

**TELL CITY-TROY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL CORPORATION
REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
TUESDAY SEPTEMBER 14, 2021
TELL CITY HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM
900 12TH STREET, TELL CITY, INDIANA 47586
6:30 P.M.**

Pledge of Allegiance/Moment of Silence:

Call to Order:

Roll Call: Tony Thomas x Rick May x Linda Mattingly x Larry Goffinet x Jim Whalen x

1. **Adoption of the Agenda of Tuesday, September 14, 2021** M LG V 5-0

2. **Reports:**
 - a. **William Tell Elementary**
 - b. **Tell City JrSr High School**
 - c. **Report from the County Redevelopment Commission**
 - d. **Covid-19 Report**

3. **Communications from the Public:** Charity Drury spoke about masks and young students.

4. **Consent Agenda:** M LM V 5-0
 - a. **Approval of the Minutes of the 08.10.2021 Regular Meeting**
 - b. **Approval of the Minutes of the 08.17.2021 Special Meeting**
 - c. **Approval of the Minutes of the 08.24.2021 Special Meeting to Advertise the Budget**
 - d. **Approval of the Claim Docket**
 - e. **Terminations, Resignations, and Retirements**Motion was to approve the consent agenda as presented.

5. **Old Business: None**

6. **New Business:**
 - a. **2021 Budget Hearing** M RM V 5-0

This is to allow the public to comment on the proposed budget. No members from the audience spoke regarding the budget.

 - b. **Resolution to Issue Bonds** M JW V 5-0

Provided in the board packets are the resolutions to issue the bonds that were advertised last month at the school board meeting. Jacob McClellan from Bose will be on site to answer any questions. Motion by Jim Whalen was to approve the resolution as presented by Mr. McClellan to issue the bonds. It was reiterated that these bonds were developed to maintain a level tax rate.

c. Update to COVID-19 Protocols: New Guidance and info

M LG

V 5-0

Wednesday September 8 Perry County returned to the Orange advisory level, and the mask mandate established returned to, "recommended, not required".

There were 7 quarantined students at the JSHS.

There were 32 quarantined students at WTE.

This represented 3% of the Corporation.

Since the August 17 School Board meeting, we have received several updates and changes from the IDOH and the IDOE. They include:

1. Notification from the IDOE that Virtual due to Covid will not allow the students to count for full ADM, and there will be no distinction made because of quarantine or Covid related virtual instruction. "Virtual is Virtual" and will receive only 85% funding.
 - a. This notice came 08.31.21 and was elaborated on 09.03.21.
 - b. This will be based on the time in school through count day (09.17.21)
 - c. This will be for the entire 1st semester (second count day is in February)
 - d. This is estimated as a \$150,000-\$200,000 potential loss for the corporation.
 - e. **Based on this information, I recommend virtual only be provided to those who are quarantined due to COVID or have medical documentation excluding them from attendance, and that those students are encouraged to return as soon as possible. If there are future mask mandates, only students quarantined using Department of Health guidelines will be able to participate virtually.**
2. 09.01.21 Governor Holcomb released an executive order stating schools must continue to perform contact tracing, provide notification of close contacts, and report positive cases to the state and local health department. He also directed the IDOH commissioner to evaluate and modify quarantine provisions for close contacts. This resulted in the IDOH releasing guidance that stated if all people in a room are masked and there is a positive case, then no one must be quarantined. Full details are provided in the board packet.
 - a. This is no different than the CDC guidance, which we were already following. It states:
 - i. Exception: In the K–12 indoor classroom setting, the close contact definition excludes students who were within 3 to 6 feet of an infected student (laboratory-confirmed or a clinically compatible illness) if both the infected student and the exposed student(s) correctly and consistently wore wellfitting masks the entire time. This exception does not apply to teachers, staff, or other adults in the indoor classroom setting.
 - b. The EO simply expands that to state the obvious- If all people in a room are properly masked, then there are technically no close contacts.
 - c. The EO has NO new mandates for schools. Masks are not mandated. They are required to take advantage of the contact tracing technicality.
 - d. The EO expires at the end of September.

At the time of drafting this packet, I have a question for the IDOH. They have provided an illustration that negates the CDC language (i. Exception above). I am asking for clarity, because if the state will not allow that exception, we run the risk of increased quarantine. I will share information electronically as it becomes available.

None of the above exempts practices, ECA's, and other high risk activities, but we have received guidance that we do not need to contact trace at recess. I do not understand how that is different from a football game/practice, unless the focus is on the duration of the event. Let me know if you have questions.

Motion was to follow the governor's executive order which is set to expire 09.30.21

d. William Tell Elementary

M RM

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1. Instructional Assistant
2. On-Target Elementary Site Coordinator
3. 3-6 Tutor
4. 3-6 STEM Teacher
5. Assistant VEX Coach
6. Family Outreach Coordinator
7. Instructional Assistant

1. Amber McCormick
2. Jeri Hedinger
3. Sarah Duke
4. Sarah Peter
5. Kaitlyn Schrank
6. Chelsea Schaaf
7. Nancy Hoch

The Family Outreach Coordinator position has been updated. It is paid from the Title I grant, and will be \$15/hour for 5.5 hours per day, 183 days per year. Hedinger, Duke, Peter, Schrank, and Schaaf are current employees with background checks on file. Mr. May recommended the approval as a group and as presented.

e. Tell City Jr.Sr. High School

M LM

V 5-0

1. Senior Class Sponsor
2. Pep Club Sponsor
3. 5 Hour Cafeteria Position
4. JH Science Bowl Coach
5. Cafeteria Worker (5.5 Hours)

1. Jennifer Williams
2. Madalyn Dawson
3. Betty Jones
4. Trisha Ammon
5. Denise Smith

Betty is new to the corporation, and her background check is included. Denise is transferring from WTE. Sponsors and coaches are teachers with background checks on file. Ms. Mattingly recommended the approval of the group as presented.

f. Athletics

M JW

V 5-0

1. Athletic Secretary

1. Kevin Feldpausch

Mr. Brunner is recommending Kevin Feldpausch as athletic secretary. This position will be 3.5 hours per day, in addition to his 2 hours per day as teacher for a total work week of 27.5 hours. Mr. Feldpausch has a background check on file. Mr. Whalen recommended approval of the recommendation.

g. WTE School Improvement Plan

M RM

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The WTE plan has been provided for your review. The Administration is present for any questions. Motion was to approve the plan as submitted.

h. JSHS School Improvement Plan

M LM

V 5-0

The JSHS plan has been provided for your review. The Administration is present for any questions. Motion was to approve the plan as submitted.

i. Quitclaim Deed for TC JH

M LM

V 5-0

When the junior high was sold, there were parcels surrounding it that were not transferred properly. These parcels, while intended to be sold with the JSHS, remain in possession of the corporation. The included quit claim has been provided by Mr. Goffinet to legally transfer the property to the owner. Motion was to approve the quitclaim as presented.

j. Acceptance of RFQ for Serving Lines

M LG

V 5-0

Last meeting we advertised for the serving lines at WTE and TCJSHS. At this meeting we will review the bids provided. Motion was to accept the one bid received from C&T Design from Evansville.

k. Marching Marksmen Volunteers

M LG

V 5-0

Direct supervision will be provided by Kelly Davis, a full background check is included. Crystal Rust, Tommy Wheatley, Mandy Bauer. Background checks have been provided. Motion was to approve the volunteers as listed.

7. Such Other Business as May Come Before the Board

8. Adjournment:

a. 7:04 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

CONSENT AGENDA INFORMATION:

- e. Krystal Bradley has resigned as program assistant at William Tell Elementary. Arielle Saltysyuk is resigning as assistant VEX coach. Emilee Sosh has resigned from the JSHS cafeteria.