

September 12, 2022

TO: Media

FROM: Mr. Patrick Culp, Tri-County School Corporation

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, September 12, 2022

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2022.

The following topics were covered:

1. Mrs. Gina Anderson represented the Tri-County Primary School, under the Student Showcase. Mrs. Anderson shared the Summer Food Program with the Board and enlightened them on the many changes to the program over the past years. Mrs. Anderson has been leading the program for several years and with state changes to qualifications for the program, she has been writing grants and asking the very generous community for donations. Mrs. Anderson announced that for the next four years the state declared Tri-County Schools not eligible for state funding for the Summer Food Program. The Summer Food Program costs approximately \$12,000 to run and with rising costs of food this amount will increase. Mrs. Anderson thanked the following for their help with the program: Mrs. Dawn Bickett, Mrs. Carol Arbuckle and Mrs. Kim Alconedo. Mrs. Anderson thanked the Community for their continued support with donations for the Summer Food Program.
2. Mr. Culp reported, in Mrs. Kelly's absence, Technology will be doing State Reporting in September and October. This year's reporting is going much smoother than last year and progress with the reporting is being made. The new devices for TCI have arrived and have been distributed to students. Technology will be working with Chief Wirtz on the new safety initiative at each school.
3. Mr. Culp reported, under the construction report, that the duct socks for TCI are installed and balancing for units at TCI and TCP are now completed. Mr. Culp reported that the new four burner stove and new tilt skillet are installed at the Jr/Sr High School. The only remaining equipment are the drop-in pans for the serving line.
4. Chief Wirtz reported to the Board that there will be stop bleed kits and spill kits on all buses and he is looking into training for staff. Chief Wirtz shared with the Board a backpack that was put together for staff to take with them on field trips, they include medical supplies, and each school has two bags. Chief Wirtz gave an update on new radios for the schools and buses. Mr. Culp reported that he and Chief Wirtz have participated in two county safety meetings and discussed current safety topics.
5. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Kilmer reported that the Ag Advisory met, there are eleven different Ag classes available at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School and nine of the eleven are Dual Credit classes. Ivy Tech said that Tri-County has the highest Dual Credit courses in this area. Mrs. Cantrell announced that she and Mr. Arvin attended the FACS meeting and reported that the Culinary Arts has a Facebook page and Culinary II class is raising money for a trip to Disney to do a food competition. The Culinary class was selling homemade ice cream at the football game to help raise money for the trip. Mrs. Cantrell also reported that the new Health books are working well. Mr. Geib reported that the High School Improvement met and were outlining their goals. Mr. Pampel reported that RWCDC will be hosting a Run/Walk at the Remington Park as a fundraiser for the backpack program at Tri-County Schools.
6. Mr. Culp discussed the referendum tax rate (tax rate neutral) and the promise of maintaining the debt service and referendum rate at \$.35/year.
7. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that the fall round of assessments has started. Ms. Hall reported that safety drills are being practiced. TCP has been working on one on one benchmarking and integrating

Orton Gillingham into their curriculum maps. Ms. Hall reported that Fall Picture day will be on the 21st and the Scholastic Book Fair will start on the 27th.

8. Mr. Culp reported, in Mrs. Pearson's absence, that TCI is in full swing and have received their new devices. Robotics, Cross Country and Volleyball have all started and are going well. TCI teachers are working diligently to learn the new math series and Orton Gillingham and getting them both integrated into their curriculum maps. TCI has started NWEA testing and will begin looking at the data at their next PLC on Wednesday.
9. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that he attended the Raptor webinar in regards to School Safety. Mr. McCracken reported that they are practicing safety drills and are implementing changes to some of the drills to keep our students safe in these situations.
10. Mr. Haskins thanked Mrs. Anderson for helping fill sub positions and helping with the backpack program. Mr. Haskins reported that Homecoming was a success and thanked all those involved in making it a success. Mr. Haskins reported that several of the new teachers have gotten involved in extracurricular activities and are settling in. NWEA testing has started and the data will be used in the SIP team goals. Mr. Haskins reported that the backpack program, Marching Band, FFA, and Fall Sports are underway.
11. The Board approved the Employment of Mrs. Kirby Carney, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher at Tri-County Intermediate School; Ms. Candace Kozik, Special Education Bus Driver; Mrs. Paige Bowman, Instructional Assistant at Tri-County Intermediate School; Ms. Kaitlin Anthrop, Instructional Assistant at Tri-County Intermediate School; Mrs. Wendy Kleist, Evening Custodian at Tri-County Primary/Intermediate Schools; Mr. Austyn Nevitt, Full-time Sub for Tri-County School Corporation; and Mrs. Julia Williams, Librarian/IA at Tri-County Intermediate School.
12. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. Ryan Harrington as the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach.
13. Mr. Culp read the first reading of the NEOLA Policies Vol 34. No. 2, no action is required at this time.
14. The Board approved the School Improvement Plans for all three schools.
15. The Board approved the FFA and the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Overnight Field Trips.
16. The Board approved the 2023-2024 School Calendar.
17. Mr. Culp announced that Tri-County will remain with ESCRFT as the Insurance Provider for Property, Liability and Workers Compensation. No action is needed.
18. The Board approved the raise for the Corporation Secretary.
19. The Board approved the 1 year Escalator/De-escalator for contracted bus drivers, due to rising fuel costs.
20. Mr. Culp thanked Advanced Auto for the school supplies for all three buildings. Mr. Culp reported that Tri-County once again received the School Safety Grant which supports the salary and benefits for the Chief of Police of the Tri-County Police Department.
21. Mr. Culp presented to the Board the possibility of maintaining a third office member at the Corporation Office and included the job descriptions in the Board packet. Mr. Culp would like to further the discussion at the next meeting.
22. Mr. Culp reminded the Board of the following dates for the 2023 Budget: Public Hearing is Wednesday, September 28, 2022 and the Adoption is Monday, October 10, 2022.

