

October 26, 2023

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, October 9, 2023

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, October 9, 2023.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Regular Board Session on September 11, 2023 and the Pre Budget Public Hearing September 27, 2023.
3. Coach Kochert presented during visitor comments.
4. Mr. McCracken announced the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month: Students of the Month for Junior High are Junior High School – Junior High School – John Humphreys 7th, Parker Baer 8th, High School English / Language Arts: Kendall Arvin, Math: Case Williams, Social Studies: Autumn Hibdon, Science: Jackson Murphy, Culinary: Sydney Stoller, Agriculture: Ian Orns, Fine Arts (Art): Delilah Mohler
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Clark's 3rd grade class at TCI: Hudson Fullam and Annabel Valle
6. Students of the Month from Mrs. Zarse's 5th grade class at TCI: Jayden Myers and Marley Combs
7. Students of the Month from Mrs. Geswein's 2nd grade class at TCP: Ezra Cornell and Oakley Rhoads
8. Mr. Dick Kochert presented the idea of transitioning cross country and track to a class system to the board.
9. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the board Eric Sharp and Diane Smith both attended the I.C.E. conference last week. They are both excited about things learned at the conference to help support our teachers. Eric and Diane have also attended the Technology Instructional Leaders Networking Group through Wabash Valley Educational Center. They are both finding value in being able to network with others in their position at other school districts to better learn from each other. Tomorrow is the PSAT testing, and the High School devices have been prepared and we are ready. We have worked very closely with the Corporation testing coordinator in preparing for this test. October State reporting Period has arrived and we certified our data today. October is Cyber Security month and I have started sharing information with staff. The first was a group out of Ohio who is "highlighting" scary Apps on their X account "@Learn21". They are providing information in regards to app's with privacy policies that parents and educators may not have read through.
10. There was not a report submitted at this time from Chief Sweney.
11. Under the Construction Report, Mr. Culp reported that the track is making progress. The concession stand is still being completed with a few items to be completed. Gibraltar had been out and some punch list items are being completed
12. Mr. Culp discussed the idea of moving the 6th grade back to the Jr. Sr High School. Mr. Culp stated several topics for discussion in this matter.
13. Under the Board Committee Reports, Mrs. Overbeck discussed that the Superintendent/Board Evaluations Committee met. Mrs. Overbeck and Mrs. Suitors agreed that they are ready to share the updated Superintendent Evaluation at the November board meeting. Mrs. Cantrell stated that she attended the ISBA Conference as the Legislative Liaison. Delegates are making changes to the bi-laws. Also while attending the conference attended several sessions including community involvement, TIF board and Career Tech engagement. The facilitated work session is February 8, 2024. Dr. Schemerhorn

for negotiations discussed that the negotiations committee has been busy with bargaining. Dr. Schemerhorn stated that they have been productive sessions.

14. Ms. Hall reported to the board that TCP Grandparent's Night was last Thursday. We had a great turnout and I want to thank our PTO for sponsoring that event, especially Jen Furrer who coordinated the event. Last week, we had our Scholastic book fair going on; Mrs. Anderson shared that we raised roughly \$6,500 which all goes back to support our library. This week we started administering dyslexia screeners to 1st and 2nd graders. This is a state requirement. This data combined with other phonics assessment data will give us a great picture of their overall skills and what skills to target. Coming up this Wednesday we will have a visit from the Remington Volunteer Fire Department to talk about fire prevention and safety. Also coming up are parent teacher conferences on October 24th.
15. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that TCI volleyball and cross country season have ended. Jr. High cross country both boys and girls placed 1st. We had 6th grade basketball callouts this past Friday. Parent Teacher Conferences are on October 24th from 1-8 at the Jr. Sr. High School. 6th graders have been working with the 3rd graders being learning buddies. The goal of providing leadership opportunities for the 6th graders and a learning support partner for 3rd graders is happening. I am understanding that the majority of students involved are in this category of success. We were able to raise about \$1,300 for Michele Bullington during our fundraiser last week. Classes participated in this fundraiser. The winning class will have ice cream provided by an anonymous donor.
16. Mr. Culp stated that TCP and TCI new staff have attended OG training. Mr. Culp complimented the building principals for organizing it.
17. Mr. McCracken stated that he wants to reach out to the SRO for KV's schools for training opportunities for staff and students at the Elementary level.
18. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that last Tuesday, 10/3, we had a great choir concert. Thanks to Mrs. Legler and Mrs. Budreau for their efforts with our students. Senior breakfast was last Friday, 10/6. Thank you to Mrs. Tieke for organizing. Also thank you Mrs. Mosier and the culinary class for the food and helping clean up. Unfortunately, five students didn't have anyone to attend with them. Staff members attended senior breakfast, so that no one was alone. Sophomores and juniors are taking the PSAT assessment on Tuesday, 10/10. Seniors going to tour Ivy Tech while sophomores and juniors are taking the PSAT. The end of the first quarter is on Thursday, 10/12. Grades are due on Tuesday, 10/17. All students finished up their career assessments on Monday. Wednesday was the new employee dinner. Thank you to the Board for putting it together. New employees were excited that Tri-County has a new employee dinner. Cross country sectional is on Saturday, 10/14, at 11AM at Rensselaer. Volleyball sectional is on Saturday, 10/14, at 1PM at North White. Student led parent teacher conferences are on Tuesday, 10/25, from 1PM to 8PM. First round of football sectional is on Friday, 10/20, at Tri-County vs Carroll. The Sterk/Bullington benefit is on Friday, 11/3, from 5PM to 7:30PM. It is a freewill donation. Things that I have seen happening at the Jr/Sr High School are staff members eating lunch with a struggling student, Mr. Sterk has been Zoom meeting with 33 band students and the Science buddies with students dissecting owl pellets. Thank you to Mr. McCracken and Ms. Whitcomb for eating breakfast with the seniors at Senior breakfast so they had someone there for them.
19. Under Old Business, the board approved the thirteen NEOLA policies as presented.
20. The board approved the TCSC Field Trip Manual as presented.
21. Under New Business, the board approved the Proofs of Publication of the CPF Plan, School Bus Replacement and the 2024 Budget.
22. The board approved the adoption of Capital Projects, Bus Replacement and the 2024 Budget.

23. The board approved the Administrative Goals for 2023-2024.
24. The board approved the School Improvement Plans for Tri- County Primary, Intermediate and Jr/Sr High School.
25. The board approved Mrs. Kristina Yeoman to serve as the TCCTO representative for MASE.
26. The board approved Pam Doughty to serve on the Remington Carpenter Township Public Library Board.
27. Mr. Culp did the first reading of the Memorandum of Understanding between TCSC and Officer. Sara Sweney.
28. The board approved the resignation of Mrs. Odyssey Whitcomb, TCHS IA. The employment of Mrs. Colleen O'Neill, TCHS IA and Mrs. Marcy Yawn, TCHS Kitchen Staff. Ms. Sadie Melendez's maternity leave.
29. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp stated the ISBA Regional Meeting is November 8, 2023. If any board members are interested, let Mr. Culp know as soon as possible.
30. Mr. Culp stated that forty-six new staff members and spouses attended the new Employee Dinner. This included teachers and support staff.
31. Next board meeting will be November 13, 2023.