

**Minutes-Tipton R-VI School District  
Board of Education Meeting  
Central Office Board Room  
334 US Hwy. 50 West, Tipton, MO 65081**

Regular Meeting May 15, 2024, 6:00 p.m.

<p><b>Board Members:</b>                  Craig Wolf-President                  Bo Helms-Vice President                  Derek Tuttle                  David Tuttle                  Ashley Kliethermes                  Kelly Kohler                  Amanda Pettigrew                  Dr. Terry Robinson-Superintendent                  Amy Stover-Board Secretary</p>	<p><b>Visitors:</b>                  Ashlee Pettigrew                  Leeanna Meador                  Nancy Thomas                  Roxanne Whitworth                  Anna Diggs                  Emily Brant                  Scott Simon                  Rishara Stulc                  Robert Woolery                  Bill Fricke</p>	<p>Chelsea Dyer                  Madilynn Edwards                  Susan Edwards</p>
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Craig Wolf called the regular meeting to order followed by the pledge of allegiance.

Bo Helms made a motion to approve the agenda seconded by David Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.

Ashley Kliethermes made a motion to approve the consent agenda, seconded by Amanda Pettigrew, 7-0 motion carried.

Ashley Kliethermes abstained from check #49199. The consent agenda contained the following.

- II. Consent Agenda**
  - a. Approval of regular minutes from April 10, 2024
  - b. Approval of bills
  - c. Approval of MSBA membership for 2024-2025

**Presentation**

Mrs. Regina Hunsburger's high school leadership class presented information about their community garden. Madilyn Edwards talked about their garden, the impact they hope it has on the community, and their goals for the future.

**Superintendent's report**

Dr. Robinson talked about the partnership with MRED and the efforts of Mike Kelly and the Tipton R-VI school district working on an apprenticeship with Martin Energy. Martin Energy has agreed to combine forces with the school district to offer an apprenticeship program as an electrician or as a welder.

Doctor Terry Robinson presented information on the signing of Bill SB 727 and the impact that it will have on our school district. Including raising teachers' starting pay to \$40,000.

Dr. Robinson also touched on the format of the June 26th school board meeting which will include an open community forum and finance meeting.

### **Administrator Reports**

Mrs. Leeanna Meador, Mrs. Ashlee Pettigrew, and Ms. Nancy Thomas were available to answer questions and highlight areas of their reports.

Anna Diggs was named Teacher of the Year for the south-central region by Pre-ETS. Pre-ETS is the Pre-Employment Transition Services department through the University of Missouri.

### **Old Business**

***Durham Bus Services:*** The negotiations with Durham Bus Services were discussed. The district lawyer (EdCounsel-Emily Omonundo) has been involved to ensure a good result.

Bo Helms moved to accept the contract with Durham Bus Services, seconded by Ashley Kliethermes, 7-0 motion carried.

***Fischer Trust:*** The email between Dr. Robinson and Paulette McClure (representative of the Fischer Trust) was shared with the board. They agreed with the board's suggestion that the \$300,000 bequest from their brother's estate would be used to start the funding to build a multi-use facility for the Tipton school district with a stipulation that the completion of the project be done in two years. If the necessary funds are not raised during that time, the money will be put into a scholarship fund to be awarded to deserving students.

Bo Helms informed the board of the status of the Thomas Scholarship. The trust is invested with and overseen by Lawrence Cooper. This year \$67,450 worth of scholarships will be awarded to graduating seniors and alumni. 45 applicants in all will receive funding 25 of them are seniors graduating this year.

### **New Business**

Maintenance of the high school and elementary gym floors was discussed. Bids from Jeff Luebbert, Clyde's Carpet Cleaning, and J & M Gym Floors were looked at by the board.

Kelly Kohler made a motion to accept the bid from Luebbert for \$6,300, seconded by Derek Tuttle, 7-0 motion carried.

Dr. Robinson discussed the need for gravel and add a cement ramp to the AG parking area. Bids from Walters Construction, TB Dozing, Holem Excavating, and Amrose were reviewed. The board decided to table this discussion at the moment and look at other options, including the donation of gravel from Dean Gibson and fixing the deteriorating cement structures currently on campus.

Information was presented to the board by Dr. Robinson from contracted custodial services. He expressed a need for these services due to a lack of personnel. Bids from Mint, ATS, and CE Berry were discussed.

Derek Tuttle made a motion to accept the bid from Mint in the amount of \$80000 a month for a one-year contract, evening custodial services, seconded by David Tuttle,6-1motion carried Bo Helms voting no.

Bo Helms moved to adjourn to executive session pursuant to section **610.021(3,6,13)** with the inclusion of Dr. Robinson, Leeanna Meador, Ashlee Pettigrew, Nancy Thomas, and Bridget Bestgen seconded by Derek Tuttle Roll call vote: Unanimous.

- a. **Executive Session:** The Board of Education will meet in the closed session immediately following the regular meeting in compliance with 610.021, RSMo for the following purposes highlighted in **bold print**.
  - 610.021 (1) RSMo            Legal actions involving the district, attorney communications
  - 610.021 (2) RSMo            Leasing, purchase or sale of real estate
  - 610.021 (3) RSMo            Hiring, terminating, disciplining, or promoting**
  - 610.021 (6) RSMo            Actions or records relating to students**
  - 610.021 (9) RSMo            Preparations for negotiations with employee groups
  - 610.021 (11) (12)            Bids specifications, sealed bids
  - 610.021 (13) RSMo            Personnel records, evaluations, applications**
  - 610.021 (17) RSMo            Confidential or privileged communications with auditor



Craig Wolf  
President



Amy Stover-Secretary  
Date Approved: 6-12-24