of the school board of a school corporation that includes all or part of the territory served by the redevelopment commission;
 (2) is not considered a member of the redevelopment commission for purposes of this chapter but is entitled to attend and participate in the proceedings of all meetings of the redevelopment commission;
 (3) is not entitled to a salary, per diem, or reimbursement of expenses;
 (4) serves for a term of two (2) years and until a successor is appointed; and
 (5) serves at the pleasure of the entity that appointed the nonvoting adviser.
 As added by Acts 1981, P.L.310, SEC.83. Amended by P.L.190-2005, SEC.7; P.L.146-2008, SEC.723.
 Mr. Thomas was appointed in 2016. Mr. Thomas was re-appointed to this position, serving through 2020.
- i. Name the Superintendent as the Local Education Administrator Programs Director (LEA)** **M GJ S LM V 5-0**
- Motion is to re-appoint the superintendent as the LEA Director.
- j. Identification of the School Corporation's official newspaper** **M LG S LM V 5-0**

The Perry County News is currently identified as the corporation's official newspaper. I recommend we keep the Perry County News as the official newspaper. Motion is to retain the PC News as the official paper of the corporation.

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| k. Set School Board Member compensation | M | RM | S | LG | V | 2-3 |
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The previous recommendation was to establish board member compensation at \$1000.00/year. Below is the language concerning compensation.

0144.1

Compensation

Board members are entitled to receive each year a basic compensation of \$XXXX per annum. Expenses of a Board member shall be reimbursed when incurred in the performance of his/her duties or in the performance of functions authorized by the Board and duly vouchered.

I.C. 20-5-3-6

The following guidelines have been established by the Board to ensure appropriate and proper reimbursement of expenses for Board members.

- A. Expenses will be reimbursed only for activities authorized by the Board.
- B. Reimbursement for mileage will not exceed the current rate established for Corporation employees.
- C. When attending a Board-approved conference, all fees, parking, mileage, meals, and lodging may be reimbursed, if requested.
- D. Purchase of any printed or other materials relating to Boardmanship will be reimbursed if prepurchase approval is given by the Board. If such approval is not possible or feasible, a voucher must be submitted to the Board for approval.
- E. When the Board attends a community or school-related event as a Board function, or if a Board member attends as the designated representative of the Board, any incurred expenses, including mileage, will be reimbursed by the Board. If a Board member attends such events as a private citizen, any incurred expenses are to be paid by the Board member.
- F. No entertainment expenses or purchases of alcoholic beverages are reimbursable.

Mr. May recommends returning to the \$2000.00 annual payment, seconded by Mr. Goffinet. Mr. Goffinet references local school payments that by in large are \$2000.00, stating that some schools even pay per meeting and or include insurance. Mr. Goffinet feels that the board should be paid \$2000.00 but agrees that health insurance should not be provided to the

board. Mr. Jarboe commented that one of his functions is to bring people together and determine the best course of action, and that this corporation does a good job doing that. Mr. Jarboe stated that the CTA accepted a contract proposition that was best for the corporation, even though we firmly believe that the teachers deserve more. He commented that the administration also stated they only wanted to receive what the teachers received. The overall mentality of the corporation has been to do what is best and equal to all, and Mr. Jarboe stated that he feels the board should receive one dollar, but that he would accept \$1000. Mr. Thomas stated he has a long family background in politics and states that true servants of people volunteer themselves. He stated the commitment to the board was to be a true community servant, and a learning opportunity. He stated he has returned his board stipend to the school. He spoke of the non-certified employees, the teachers, and the finite pot of money available to distribute to them. As the largest taxing entity in the county and as one of the most powerful boards in the community, he does not feel he can take corporation money for his service. Mr. Goffinet states he understands money is tight, but other schools find a way to compensate their board members, and members spent their personal money on the campaign. Ms. Mattingly states that she agrees with the comments made, and cannot in good conscience take money that could go to corporation employees. She stated it was her choice to run for board, and she did not do it for the compensation. Mr. May stated that he doesn't know what percentage \$1000 or \$2000 comes out to, and it's hard to determine how much compensation is due for the work done. He stated he does not claim reimbursement for expenses, but feels that reimbursement is due for those that spent money on running a campaign. He does not feel that salary should go backwards, but board members are free to donate their board salary back to the school corporation. He does not believe that increasing pay now that the corporation is on more stable ground is detrimental to the program. Motion fails with Mr. May and Mr. Goffinet voting aye, and Mr. Jarboe, Ms. Mattingly, and Mr. Thomas voting nay.

At this time (7:45 PM) a motion was made by Tony Thomas and seconded by Mr. Jarboe to suspend the regular meeting to hold the Board of Finance Meeting. Motion passed 5-0. The Board of Finance meeting concluded at 7:50 PM and the regular meeting was resumed with a motion from Mr. May and a second from Mr. Goffinet, a vote of 5-0.

A motion was made to set the school board compensation at \$1000.00 annually by Mr. Jarboe. The motion did not receive a second and died on the floor.

Mr. Goffinet stated that \$1000 puts us at the lowest and some feel \$2000 is too high, and motions a compromise at \$1500. Seconded by Ms. Mattingly. The vote passed with Mr. Goffinet, Ms. Mattingly, and Mr. May voting aye and Mr. Jarboe and Mr. Thomas voting nay.

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| I. | Conflict of Interest Statements | No Action |
| | Please return these to me asap if they have not already been turned in. | |
| m. | Approval of year end (2018) Transfer of Funds | M RM S LM V 5-0 |
| | This allows the corporation treasurer to balance the accounts based on year end. This is only movement of funds within sub accounts, it is not movement from one major account to another (Education to Operations). Motion is to approve the transfers as presented. | |
| o. | Resignations and Retirements | None |
| p. | William Tell Elementary School | None |

- q. **Tell City Jr-Sr High School** **None**
- r. **Athletics** **None**
- s. **Legislative Updates** **No Action**

House Bill 1003 was discussed as to how it limits the amount of money allowed to be transferred from education to operations fund. It is recommended members reach out to legislators and discourage this type of micromanagement.

5. Such Other Business As May Come Before the Board:

- a. Communications from the Superintendent
- b. Communications from the Board of School Trustees

Adjournment:

1. Motion to Adjourn: Adjourned by Mr. Jarboe at 7:58 PM

In accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if anyone wishes to attend, hear or present evidence at the public meeting on the above referenced matter(s), and is in need of reasonable accommodation, please contact the Office of the Superintendent of the Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation, so that accommodations can be made. The Superintendent may be contacted by mailing to Tell City-Troy Township School Corporation, 837 17th., Tell City, IN 47586, or by telephoning (812) 547-3300.

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."

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

Board Secretary

Date