

MINUTES OF
TIPP CITY EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING
NOVEMBER 20, 2017

The special meeting of the Tipp City Exempted Village School District was held on November 20, 2017 at the Board of Education Offices, 90 S. Tippecanoe Drive, Tipp City, OH. The meeting was called to order by President Spano at 6:05 p.m. and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Mr. Spano - President, Mr. Venters – Vice President, Mrs. Dunaway
Absent: Mrs. Frame, Mr. Maus
Present: Dr. Kumpf, Mr. Stevens, Mr. Pfister, Mrs. Robbins

OSBA Session Highlights

Mr. Spano stated that the 2017 OSBA conference was excellent in his opinion.

Mrs. Dunaway discussed her session on Human Resources, now known as Human Capital. Resources mean used and thrown away and we need to change our thinking. Ohio is now starting to feel the teacher shortage that other states have been feeling for years. She also mentioned a session she attended on the process that Upper Arlington followed for passing a levy.

Mr. Venters attended school law sessions at the conference. He mentioned new case law on what has to be done for Individualized Education Programs (IEP) under the Americans with Disabilities Act, free speech issues, search policies, and handgun policies. Mr. Venters stated that many of our policies are controlled by a higher power. Mr. Venters noted the importance of staying in contact with state legislator and letting them know if our issues with legislation.

Mr. Gingerich's favorite class was a leadership session led by Mr. Tim Kight. The session discussed how to handle situations – we can't control everything but we control what we can. He also attended sessions on Human Resources and When Death Hits Your Campus.

Dr. Kumpf also attended the Tim Kight session and also expressed her enjoyment of the class. A good leader is an energy giver, not an energy taker. Event + Response = Outcome. She also attended a session on Shifting Climate and Culture and law updates. The law is constantly changing.

Mr. Stevens attended financial sessions during the conference. Sessions discussed comparing our district with other similar district as documented by ODE, State budgets, negotiations and 5 year forecasts.

Mrs. Robbins noted her session on Promoting the Positives with Social Media.

Mrs. Doll and Mrs. Heatherly, recently elected board members, noted that they also attended the Tim Kight sessions which they also felt was excellent.

Mr. Spano attended a session called Survey Says on how to do surveys. He noted that OSBA has a service to do surveys at a reasonable cost. He also attended a session on Business Advisory Council (BAC) and new requirements being discussed by the legislature. Tipp has had a BAC for year. Ours meets a lot of the new requirements but it appears that there may be more meetings with the BAC and the board. The Miami County Educational Service Center may be able to help us with this requirement. The requirements are still being looked at.

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Facilities Discussion

a. Stadium Update

Mr. Scott George provided a handout to the board on current Tipp Pride confirmed stadium donors. He stated that the last of the bids were received today. The price of the stadium may be less than the \$5.6 million than originally planned. Mr. George provided a fundraising update (see handout). Smaller donation items have been filled but larger items are still awaiting sponsors – stadium naming rights and press box. He also noted that he is waiting for the community to step up. He said that some people may believe that the stadium is already paid for. Other believes that businesses will pay for it. This is not the case. If all homes could donate \$500 to \$1,000 we would be done. He understands that not all can donate that much. We'll see what happens.

The general contractor for the project should be selected by mid-December. The project may need to be phased out. It will need to be determined what is possible financially and the scope of the project. There is currently no start date determined.

Mrs. Heather Baily asked Mr. George if a professional fundraiser has been considered. Mr. George said yes but they are not there yet. The TPA wants all the money to go to the stadium. The TPA currently has low operating costs. TPA currently has 12 to 15 people working on this. There are three to five everyday workers. Groups that will be using the field need to be getting involved. Pee wee football, band, etc.

Mr. Spano thanked Mr. George and said that he appreciated what has been done so far.

b. HB 153

Mr. Pfister discussed house Bill 153 and what it could mean for Tipp. HB 153 changed how construction projects are purchased and delivered for public owners in Ohio. Before HB 153 – public projects followed “Design, Bid, and Build” under a Multiple Prime Contracting Requirement. HB 153 offers public owners three additional options for construction/renovation: Single Prime, Design/Build and Construction Manager at Risk. Our option is looking at a Design/Build project. The advantages are: district stays in control of project, scope, and vendors, we still receive competitive bidding and proposals, we can choose the best ‘team’ that will work together, including local vendors and vendors that know our buildings, there are no change orders, guaranteed maximum price bids and faster completion than the traditional DBB process. Using HB 153, the district could utilize the Capital Projects Fund to implement facility improvements without asking the taxpayers for additional money.

Mr. Pfister presented another option for out PK-12 Master Plan.

LT Ball Intermediate - This is a rough budget until decisions are made on interior layout designs are established: HVAC upgrade, building automation system upgrade, fire alarm system upgrade, windows and exterior doors upgrade, and Access Controls. BUDGET PRICE: \$2,650,000

Tippecanoe Middle School – Roofing replacement, windows and doors upgrade, HVAC upgrades including moving the boiler to building, upgrading the hot water heater and storage tank, and adding AC to the rest of the school. Other projects would include an electrical upgrade, fire alarm system upgrade, and a security upgrade. BUDGET PRICE: \$2,575,000 to \$2,625,000.

Engineering, Project Management, Bonding, Criteria Architect/engineer, Contingency
All Inclusive project costs - BUDGET PRICE: \$500,000

Total Budget Price for LT Ball and TMS: \$5,725,000-\$5,775,000

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The Board discussed community engagement on the PK-12 Master Plan and the need for more work session(s) on this topic. Further group discussion occurred.

Mr. Pfister added that a drawback to remodeling these two facilities is that it would increase the square footage available in the district which could affect the amount of Ohio Facilities Construction Commission (OFCC) funding available to Tipp. Dr. Kumpf stated that the next OFCC meeting was scheduled for December 7th, 2017.

c. Grade Banding

Dr. Kumpf stated that the dates of the articles that were reviewed were older than she would have liked. The information was from 2010. There was lots of discussion on K-8 schools in the articles. Tipp is not a hub district with multiple elementary buildings feeding into a middle school. A district set up of K-5, 6-8 and 9-12 was the most popular back in 2010.

A discussion on HB 153 and grade banding was held. The question was asked if we needed to even look at grade banding. Surveys, enrollment and the future of the kids in the district were discussed. It was stated that the community wants to be heard. Overall it was determined that we need to educate the community – Here is the budget and what we get for it.

Strategic Planning

Mr. Spano summarized the past six months strategic planning work with Mr. Steve Horton from OSBA using a strategic planning document from another district that was provided by Mrs. Robbins. Both he and Mrs. Robbins liked this outline better than the Mr. Horton version. This new outline was utilized with the information that the board developed with Mr. Horton.

Mr. Spano noted that strategic planning documents take much longer than six months and more than just the board members. It should include teachers/staff and community engagement.

Mrs. Robbins presented her strategic planning idea to the board. She noted that there are five board members and four goals. The board could have one member be a construction manager to leave the effort and have the remaining four board members take on one goal with a committee. The committees should have at least ten people. These committees could be developed at the January organizational meeting. The board expressed their agreement with this idea.

Mr. Spano noted that there is lots of work for the new board next year.

Miscellaneous

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- a. The next regular Board of Education Meeting will be Monday, November 27, 2017 at 6:30pm in the Board Room.

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Adjournment

17.11.01 A motion was presented by Mr. Venters and seconded by Mrs. Dunaway for approval to adjourn the meeting.

VOTE: Yeas: Mr. Venters, Mrs. Dunaway, Mrs. Frame, Mr. Maus, Mr. Spano

Nays: None

President Spano declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer