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## Regular Board Meeting Minutes from Monday, April 19, 2021

- I. Meeting called to order by School Board Chair Rod Benson at 6:01 p.m.
  - Guests include: (Per Peterson with the Headlight Herald. TAPS Teachers: Kayla Rohlik, Tija VanGelderen, Elizabeth Johnson & student teacher Sadie Bingham)
  - Board Members Present: Matt Surprenant, Nicole Swanson, Jody Bauer, Jay Fultz, Ben Ludeman, Sheila Siebenahler-Holland & Rod Benson.
  - Administration present: Superintendent Anderson, Secondary Principal Vondracek, Activities Director Tauer, & Elementary Principal Munson.
- II. Motion by Surprenant, second by Ludeman to approve the previous meeting minutes. (MC 7-0)
- III. Motion by Holland, second by Surprenant to approve the agenda. (MC 7-0)
- IV. Motion by Bauer, second by Bauer to approve the TAHS monthly report, Treasurer Report, Revenues vs Disbursements Report, and the vendor payments which include check numbers **18464** through **18565** and wire payments dated **March 15** through **April 19, 2021** and Student Activity Check Numbers **18524-18537** for a grand total of **\$803,776.33** (MC 7-0).
- V. Visitor Reports/Comments:
  - A. None
- VI. Administrative Oral Reports

### **A. Activities/Community Education Director Tauer**

The Summer Recreation Camp Flyer and the Summer Recreation T-Ball, Coach-Pitch, Baseball, Softball and Recreation Activities Flyer has been sent home from school. May 14th is the registration deadline.

### **ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023**

Member schools are classified by sport and activity for postseason competition and performances every two years. Competitive section placements are determined by enrollment and geography (as determined by MSHSL Board policy), with a balanced number of schools in each section at the time of placement. The Board of Directors reviews and approves classifications and competitive section placements for postseason play in MSHSL-sponsored sports and fine arts activities every two years.

### **MSHSL enrollment:**

MSHSL enrollment is determined by the schools Minnesota Department of Education enrollment in year one in grades 9 – 12 minus 40 percent of their educational benefit (free and reduced lunch).

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### **Classification:**

The class member schools are placed to perform and compete during the postseason. A member school's MSHSL enrollment determines classification. Schools have the option to both opt up or appeal, if they qualify, down in team sports every two years. Classification is determined on odd-numbered years every two years.

### **Competitive Section Placement:**

Determined every two years, like classification, member schools are placed by enrollment and geographic location in sports and activities where they compete for postseason play. Our school enrollment number for the next two years is 200 which puts in Class 'A' in all of our Sports and Fine Art Activities.

### **BLEACHERS:**

9 Row Bleachers = \$43,832

7 Row Bleachers = \$36,564

### **40 Padded Chairs with Logo and Hanging Rack**

\$6,030 (AP Design)

\$5,845 (SAAFE)

\$4,500 (Borch's)

#### B. Secondary Principal Vondracek's report:

- **State Testing**
  - a. MCA Math April 21, 22 (grades 7, 8)
  - b. MCA Science May 5, 10 (grades 8, 10)
- Please accept the resignation of Kristy Campbell, FACS teacher and FCCLA Advisor. (see resignation attached below)
- I recommend the hiring of Elizabeth Krzmarzick for the FACS teacher position for the 2021-22 school year.
- First Reading of Policy 620 – Credit For Learning. (see attached below).
- Graduation – Class of 2021 – Webinar Highlights on April 1<sup>st</sup>:
- Assigned seats, no more than 6 together, 6' between groups.
- Gym seating location designated prior to arrival by venue.
- Patrons must remain seated.
- Attendance must be tracked, as well as contact information.
- Capacity of gym is 250. 4 guests/graduate (2 on floor/2 in bleachers)
- Live Stream event – Cody Welu/Shawn Zwach
- Virtual performances by choir & band – projected on screens
- Greg Devereaux – photos of each student receiving diploma.

- Considerations for 21-22 Block Schedule vs. Traditional Schedule

Student survey:

Grade	4	8
	Period	Period
8 <sup>th</sup>	32	22
9 <sup>th</sup>	34	9
10 <sup>th</sup>	37	12
11 <sup>th</sup>	48	7

General comments of 11<sup>th</sup> graders voting for block schedule:

- more time to get all of your homework done during class & the school day. – 17
- less stress with only 4 classes to focus on a day and an extra day to get work done. -9
- not as much homework in one day.-6
- more manageable.
- “I’ve noticed a good jump in my grades.”
- “this (block) is closer to what the schedule will be like in college.”
- “regardless of the problems with a block schedule I think it’s eons ahead in its ability to help students learn.”

Looking at Hybrid – Modified Block

1. Keep study halls first year (contract)
2. Skinnies – all bands and choirs, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade classes, a few others.
3. Teachers voted 71% for 8 period day and 29% for 4 bloch day.

- C. Elementary Principal Munson’s report:

**American Heart Association’s “Kids Heart Challenge” (formerly Jump Rope for Heart)**

We had the Kids Heart Challenge from March 24<sup>th</sup> to April 7<sup>th</sup>. Students signed up online. We had a record number of donations this year **\$9,095.10**.

**Penny War**

We had a Penny War from March 29<sup>th</sup> to April 9<sup>th</sup>. Classes were divided in groups of 2 and given sport theme names. The funds were being collected for the Edwards Family and their medical expenses. Our students and staff brought in **1250 dollars**. The “Soccer Kickers” won Mrs. VanGelderen and Mrs. Buysse’s homeroom.

**Quarantined**

We had to send home 1 5<sup>th</sup> grade class on March 31<sup>st</sup> and they returned April 14<sup>th</sup>. We had to send home both 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes, 1 went home April 3<sup>rd</sup> and return April 16<sup>th</sup> the 2<sup>nd</sup> class went home April 6<sup>th</sup> returning April 20<sup>th</sup>. We had wrestlers in close contact that return April 19<sup>th</sup>. Total amount quarantined 80. The classes zoomed with their teachers on their normal schedules. Parents were called each period if their student was not on the zoom. We had very good attendance.

**6<sup>th</sup> grade Minneapolis Trip**

- The normal 6<sup>th</sup> grade field trip has been difficult. The Capitol is closed to visitors as is the History and Science Museums (which is our normal schedule). We were lucky to get into the Twins game for April 30<sup>th</sup>. They are only allowing 10,000 fans. We tried both zoos and Fort Snelling. They did not allow school groups. The PTC is going to fund the kids going to Nickelodeon Universe. They get a 2 hour band and they limit it to 250 total people. After that we will be going to the Stone Arch Bridge which they studied in the MN history and the Sculptures outside of the Art Museum before going to the game.

**Positions**

- We were accepted for both Math and Reading Corp positions next year.
  - o 1 of our Reading Corp has signed back on for next year.

**MCA's**

- With the 3 classes that were quarantined, we will need to make up their Reading MCA's this week.
- Math will start April 26-29<sup>th</sup>, Science on May 4<sup>th</sup>

D. Superintendent Anderson's Report:

- i. COVID - 19 Updates:
  - a. Two (2) cases of COVID – 19 and twenty (20) on quarantine
- ii. Meeting with APEX and Buildings and Grounds Committee: (March 2021) The buildings and grounds committee approved hiring APEX for \$5,000 to do an audit of our school facilities and develop a 10 year plan to present to the TAPS Board.
- iii. ESSER III Updates: Changes to the capital outlay based upon ESSER III funds.
- iv. Time line for (21-22) Capital Outlay Requests:
  - a. Monday, April 19 @ 6:00 p.m.: Second reading and final approval of all Capital Outlay requests at TAPS Board Meeting.
- v. Superintendent Anderson informed the TAPS Board that both the TAES and TAHS water softeners broke down and a new one at both buildings was needed for \$11,000 each. The bill will be on the May board bills.
- vi. Anderson discussed the need to purchase multi-factor authentication to renew our cyber-liability insurance.

E. School Board Member Reports: None

VII. Old Business:

- A. Motion by Swanson, second by Holland to approve the 2021-22 calendar which has 174 student contact days and 179 teacher work days and Virtual Learning Days for the first five snow days. **(MC 7-0)**
- B. Motion by Ludeman, second by Fultz to amend the existing Capital Outlay motion to read the following: Approve the FY22 capital outlay, but remove the bleachers under LTFM from the vote. **(MC 7-0)**
- C. Motion by Ludeman, second by Surprenant to approve the FY22 capital outlay requests excluding the bleachers. **(MC 7-0)**

- D. Motion by Ludeman, second by Bauer to purchase new (7 row) bleachers on the east side of the TAHS gym & 40 chairs. Discussion ensued regarding less seating, chairs, special events, and retro-fitting the scorer's table. (MC 7-0)

VIII. New Business

- A. 2020-21 April enrollments were given by Superintendent Anderson (670). April 2020 was (671). April 2019 was (710). April 2018: 700, April 2017: 709. April 2016: 735.
- B. Motion by Holland, second by Surprenant to approve the resignation of Linda Engelkes as TAES para positon with many thanks for her service to TAES. (MC 7-0)
- C. Motion by Ludeman, second by Bauer to approve the sale of all 9-12 student computers for \$50 each to the students to purchase their computer (234 student laptops would be eligible) (Teachers would have the option to purchase their laptop for \$50 each). This would leave us with 130 computer left to use as needed around the school. (MC 7-0)
- D. Motion by Fultz, second by Swanson, to approve the rent of the gym in Balaton for \$35/use (practices) and \$50/use (games). (MC 7-0)
- E. Motion by Surprenant, second by Holland to approve the purchase of twelve (12) credits from the SWWC STARRS Online Academy for the 2021-22 school year for \$376/credit for a total of \$4,511. (MC 7-0)
- F. Motion by Swanson, second by Bauer to approve the resignation of TAHS FACS Teacher Mrs. Kristy Campbell with many thanks for her service to TAHS. Sabbatical leave stipend stopped in March. (MC 7-0)
- G. Motion by Fultz, second by Bauer to approve the contract with Elizabeth Krzmarzick as the TAHS FACS Teacher for \$46,000 which includes five years of experience and a masters in FACS. (MC 7-0)
- H. Motion by Swanson, second by Holland to approve the hiring of Gavin Van Moer as the JH softball coach for the 2021 softball season. (MC 7-0)
- I. Motion by Bauer, second by Surprenant to approve the hiring of Josh Kirk as the Assistant Track Coach for the 2021 track season. (MC 7-0)
- J. Motion by Ludeman, second by Fultz to approve the resignation of Kelvin Pope with many thanks for his 23 years of service as TAES Custodian. (This position will be absorbed) (MC 7-0)
- K. Motion by Surprenant, second by Bauer to approve (\$2,000) of the class of 2021 class funds going to be used for the parent produced spring formal in May of 2021. (MC 7-0)
- L. Motion by Bauer, second by Ludeman to approve the resignation of Gale Otto as assistant track coach at TAHS with many thanks for his service to the TAHS Track program. (MC 7-0)
- M. The following resolution was moved by Holland and seconded by Ludeman:

**RESOLUTION ACCEPTING DONATIONS**

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 123B.02, Subd. 6 provides: "The board may receive, for the benefit of the district, bequests, donations, or gifts for any proper purpose and apply the same to the purpose designated. In that behalf, the board may act as trustee of any trust created for the benefit of the district, or for the benefit of pupils thereof, including trusts created to provide pupils of the district with advanced education after completion of high school, in the advancement of education."; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes 465.03 provides: "Any city, county, school district or town may accept a grant or devise of real or personal property and maintain such property for the benefit of its citizens in accordance with the terms prescribed by the donor. Nothing herein shall authorize such acceptance or use for religious or sectarian purposes. Every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full."; and

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WHEREAS, every such acceptance shall be by resolution of the governing body adopted by a two-thirds majority of its members, expressing such terms in full;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the School Board of Tracy Area Public School District ISD 2904, gratefully accepts the following donations as identified below:

Donor	Item	Designated Purpose (if any)
First Independent Bank	200.00	TAHS Scholarship Fund
Kern Family Living Trust	1,000.00	Trapshooting Donation

The vote on adoption of the Resolution was as follows:

Aye: **Benson, Bauer, Ludeman, Fultz, Holland, Bauer, and Swanson**

Nay: **None**

Absent: **None**

Whereupon, said Resolution was declared duly adopted.

N. First Reading of the MSBA Model Policy 620: Credit for Learning. Mrs. Vondracek covered the policy during her report.

O. Motion by Bauer, second by Holland to adjourn the meeting at 7:40 p.m. **(MC 7-0)**

Respectfully Submitted,

*Chad Anderson*

Superintendent Chad Anderson, Ed.D.

April 20, 2021