

TIFFIN CITY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
Monday, December 9, 2019, 8:30 PM
Tiffin Middle School Cafetorium
103 Shepherd Drive, Tiffin, Ohio

The special meeting of the Tiffin City Board of Education was called to order by the President, Dr. Andrew Gase, with the following members present: Mr. Henry, Dr. Hoyda, Mr. Perez, Mr. Widman, and Dr. Gase.

Roll Call

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Gase.

Pledge of Allegiance

(19-225) Mr. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. Widman, the Tiffin City Board of Education adopt the agenda as presented.

Adopt Agenda

Mr. Perez moved the Tiffin City Board of Education adopt the agenda with the following addition: Opportunity for the Public to Address the Board. The motion was not seconded.

The President called for the vote to adopt the agenda as presented. Voting yes: Mr. Henry, Mr. Widman, Dr. Hoyda, and Dr. Gase. Voting no: Mr. Perez. Motion carried.

(19-226) Mr. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. Widman, the Tiffin City Board of Education hold an executive session to consider the appointment, employment, discipline, and compensation of public employees, and the investigation of charges against a public employee.

Executive Session

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Henry, Mr. Widman, Dr. Hoyda, Mr. Perez, and Dr. Gase. Motion carried.

Time in: 8:38 PM
Time out: 10:30 PM

ACTION ITEMS

(19-227) Mr. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. Widman, the Tiffin City Board of Education appoint Assistant Superintendent, Robert Boes, as Superintendent *pro tempore*.

Appoint Superintendent Pro Tempore

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Henry, Mr. Widman, Dr. Hoyda, Mr. Perez, and Dr. Gase. Motion carried.

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(19-228) Mr. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. Widman, the Tiffin City Board of Education table the consideration and appointment of an Interim Superintendent.

**Table to Consider
and Appoint Interim
Superintendent**

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Henry, Mr. Widman, Dr. Hoyda, Mr. Perez, and Dr. Gase.

BOARD DISCUSSION of an Issue of Bonds

Dr. Gase spoke about the upcoming deadline to potentially remove the bond issue from the March 2020 ballot without incurring election costs and the district's existing need for a new elementary building. He initiated a discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of proceeding with the bond issue.

Mr. Widman spoke about current challenges, the board's role to educate the public about current needs, and his commitment to continue the construction project as planned.

Dr. Gase spoke about being in favor of moving forward as planned, the importance of accepting the state's current contribution percentage, the district's due diligence regarding the project, the informational staff meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, his commitment to the project and its process, and the committee structure that was able to answer all questions from members of the public at a recent campaign meeting.

Mr. Henry spoke about having great hesitancy moving forward, the importance of quickly gathering public viewpoint in light of current circumstances, the complexity of the bond issue, the importance of superintendent leadership during the campaign, the importance of determining viability before the board's next meeting on December 17, and concern for being defeated for the wrong reason.

Dr. Hoyda spoke about disagreeing with Mr. Henry, having faith in the community to pass the bond issue, the ages of current buildings, and the district being more than one person.

Mr. Perez spoke about appreciating Dr. Hoyda's committee work, the current lack of community trust, loss of former supporters, ability to recover before the March election, appreciation for campaign and committee members, and the public's difficulty separating bond and leadership issues.

Dr. Gase spoke about the purpose of the March election for all voters to decide the bond issue. He also spoke about the importance of continued leadership.

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Mr. Perez spoke about the voters needing more time to decide.

Dr. Gase spoke about current support from his constituents and district leadership starting with the board of education.

Mr. Henry spoke about being realistic regarding the political viability of continuing with the bond issue and the importance of taking the public's pulse in the next two weeks.

Dr. Gase questioned the method of doing so.

Mr. Henry spoke about constituents' priorities to address district leadership.

Dr. Gase spoke about the past perceived difficulty with increasing the district's permanent improvement levy that nonetheless passed.

Mr. Henry spoke about the need to assess and seek public comment on the viability of proceeding with or waiting on the bond issue.

Mr. Widman spoke about the positive feedback he has received on the continued need for a new school.

ADJOURNMENT

(19-229) Mr. Henry moved, seconded by Mr. Widman, the Tiffin City Board of Education adjourn.

Adjournment

The President called for the vote. Voting yes: Mr. Henry, Mr. Widman, Dr. Hoyda, and Dr. Gase. Voting no: Mr. Perez. Motion carried.

Meeting started: 8:30 PM

Meeting ended: 10:50 PM

The next regular meeting is scheduled for December 17, 2019 at 6:00 PM in the Tiffin Middle School Cafetorium.

Next Meeting

President

Treasurer

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