

**Board Meeting**

**December 2, 2014**

**Location:** Grammar School Music Room

**Present:** Ted Bell (via phone), Phillip Byers (6:20), Jerald DeLaGarza, Paul Foley, Andy Francis, Sally Harbin, Jeff Powell, Jason Ruff, Paula Staley, Donna Trimble

**Not Present:** Ronda Alexander, Nick Longerbeam

**Others Present:** Jason Cole, Joe Maimone, Jeff Ziegler

**Opening:**

The meeting opened at 5:46 p.m.

Pledge

Prayer

**Public Comment:**

No public comment

**Fourth Grade Presentation:**

The fourth grade team (Liz Brown presenting with Stephanie Blanton, Brandee Rollins, and Ame Switzer) used a Prezi to demonstrate the various topics they cover throughout the school year in Core Knowledge to the board.

**Chairman's Moment:**

Andy Francis reminded the board about training from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 6, at the grammar school. He thanked everyone, especially board members, for being at the special meeting in November. He permitted Paula Staley to note her gratitude to Rachel Mode for addressing the board and doing everything she does every day. Mr. Francis then thanked all teachers for their hard work and dedication every day.

**Minutes:**

The October board meeting minutes were presented. Jason Ruff asked that a change be made in the minutes to reflect Heidi Cole did not receive an orchard from the board, but an orchid. Paul Foley made the motion to accept the minutes with the correction. Jeff Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. The November special board meeting minutes were presented. Sally Harbin made the motion to accept the minutes. Jeff Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Financial Report:**

Paul Foley noted the October 31 budget was included in the packet. He said that the preliminary audit results are in. The final report is expected in January. He also noted the finance committee will have several recommendations later in the meeting.

**Continuing Business:****Team CFA Report:**

Paul Foley presented the report, which is included in the packet. He distributed the most recent copy of the Connect CFA magazine. He informed board members that the next CFA annual conference will be held June 25-27 in Denver, Colorado. Joe Maimone said that he would try to give CFA the numbers of those who will be attending from TJ in January so he needed board members who are interested in attending to let him know by the January board meeting.

**Forum Report:**

Joe Maimone presented the report, which is included in the packet. The full report was included in the board packet. He noted that TJ has a very active Forum. They have been busy so far this year with the Fall Festival, resale of uniforms, and planning for the Talon Challenge. Paula Staley asked what was being done about allowing families in need to shop at the resale before others. She noted this has been discussed for a year and nothing has happened. Andy Francis asked Jeff Powell to check into it for the board.

**Director's Report:**

Joe Maimone presented the report. He also noted that the draft of the audit is complete and is hoping for the final copy in January so it can be presented to the board. He told the board that five or six schools have visited TJ in the last month or so. TJ has received the Facebook Community Grant for \$10,000 which he asked that the board acknowledge. He also reported the school's recruiting season starts in January, and the school will again be utilizing the billboards in Forest City and Shelby. Mr. Maimone also congratulated the boys' soccer and football teams on great seasons and noted the players are "students first, athletes second."

**Committee Reports:****Executive Report:**

No report.

**Community Relations:**

No report.

**Curriculum:**

No report.

**Finance:**

Paul Foley made a motion that the October 31 budget be accepted. Jeff Powell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. Joe Maimone reminded the board that 1/3 of the year is completed and that the school is on target for a solid financial year. Paul Foley then asked that the board formally acknowledge the Facebook grant.

**Facilities:**

No report.

**Fundraising:**

No report.

**Legal Affairs:**

Ted Bell presented the report. The committee prepared a concise letter to address the concerns of the Freedom from Religion Foundation. Paula Staley noted that the letter will be sent by Jason Cole as the principal of the school.

**Personnel:**

Paula Staley presented the report. There was a joint meeting of the legal affairs and personnel committees to discuss the policy on religion. Mrs. Staley asked that Joe Maimone and Jason Cole also let the committee know what policies and procedures need to be revised. Mr. Maimone suggested starting with the staff handbook.

**New Business:**

**Upcoming meetings:** The next few board meetings are scheduled for January 6 (upper campus), February 3 (grammar school), and March 3 (upper campus).

**Chamber of Commerce Sponsorship:** Joe Maimone requested that board sponsor a table for the Chamber's Reverse Raffle on March 13 for \$1,000. Paul Foley made the motion to approve. Sally Harbin seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**Vision Committee:** Phillip Byers reported TJCEF met on November 17. It was noted that TJCEF and the Vision Committee will work collaboratively on the 2020 Vision.

**State Testing:** Jeff Ziegler updated the board on state testing results, including ACT scores (Attachment 8).

**CFA Conference:** Joe Maimone noted that because of the school's enrollment up to 20 staff members plus administration and board members can attend the June meeting.

**Contracts:**

No contracts were presented.

Ted Bell made the motion to adjourn. Jerald DeLaGarza seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

The board adjourned at 6:45 p.m.