

THE MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE OF VIRGINIA COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64, CASS COUNTY WHICH WAS HELD ON MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 2015 IN THE VIRGINIA 64 MEDIA CENTER.

THE COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY PRESIDENT MATT WERNER AT 6:02 PM WITH THE FOLLOWING MEMBERS ANSWERING PRESENT: SHEILA LOGSDON, KARA LYNCH, GARY BELL, TIM KRAUSE, DUSTIN FRITSCH, CASEY FRENCH AND MATT WERNER.

ALSO PRESENT WERE SUPERINTENDENT BRENT O'DANIELL, PRINCIPAL JASON VICICH AND ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL AARON LLEWELLYN. OTHER VISITORS INCLUDED KELLY SNOW, JOANIE BELL, LAURA CARSON, STEVE CLARK, MOLLY REHN, LINDA BROWN, BILLY MURPHY, PAUL REYNOLDS, AMY REYNOLDS AND STUDENTS ELIJAH CLARK, ALEX BELL

THE PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE WAS RECITED BY ALL THAT WERE PRESENT.

PRESIDENT MATT WERNER OPENED THE MEETING WITH A BACKGROUND ON WHAT HAS HAPPENED WITH VIRGINIA IN REGARDS TO A SPORTS CO-OP SINCE DECEMBER.

AT THIS TIME MR. WERNER OPENED UP THE MEETING TO THE PUBLIC FOR QUESTIONS AND CONCERNS.

STEVE CLARK STARTED BY SAYING "THE CO-OP WITH TRIPIA IS WORKING FINE." HE ALSO EXPRESSED WE HAVE HAD NOTHING BUT SUCCESS WITH THE CURRENT CO-OP AND HAS NOT HEARD OF ANY PROBLEMS. "A-C LEFT US AFTER A 20 YEAR CO-OP AND I DO NOT SEE ANY REASON TO BRING THEM BACK INTO THE CO-OP."

PAUL REYNOLDS TURNED IN HIS LETTER OF RESIGNATION TO THE BOARD AS JH GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH. HE THANKED THE BOARD, MR. LLEWELLYN AND BRIDGET KRAUSE, SAYING "BRIDGET GOES ABOVE AND BEYOND HER JOB TO HELP OUT." HE ASKED THE BOARD TO SERIOUSLY CONSIDER AND JR. HIGH CO-OP. MR. REYNOLDS SAID "WE SHOULD KEEP ALL OF OUR OPTIONS OPEN AND THAT IT WOULD BE A MISTAKE NOT TO AT LEAST LISTEN TO WHAT A-C HAS TO SAY."

MR. KRAUSE MEMBER OF THE BOARD SAID " A-C HAS A TRACK RECORD OF NOT FOLLOWING THROUGH AND KEEPING PROMISES, THAT LACK OF INDECISION HAS RED FLAGS". HE STATED "MAYBE IN 2 YEARS I WILL CONSIDER A CO-OP WITH THEM, NOT RIGHT NOW". MR. KRAUSE MENTIONED VIRGINIA WAS GOING TO ASK FOR A HANDFUL OF HOME GAMES BACK HERE. HE CLOSED BY SAYING " TRIPIA TOOK US IN WHEN NO ONE ELSE WOULD AND I DO NOT WANT TO MESS WITH THAT."

SHEILA LOGSDON ASKED TO HEAR NUMBERS A-C SENT TO PORTA.

THE BOARD AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS HAD A DISCUSSION ON HOW MANY AND PERCENT OF TEAM A-C SENT TO PORTA. NUMBERS WERE LOW.

LAURA CARSON ASKED THE BOARD "TO LOOK AT WHY FRESHMAN GO OUT AND THEN NEVER GO BACK?" SHE STATED, "THE NUMBERS ARE GOING DOWN WITH TRIPIA, KIDS ARE NOT STAYING WITH SPORTS THERE."

JOANIE BELL ASKED, "WHY IS IT A CO-OP? THEY JUST ABSORBED US, AND WE HAVE NOTHING. "WE NEED TO GO TO THE TABLE AND SEE WHAT ELSE WE CAN GET."

QUESTIONS WERE BROUGHT UP ABOUT THE WIVC.

KARA LYNCH BOARD MEMBER STATED "THE WIVC WAS NOT REAL HAPPY WITH US BEFORE AND THERE ARE OTHER SCHOOLS WANTING IN AND THOSE WOULD BE TAKEN BEFORE US."

KELLY SNOW SAID, "WE HAVE ALL OF THIS BUILDING AND NOTHING." WE HAVE TO START SOMEWHERE, THERE IS NOTHING HERE BUT SPORTS, AND IT MAKES THEM KEEP THEIR GRADES UP. THE KIDS ARE NOT GOING TO TRIOPIA, BECAUSE THEY FEEL LIKE THEY ARE NOT PART OF THE TEAM."

AT THIS TIME THERE WAS A DISCUSSION ON HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS NUMBERS. MATT WERNER BOARD PRESIDENT STATED, "WE HAD GOOD HIGH SCHOOL NUMBERS AND OUR KIDS PLAYED." MR. WERNER ALSO SAID "I DO NOT SEE A REASON TO RUIN A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH TRIOPIA."

DUSTIN FRITSCHER BOARD MEMBER STATED, "NOTHING IS DECIDED YET, I HAVE HUNCHES BUT NOTHING IS OFF THE TABLE AS FAR AS I AM CONCERNED. I AM WILLING TO HELP A-C BUT NOT AT THE COST OF OUR KIDS."

SHEILA LOGSDON BOARD MEMBER STATED, "I WAS IN THE CO-OP FIASCO LAST TIME AND THAT IS NOT GOING TO INFLUENCE WHAT I DO." SHE ALSO SAID, "SHE HAS NOT MADE UP HER MIND YET AND NEEDS TO HEAR MORE DETAILS FROM A-C."

THE BUDGET WAS BROUGHT UP AND DISCUSSED

KARA LYNCH STATED, "WE CAN NOT AFFORD A CO-OP WITH JUST US AND A-C, THERE IS NO ROOM IN OUR BUDGET, EVEN IF WE DID 50/50. WE ARE ONLY PAYING 25% NOW."

MR. WERNER STATED, "I DO NOT LIKE USING OUR KIDS AS LEVERAGE. THERE ARE SOME THINGS I AM WILLING TO RISK AND THIS IS NOT ONE."

PAUL REYNOLDS STATED, "I DO NOT SEE WHAT WE HAVE TO LOSE BY SEEING WHAT A-C HAS TO OFFER."

JOANIE BELL ASKED "WHY TRIOPIA?" WE CAN DO BETTER THAN THAT?"

LAURA CARSON SAID "I DO NOT THINK THE KIDS HAVE A GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH TRIOPIA KIDS, THEY HAVE A MUCH BETTER RELATIONSHIP WITH A-C KIDS." IT IS JUST TRIOPIA NOT TRIOPIA- VIRGINIA-MEREDOSIA."

AMY REYNOLDS SAID "IF WE CO-OP WITH TRIOPIA IN JH VOLLEYBALL, GAMES WOULD BE IN MEREDOSIA, THAT IS A LONG WAY TO TRAVEL. IT IS NOT UNHEARD OF IN CO-OP SCHOOLS TO HAVE GAMES IN BOTH PLACES."

KELLY SNOW ASKED IF ANYONE HAD RAN NUMBERS TO SEE IF WE WOULD HAVE ENOUGH TO DO SOMETHING ON OUR OWN?

MR. LLEWELLYN ANSWERED STATING "THE NUMBERS WE HAVE SUPPORT A VARSITY TEAM, BUT NEXT YEAR IT COULD BE DIFFY."

MR. WERNER CLOSED THE MEETING WITH WE ARE LOOKING TO RE-NEW THE CO-OP WITH TRIOPIA .1. WE ARE GOING TO LOOK AT GETTING VOLLEYBALL ON OUR OWN AND BOYS BASKETBALL. 2. WE ARE GOING TO LOOK INTO HOSTING SOME GAMES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY MR. FRITSCHKE AND SECONDED BY MR. KRAUSE TO ADJOURN THE MEETING AT 6:59 PM WITH ALL SAYING AYE.

MATT WERNER, PRESIDENT

KARA LYNCH, SECRETARY