

TOSS Board Meeting

TOSS Conference Room  
Nashville, TN

February 1, 2016

The TOSS Board meeting was called to order by Dr. Gary Lilly at 1:04 p.m.

The following members of the TOSS Board of Directors were present:

Randy Frazier  
Dale Lynch  
Gary Lilly  
Cathy Harvey  
Sandra Harper  
Jackie Parton  
Mischelle Simcox  
Martin Ringstaff  
Susan Bunch  
LaDonna McFall  
Mike Looney  
Diane Elder  
Jimmy Long

The following member called in:  
Bill Heath

The following members were absent:  
Jim McIntyre

The following TOSS staff was present:

Wayne Miller  
Chuck Cagle  
Susie Benefield  
Catie Bailey

Guest:  
Dr. Jesse Register, Belmont University

**Dr. Lilly introduced Dr. Jesse Register of Belmont University.**

Dr. Register outlined the leadership program at Belmont University. There will be difference cohort groups with superintendents being one of them.

Mr. Miller introduced the new TOSS lobbyist, Catie Bailey. Mr. Miller stated that she has been an intricate part of the lobbying process for TOSS.

Mr. Miller also stated that he felt that with all the new employees and positive comments made about the professional development programs that TOSS was headed in the right direction.

**I. Motion to approve agenda.**

**MOTION: FRAZIER  
SECONDED: LYNCH  
MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA WITH NO CORRECTIONS OR OBJECTIONS.  
ALL AYES.**

**II. Motion to approve Minutes from November 17, 2015.**

**MOTION: FRAZIER  
SECONDED: HARVEY  
MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM NOVEMBER 17, 2015 WITH NO CORRECTIONS OR  
OBJECTIONS.  
ALL AYES**

Jimmy Long presented the Financial Statements for November and December 2015. Mr. Long stated that at the end of December there was a cash balance of \$973,629.59.

**III. Motion made to approve the November and December 2015 Financial Statements.**

**MOTION: LYNCH  
SECONDED: HARVEY  
MOTION PASSED WITH NO CORRECTIONS OR OBJECTIONS.  
ALL AYES.**

**IV. Dr. Lilly moved on to the Executive Directors report with Mr. Wayne Miller.**

Mr. Miller stated he appreciated the positive evaluation and he enjoys working with everyone.

Mr. Miller mentioned that TOSS has partnered with TSBA along with the TN Curriculum Association and the technology association for development of digital courses. It is called the TN Digital Learning Project. They are trying to put together 17 high school courses that would be open source material. It would be free to whoever wished to use it. Dr. Grissom has asked each organization to help fund the meetings. Mr. Miller recommended contributing \$1,000.

Motion made to contribute \$1000 to the TN Digital Learning Project.

**MOTION: LYNCH  
SECONDED: PARTON  
MOTION PASSED WITH NO OBJECTIONS.  
ALL AYES.**

Mr. Miller introduced Sara Bunch, TOSS communication director. Sara stated that she hoped that the board had noticed that communications were looking different. Sara thanked everyone who responded to the survey that was sent out several months ago. She took that feedback and used it to change how the TOSS office is now communicating to directors. The top two forms of communications that were noted in the survey were email, website and twitter. Sara also

stated that with a new media communication program she could schedule emails to be sent instead of bombarding superintendents with numerous emails. Also, have made a lot of changes to the website. A few of the changes that were made included putting the twitter feed on the homepage and a new calendar. She has also added an "in the news" piece on the website.

Mr. Miller said there have been several changes over the last few months. Dr. Shelton is moving forward with the ALI. We have already gotten rave review from the first day that was offered last week. We have over 400 members at this time.

Mr. Miller stated that he had attended a recent 501 Union owners meeting where selling the building was discussed. The Association had a realtor appraise the building. It was determined that each floor would receive around \$1,000,000. If the building did end up selling and TOSS would decide to rent, we would increase our overall cost up to \$30,000 per year if we had to rent. We could possibly buy and do a long term note. If the Association votes to sell, Mr. Miller's recommendation would be to allow Dr. Lilly and himself to put a committee together or the whole board to weigh the issue.

Mr. Miller stated that the retreat in June would be very meaty due to the fact that all task had been completed from the previous strategic plan goals. He felt the board would want a new battery of goals moving forward with the organization.

Mr. Miller discussed the per diem rate for hotels in the Nashville area. He stated with the growth of the city hotel rates are fluctuating drastically.

Mr. Miller had spoken with Bernard Childress of TSSAA. Mr. Childress stated that he would make the recommendation for the change in TSSAA by laws to allow 3 superintendents from each grand division to be elected to the Board of Control and the Legislative Council. The meeting is in March. It was discussed that TOSS needs to be vigilant in making sure that this would be on the agenda. Mr. Miller stated he would contact Mr. Childress to see what the attitude is regarding the March meeting and vote. After that discussion he will then send out an update to the TOSS board.

Mr. Miller stated that there were two pieces of legislation that they are working on. One is to fully allow TOSS to have associate membership, which Sen. Tracy is carrying for the organization. Second bill is to put in code that every sports official will have full background checks like everyone else.

Mr. Miller discussed the voucher bill. Mr. Miller stated that he had asked Catie Bailey to put together an amendment for the voucher bill. The amendment states that a private school would have to apply to the local board and the board would have the choice to accept or turn them down. If turned down, they then could appeal to the state just like a charter school can. They will have to also agree to give a TNReady type of assessment that can produce TVAAS scores so that children's progress can be monitored then they could be revoked from accepting vouchers. Mr. Miller stated that they had gotten Rep. Hawk to carry the amendment and also had gotten Rep. Sargent to agree to place the amendment on the committee agenda. When it came time to convene the committee, Rep. Sargent stated that there were 5 amendments and they would not accept any of them.

**Dr. Lilly stated that he is very excited about the changes that have occurred in TOSS with advocacy, professional development and communications. He also shared that he felt TOSS members need to share the efforts of TOSS with their local legislators. Mr. Miller also mentioned that his updates every week had information and talking points that members could share with their legislators, as well.**

**Mr. Miller stated that the conference starts tomorrow. However, the agenda has already changed which is not unusual for this time of year.**

**Dr. Lilly called for district reports.**

**District Reports:**

Northwest: No news.

Southwest: No news.

CLASS: None

Southeast: None.

Mid-Cumberland: No News.

Upper-Cumberland: No News.

South Central: Asked if any questions about Dr. Lawson's bill.

East: No news.

First: No News.

**Board meeting adjourned at 3:11 p.m.**

Minutes Approved on \_\_\_\_\_.