



# TUSCOLA CUSD #301

Michael Smith, Superintendent  
Tuscola Community Unit School District

409 S. Prairie  
Tuscola, Illinois 61953

## School Board Meeting News September 26, 2016 Budget Hearing and Regular Meeting (meetings held in East Prairie board room)

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### Action Items

Approved Minutes from August 22, 2016 Meeting

Approved Payment of Bills in the amount of \$1,190,889.13

(Included \$278,786.02 in Capital Projects (construction projects), \$72,684.57 for phone systems, and \$84,368.15 for the last 4 teacher bonuses)

Approved Treasurer and Bookkeeper Reports

Accepted Donations

Ford of Tuscola for Football Truck/Tailgating Tend and Drive 4UR School

Kiwanis - \$250 for Help a Child

Anonymous - \$250 for Help a Child

District Donations

Staff - \$2,200 to local charities from the District Dress Code fund

Tuscola Football and Coach Romine

\$600 to Decatur Technical Academy in the names of the two Central A & M students who passed away after a motorcycle accident



Approved 2016 Financial Report (Audit) after presented by Mr. Russ Leigh  
(this is for last school year and we got another clean audit!)  
Approved 2016-2017 Budget after presented by Mr. Smith  
Tabled August 2016 Policy Updates until October  
Approved 2:00 pm early dismissal for Homecoming parade on Friday, October 7

## Personnel

Approved Family Medical Leave Act for Mrs. Kim Miller  
Employed Mrs. Christy Curry as Special Education teacher  
Approved Mrs. Christina Burns as a Student Teacher

## Resignations

Mr. Ted Minger's resignation as JV/Assistant baseball coach  
Mrs. Deanna Woodard's resignation as 1 day a week secretary  
Mrs. Jody Patton's resignation as Custodian (last day October 6, 2016)

## Informational Items

### Superintendent Report

Financial update

Final extra costs from teacher contracts from 2007-2008 school year to September 2016

Teacher (27) bonus checks	\$484,432.82
TRS excessive leave costs	\$26,617.08
TRS excessive salary costs	\$12,806.18
Increased salaries	<u>\$214,014.11</u>
Total cost	\$737,870.19

Construction update (summer projects wrapping up)

Challenge with the lack of substitutes and class coverage

Tuscola Technology Meeting (we hosted over 20 schools from Mt. Zion to Paris)

E-rate Consultant (district brought in 4 times as much in grants as the consultant cost)

Upcoming school board election – Tuesday, April 4, 2017

Marilyn Davidson High Heel Dash at East Prairie Middle School on Saturday, October 20

IASB meeting for board members on Tuesday, September 27

Delivered a thank you from Mrs. Simpson and Mrs. Schweighart who wanted to thank the school board for thanking them for helping the district out once again

## **North Ward Report by Mr. Wallace**

AimsWeb testing has been completed by each classroom teacher  
How committees at NW are structured (they include PBIS, curriculum, safety, RTI and social)  
Organizing RTI structure  
Grandparents Day on Friday, October 7  
PTO fundraisers  
Tuscola Fire Department coming the week of October 10th

## **East Prairie Report by Mrs. Munson**

Girls' basketball season has started  
Presentation by University of Illinois Physics Department was held for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade student on September 26  
Thank you to the school board for the purchase of Chromebooks for East Prairie  
Honored to host this year's Marilyn Davidson High Heel Dash  
Thank you to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. C. Miller for setting up Google Classroom for administrators to help with the new evaluation system

## **High School Report by Mr. Allen**

Thank you to Coach Romine and the football team for their donation  
Very proud of our Black Pack cheering section for their good deeds when we played Central A & M in volleyball shortly after the tragic accident  
Explanation of 2:00 pm dismissal time on Friday, October 7 for Homecoming parade  
Update on East Prairie and TCHS math departments meeting to further align curriculum

## **Presentation**

Miss Maday and Mrs. Morgan presented on the 5<sup>th</sup> grade math curriculum

## **Closed Session**

Personnel (see above)

## **Next Meeting**

Monday, October 24, 2016 at 7:00 pm