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Regular Board Meeting Minutes from Monday, November 16, 2020

- I. Meeting called to order by School Board Vice Chair Bauer at 6:03 p.m.
 - Guests include: (Per Peterson with the Headlight Herald, TAPS Business Manager Tonya Duscher, Muriel Coulter & Erin Dahmes)
 - Board Members Present: Rod Benson, Jody Bauer, Jay Fultz, Matt Surprenant, Nicole Swanson & Sheila Siebenahler-Holland. Absent: Ben Ludeman
 - Administration present: Superintendent Anderson, Elementary Principal Michael Munson, Secondary Principal Vondracek & Activities Director Tauer.
- II. Motion by Fultz, second by Holland to approve the previous meeting minutes. **(MC 6-0)**
- III. Motion by Surprenant second by Bauer to approve the amended agenda. Items “F” & “G” were added to the agenda. **(MC 6-0)**
- IV. Motion by Holland, second by Fultz to approve the TAPS monthly report, Treasurer Report, Revenues vs Disbursements Report, and the vendor payments which include check numbers **17914** through **18025**, wire payments dated **October 24, 2020** through **November 16, 2020**, Student Activities Check Numbers **18471 – 18475** for a grand total of **\$454,355.17**. **(MC 6-0)**.
- V. Visitor Reports/Comments:
 - A. **None**
- VI. Administrative Oral Reports
 - A. **Activity Director Tauer’s Report:**
 - i. Upcoming Events:
 - JH Boys and Girls Basketball practice begins – November 16
 - First game Dec 4
 - Football Section Playoffs Begin – November 17
 - Nov 17, 21, 28
 - American Education Banquet (Virtual) – November 19
 - Link will be available on the school website
 - Boys Basketball Practice Begins – November 23
 - First game Dec 10
 - Wrestling Practice Begins – November 30
 - First tri Dec 10
 - Volleyball Section Playoffs Begin – November 30
 - Nov 30 (Pig-Tail), Dec 1, 3, 8, 11
 - Girls Basketball Practice Begins – December 7

“Education as a Lifestyle”

- First game Dec 17
- Dance Team first competition – December 19

B. Secondary Principal Vondracek's Report:

- i. Mrs. Vondracek reported on Educere
 - Letter sent home last week of October to every parent reviewing how Educere students' attendance is being taken, how their students' attendance is, how to read the report, how many classes their student is presently passing, and how many classes their student is on target with completion.
 - Every student's parent was called on conference evenings concerning all of the points of the letter listed above.
 - Students who are failing the majority of their classes and with very poor attendance were reported truant.
 - Those students received a letter from SWHHS to contact the school to come up with a remedial plan for their student to complete their work, or they would have to take further action.
 - Educere HS team is sending another letter stating importance of passing classes as it affects credits for grades 9-12 and especially for seniors wanting to graduate.
 - 3 students have returned to the building; 1 student went from building to Educere
 - Started Quarter 2 on Nov. 10. Midterm is Dec. 11.
 - American Education Banquet – Nov. 19 – virtual @ 6:30 pm.
 - Fall Play "The Outsiders" Nov. 14 & 15

C. Elementary Principal Munson's Report:

- i. Pictures of Students voting between Cats vs Dogs, Veteran display at TAES library, and Read for the Record were shared.
- ii. Parent Teacher conference attendance was shared.
- iii. American Education Banquet Outstanding Student Achievers and Teacher of the Year was shared.
- iv. Fundraiser information: Raised over 11,300 dollars with our Cherrydale Fundraiser. We had 81 students had the opportunity to play bingo for prizes. (12 items sold) We had 24 students get the chance to "Jump for George". (25 items sold)
- v. Educere:
 - As of Quarter break (November 9th)
 - We have a total of 44 students on Educere.
 - 28 of those students are ahead of where they need to be at quarter break with good test results on assessments given.
 - 13 students are at where they need to be at quarter break or ahead in a few subject and behind in a few. With average assessment scores. 2 returned this week
 - 3 students were below progress and assessment scores needed at quarter break. 2 returned this week. The last one is showing minor improvements.
 - Vickie and I communicate about the students. We both have access to reports we can check at any time (monitor it per week). Vickie was available for PT conferences for the Educere students. She had an open zoom link that 3 families took advantage of. Also, Vicki conducted 11 conferences via phone with targeted families. 4 total students returned after their conference.

D. Superintendent Anderson's Report:

- i. Anderson reported that a gathering for the 2020 staff Christmas Party will need to be cancelled this year, however Matt Surprenant asked for everyone (TAPS and Administration) to still contribute \$50 each so we could purchase some prizes and gift certificates for staff and have a drawing or something fun.
- ii. Anderson informed the TAPS Board that the MSBA convention will be held virtually this year and if any board member would like to attend the conference or trainings just let him know and he will sign them up.
- iii. Compensatory Revenue is down \$100,000 from last year because many people are not filling out the "Free and Reduced" applications since the USDA is providing free meals this year. Efforts have been made and will continue to be made to contact families and ask that they fill out the applications.
- iv. Anderson updated the TAPS Board on the weekly Rapid Response Team meetings. These meetings are held in order to review the COVID numbers in the county, district, and schools to determine the learning model.

E. School Board Member Reports:

- i. None

VII. Old Business:

- A. None

VIII. New Business

- A. 2020-2021 preliminary enrollments were given by Superintendent Anderson (**666**). November 2019 was (675). November 2018 was (712), November 2017 was 715, November 2016 was 743.
- B. Motion by Fultz, second by Bauer approve the resolution of school board supporting "FORM A" application to Minnesota State High School League Foundation. (**Voting in Favor: Surprenant, Bauer, Fultz, Holland, and Benson. Voting Against: None**)
- C. Motion by Surprenant, second by Holland to approve Lyon County Grant for \$10,000 & The City of Tracy COVID Funds for \$2,500 the purchase of four 75" Mobile LED Touch Screen Interactive TV's use at the VMC and Mobile Classrooms dues to COVID 19. Thank you to Lyon County and the City of Tracy for your support of TAPS Students! (**MC 6-0**)
- D. Motion by Holland, second by Fultz to approve the purchase of Four floor mats for the entrance in the new vestibule. **MC (6-0)**

- E. Motion by Bauer, second by Surprenant to approve the change in the TAPS schedule which will result in a 30-minute early release of all students each day starting November 30, 2020 to meet the amended Executive Order 20-94 which states: *Upon approval by the Executive Council, as soon as is practicable but no later than November 30, 2020, a school district or charter school must count 30 minutes per day for teacher preparation to provide instruction to students in distance learning or a distance learning or hybrid learning model, as instructional time toward meeting the minimum hours required by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 120A.41. This teacher preparation time is for students receiving instruction in distance learning or a distance learning or hybrid model. This time is in addition to a school district's or charter school's teacher preparation time established under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 122A.50. <http://www.mnmsba.org/Portals/0/EO-20-94.pdf>* TAES would release at 2:30 p.m. and TAHS would release at 2:20 p.m. starting Monday, November 30, 2020. **(MC 6-0)**
- F. Motion by Fultz, second by Bauer to approve utilizing Executive Order 20-95 to provide one day of staff development for teachers for the purpose of synchronous planning for current students that are now at home or will be at home do to quarantine reasons. No students would be in school but extra-curricular practices would still be allowed to be held. **(MC 6-0)**
- G. Motion by Surprenant, second by Holland to approve January 4 – January 8, 2021 following Christmas Break as distance learning to give time for students and families to determine if they have symptoms of COVID 19 following family gatherings which will hopefully give us a better chance to continue in person learning into the spring. Sports will continue during this time at the Activity Director's discretion. **(MC 6-0)**
- H. Motion by Fultz, second by Holland to adjourn the meeting at 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chad Anderson

Superintendent Chad Anderson, Ed.D.
November 18, 2020