

TRI-RIVERS JOINT VOCATIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

REGULAR MEETING December 16, 2020 @ 6:30 p.m. Virtual

1. Call to Order

The regular December Board of Education meeting was called to order by President Jim McFarland at 6:30 pm.

2. Roll Call:

Members Present: Mrs. Debbie Good, Dr. Bob Haas, Mr. Mickey Landon, Mr. Mike McCreary, Mr. Jim McFarland, Mr. Ted McKinniss, Mr. Michael Patterson, Mrs. Glenna Plotts, Mr. Keith Rogers, Mr. Gary Sims, and Gene Wiley.

Members Absent: Mrs. Shelly Ehret and Mr. Eric Park.

Also Attending Mr. Charles Speelman, Mrs. Tammi Cowell, Mrs. Sherrie Dunn, Mr. Martin Dzugan, Mr. Richard George, Dr. Emeline Kelly, Mrs. Kristina Lucas, Mrs. Ellen Messenger, Mrs. Alysse Ross, Mr. Chris Solis, Mr. Mike Wellin, Ms. Marcie Whited. Lucas Bledsoe and Kristian Casey were in attendance representing the TREA.

3. Pledge of Allegiance

4. Introduction of Guests and Their Comments

5. Executive Session

Dr. Haas moved to enter into Executive Session at 6:36 p.m. for the purpose of:

1. In accordance with ORC 121.22G1 – The appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, or the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee, official, licensee, or regulated individual.

2. In accordance with ORC 121.22G2 – The purchase of property for public purposes, or for the sale of property at competitive bidding.

3. In accordance with ORC 121.22G3 - Conferences with an attorney for the public body concerning disputes involving the public body that are the subject of pending or imminent court action;

4. In accordance with ORC 121.22G4 – Preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation.

5. In accordance with ORC 121.22G5 – Matters required to be kept confidential by federal law or regulations or state statutes.

6. In accordance with ORC 121.22G6 – Details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office.

Mrs. Glenna Plotts seconded the motion.
Discussion

Roll Call: Dr. Haas yes, Mrs. Plotts yes, Mrs. Good yes, Mr. Landon yes, Mr. McCreary yes, Mr. McKinniss yes, Mr. Patterson yes, Mr. Rogers yes, Mr. Sims yes, Mr. Wiley yes and Mr. McFarland yes.

Motion declared passed.
Returned to Regular Session at 7:00 p.m.

Mrs. Shelly Ehret entered the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

6. Motion to Amend Agenda

Please add Items 10I and 10J under the Consent Agenda and change approval of consent agenda items to 10A – 10J.

Item 10I – Payroll Compensation

To approve payment to Marcie Whited of \$600 per payroll and \$600 total for assistance with end of quarter/year end processing, Affordable Care Act reporting, and FFCRA/W-2 compliance as necessary during the leave of Becky Diamond, Assistant Treasurer/Payroll Coordinator.

Item 10J – Resignation of Jennifer Grimes

To accept the resignation of Jennifer Grimes as presented by the Superintendent.

Mr. Keith Rogers moved to amend the Agenda with the items 10I – 10J.
Mr. Ted McKinniss seconded the motion.

Discussion

Roll Call: Mr. Rogers yes, Mr. McKinniss yes, Mrs. Ehret yes, Mrs. Good yes, Dr. Haas yes, Mr. Landon yes, Mr. McCreary yes, Mr. Patterson yes, Mrs. Plotts yes, Mr. Sims yes, Mr. Wiley yes and Mr. McFarland yes.

Motion declared passed.

7. General discussion of agenda, addendum, and other items of concern

Items 7, 8A through 8D listed below under the Consent Agenda are considered by the Board to be routine and will be enacted by the Board in one motion in the form listed below. There will be no discussion of these items prior to the time the Board votes on the motion unless members of the Board, staff, or the public request specific items to be discussed and removed from the Consent Agenda. The Treasurer and administrative staff recommend approval of all Consent Agenda items.

Mr. Gary Sims moved to approve Items 7, 8A through 8D listed below under the Consent Agenda.
Mrs. Shelly Ehret seconded the motion.

Discussion

Roll Call: Mr. Sims yes, Mrs. Ehret yes, Mrs. Good yes, Dr. Haas yes, Mr. Landon yes, Mr. McCreary yes, Mr. McKinniss yes, Mr. Patterson yes, Mrs. Plotts yes, Mr. Rogers yes, Mr. Wiley yes and Mr. McFarland yes.

Motion declared passed.

8. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the November 18, 2020 regular meeting.

9. Treasurer's Business and Reports

A. Financial Report – Attachment 8A

To approve the financial statement for November 2020 as submitted.

B. Paid Bills – Attachment 8B

To approve the list of paid bills for November 2020 as presented by the Treasurer.

C. New Fund

To approve a new fund 510-9221 (CRF Adult Education) in the amount of \$11,449.00.

D. Transfers

- Transfer \$80,876.92 from General Fund to Account 002-9004 – Note Retirement Payment HB264 Project.
- Transfer \$51,600.00 from General Fund to 002-9005 – Note Retirement Payment Ramtec Equipment.

10. Executive Director of Operations Report

Mrs. Ellen Messenger gave an explanation of the video, targeted mailing, Zooming and media boxes being used in recruiting efforts. Mr. Speelman displayed the video and discussed the virtual tour of TRCC.

11. Superintendent's Report and Recommendations

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Mr. Gene Wiley moved to approve the following items as outlined in 10A – 10J.

Mrs. Shelly Ehret seconded the motion.

Discussion

Roll Call: Mr. Wiley yes, Mrs. Ehret yes, Mrs. Good yes, Dr. Haas yes, Mr. Landon yes, Mr. McCreary yes, Mr. McKinniss yes, Mr. Patterson yes, Mrs. Plotts yes, Mr. Rogers yes, Mr. Sims yes and Mr. McFarland yes.

Motion declared passed.

A. Employment – Attachments 10A

Supplementals

CCP Classes for 1st Semester:

- *Suzie Arehart, Introduction to Management, \$250.*
- *Josie Belton, Oral Communications, \$250.*
- *Angela Kaffen, Introduction to Exercise Science, \$250.*
- *Mark Robinson, Computer Aided Drafting, Engineering Drawing & Designs, Robotics I and Robotics II, \$500.*

B. Resignations

- To accept the letter of retirement from Terri Mantey. Her retirement will be effective January 4, 2021.
- To accept the resignation of Joshua Blausler, Part Time Adult Education Instructor effective 11/23/20.

C. Donations

- To approve donating 4 crates of milk to the Salvation Army Food Pantry and 2 crates of milk to Turning Point. This milk would have expired by the time students returned from Thanksgiving break.
- To accept a donation of tools valued at \$200 from Jackie Hamilton to be used in Automotive Technology.

D. Christmas Dinner

To approve providing a Christmas Dinner for all staff and students. Due to the hybrid learning schedule, the meals will be served on Thursday, December 17, 2020 and Friday, December 18, 2020. Staff will only be served the free meal on Thursday, December 17th. At this time, all of our students are currently receiving a free lunch, but approximate cost of the meal for staff will be \$200.

E. Seniority List – Attachment 10E

To approve the attached TREA Seniority List for school year 2020-2021 as the official list for any reduction in force. Each year the Board approves the seniority list for the Tri-Rivers Education Association. The list has been posted for review by all TREA members and has been approved by the Association and Superintendent and will be used for reduction in force, if necessary. A copy is attached for your review.

F. Articulation Agreements – Attachment 10F

To approve Agreements of Articulation with The University of Akron for the following programs, copies are attached for your review:

Adult Industrial Maintenance Program	Construction Program
Adult Nurse Aide Program	Cosmetology Program
Adult Patient Care Program	Criminal Justice Program
Adult Practical Nursing Program	Culinary Program
Adult Public Safety Program	Esthetics Program
Adult Welding Program	Health Care Academy Program
Adult Robotics Technician Program	Interactive Media Program
Adult Robotics & Automation Program	Manufacturing/RAMTEC Program
Agriculture & Industrial Power Technology Program	Nail Tech Program
Automotive Program	Sports Science Program
Computer Networking Program	Vet Science Program
	Welding Program

G. Wellness Policy – Attachment 10G

To approve the Wellness Policy. A copy is attached for your reference.

H. Adult Education Student Catalog/Handbook – Attachment 10H

To approve the updated Adult Education Student Catalog/Handbook. A copy with revisions noted is attached for your review.

I. Payroll Compensation

To approve payment to Marcie Whited of \$600 per payroll and \$600 total for assistance with end of quarter/year end processing, Affordable Care Act reporting, and FFCRA/W-2 compliance as necessary during the leave of Becky Diamond, Assistant Treasurer/Payroll Coordinator.

J. Resignation of Jennifer Grimes

To accept the resignation of Jennifer Grimes as presented by the Superintendent.

END OF CONSENT AGENDA

K. Resolution To Permit Virtually Held Board of Education Meetings

Dr. Robert Haas moved to adopt the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Ohio House Bill 197 ("HB 197"), Section 12, as originally signed into law by Governor DeWine on March 27, 2020, permitted members of a public body to hold, attend, and participate in meetings by means of teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology ("virtual meetings") until December 1, 2020; and,

WHEREAS, on November 23, 2020, Governor DeWine signed into law Ohio House Bill 404 ("HB 404"), which amends Section 12 of HB 197 to extend the period in which members of a public body may hold, attend, and participate in virtual meetings until July 1, 2021; and,

WHEREAS, the Ohio General Assembly declared HB 404 to be an emergency measure necessary to continue essential operation of local government and to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, giving it immediate effect; and,

WHEREAS, the Board desires to amend relevant Board policies to permit virtual meetings until such authority expires under Section 12 of HB 197 and any amendments thereto;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Education of the Tri-Rivers Joint Vocational School District, Marion, Ohio, that:

Section 1. Pursuant to and in accordance with Board Bylaw 131, "Legislative," the Board of Education hereby amends, from the date of this meeting through the expiration of the authority granted under Section 12 of HB 197, Board Bylaw 131, "Legislative" as follows:

The first two sentences of the third paragraph of Bylaw 131 is amended to state as follows: "Bylaws shall be adopted, amended, repealed, or suspended by a 2/3's vote of the full Board (physically **or electronically** present). Policies shall be adopted, amended, or repealed by a majority vote of the full Board (physically **or electronically present**)."

The intent of this action is to permit members of the Board to vote during public meetings held as virtual meetings in which such Board members are participants, consistent with Section 12 of HB 197 and any amendments thereto.

Section 2. Pursuant to and in accordance with Board Bylaw 131, "Legislative," the Board of Education hereby amends, from the date of this meeting through the expiration of the authority granted under Section 12 of HB 197, Board Bylaw 162, "Voting," as follows:

The only sentence of Bylaw 162 is amended to state as follows: "Majority of the full Board present **either** in person **or electronically** at a meeting shall constitute a quorum, and no business shall be conducted in the absence of a quorum."

The intent of this action is to permit members of the Board to count towards quorum during public meetings held as virtual meetings in which such Board members are participants, consistent with Section 12 of HB 197 and any amendments thereto.

Section 3. Pursuant to and in accordance with Board Bylaw 131, "Legislative," the Board of Education hereby amends, from the date of this meeting through the expiration of the authority granted under Section 12 of HB 197, Board Bylaw 167, "Voting," as follows:

- a. The first sentence of the first paragraph of Bylaw 167 is amended to state as follows: "All motions shall require for adoption a majority vote of those present **either in person or electronically (i.e. by teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology)** and voting, except as provided by statute, these bylaws, or parliamentary authority. (See listing of exceptions below.)"
- b. The second sentence of the fourth paragraph of Bylaw 167 is amended to state as follows: "A Board member must **either be physically or electronically present (i.e. by teleconference, video conference, or any other similar electronic technology)** at the meeting to vote."

The intent of this action is to permit members of the Board to vote during public meetings held as virtual meetings in which such Board members are participants, consistent with Section 12 of HB 197 and any amendments thereto.

The intent of this action is to recognize that virtual meetings may not provide a practical means by which public participation may occur.

Section 3. It is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in these formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. 121.22 and Section 12 of HB 197 and any amendments thereto.

Mr. Michael Patterson seconded the motion.

Discussion

Roll Call: Dr. Haas yes, Mr. Patterson yes, Mrs. Ehret yes, Mrs. Good yes, Mr. Landon yes, Mr. McCreary yes, Mr. McKinniss yes, Mr. Patterson yes, Mr. Rogers yes, Mr. Sims yes, Mr. Wiley yes and Mr. McFarland yes.

L. Time and Date for January Meeting

Mrs. Shelly Ehret moved to hold our Organizational Meeting, Budget Hearing, and regular January meeting on January 13, 2021 at 6:30 pm.

Our regular meeting for January is scheduled for January 20, 2021. However, the law requires action on some items by January 15th.

Mr. Mickey Landon seconded the motion.

Discussion

Roll Call: Mrs. Ehret yes, Mr. Landon yes, Mrs. Good yes, Dr. Haas yes, Mr. McCreary yes, Mr. McKinniss yes, Mr. Patterson yes, Mrs. Plotts yes, Mr. Rogers yes, Mr. Sims yes, Mr. Wiley yes and Mr. McFarland yes.

M. President Pro Tem

The Board must select a President Pro Tem at this meeting to start the Organizational Meeting in January.

Mr. Gary Sims nominated Mr. Jim McFarland for President Pro Tem to start the Organizational Meeting in January:

Mr. Gene Wiley moved to close the nominations.

Mr. Mickey Landon seconded the motion

Discussion

Roll Call: Mr. Wiley yes, Mr. Landon yes, Mrs. Good yes, Mrs. Ehret yes, Dr. Haas yes, Mr. McCreary yes, Mr. McKinniss yes, Mr. Patterson yes, Mrs. Plotts yes, Mr. Rogers yes and Mr. Sims yes. Mr. McFarland abstain.

Motion declared passed.

Discussion

- Thank you from River Valley to our Construction Trades Academy
- Mode of Instruction

12. Adjourn

Mrs. Shelly Ehret moved to adjourn.

Mr. Mick Landon seconded the motion.

Discussion

Roll Call: Mrs. Ehret yes, Mr. Landon yes, Mrs. Good yes, Dr. Haas yes, Mr. McCreary yes, Mr. McKinniss yes, Mrs. Patterson yes, Mrs. Plotts yes, Mr. Rogers yes, Mr. Sims yes, Mr. Wiley yes and Mr. McFarland yes.

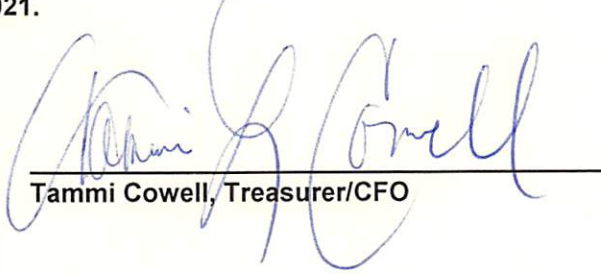
Motion declared passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:43 p.m.

Next Meeting is Wednesday, January 13, 2021.



Jim McFarland, President



Tammi Cowell, Treasurer/CFO