

December 22, 2023

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, December 11, 2023

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, December 11, 2023.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Executive Session and the Regular Board Session on November 13, 2023.
3. Mr. McCracken announced the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month: Students of the Month for Junior High School- Evan Robertson 7th, Greta Wamsley 8th, Spanish / Language Arts: Brady Clark, Math: Noah Oliver, Social Studies: Lucas Misch, CTE(Personal Financial Responsibility): Riley Hughes, Science: Yesenia Thomas, Fine Arts (Music History and Appreciation): Aeden Stewart, FACS (Culinary): Patrick Woodcock
4. Students of the Month from Ms. Melendez's 5th grade class at TCI: Allie Northcutt and Manni Green
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. McClure's 2nd grade class at TCP: Bo Getz and Addie Patton
6. There were no visitor's comments.
7. Mr. Culp reported for Chief Sweney to the board there are no major problems at any of the schools to report. She attended the Basic Class for School Safety Specialist Training. She has the required testing completed for the training. She does have to attend the in person training on February 8th. She is continuing the narcotics detection training for the K9 with surrounding agencies.
8. Under the Construction Report, Mr. Culp reported that the track is close to completion. There are a few punch list items left.
9. Scott Cherry from Skillman Group, Construction Management Services, presented to the board a construction service breakdown and discussed their partnership with Gibraltar.
10. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Culp discussed with the board that the committees can be reassigned in January but the board is not obligated to since they were re-evaluated when Mrs. Suitors came on.
11. Mr. Kilmer reported that at the Public Relations Committee meeting that they are discussing a promotional video for the Wolcott, Remington and Tri-County websites for Tri-County Schools. Mrs. Cantrell reported on the Board Professional Development agenda for the Facilitated Board Workshop. She also reported on the Park Board. Dr. Schemerhorn reported that the Education Foundation discussed and voted on grants. The fall and winter grants have gone out to the recipients.
12. Ms. Hall reported to the board that TCP The biggest activity at TCP right now is preparation for the Christmas program. As a reminder, the Christmas program is this Thursday, December 14th at 1:00 in the main gym at the high school. Ms. Hall thanked Mrs. Legler for all of her work in preparing for the program as well as our custodial and transportation departments for helping make the event happen. TCP has finished the state-required dyslexia screeners. Reports will be sent out to parents. Now TCP will look at that data in combination with the classroom performance data to make sure we have interventions and supports in place where they are needed for the students.
13. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that the TCI Christmas Program is Thursday, December 14th @ 1:00 pm. TCI would like to thank Mrs. Ewen and Mrs. Legler for all of their hard work. 6th grade girls and boys basketball are finishing up their season on the road tonight vs. St. Lawrence. TCI had a good

- turnout on Friday for the 5th and 6th grade wrestling callout. Coach Luesse reported about 50 students on the list that are interested. Science club has started and the students are beginning to work through their books for battle of the books. TCI has started the second round of NWEA testing as well as the second round of IREADY testing to help track the student growth and identify areas of weakness.
14. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report.
 15. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that tomorrow night at 6:30PM is our junior high Christmas program. Last Monday was the high school program. Great job by the music department! Friday evening from 4:30 to 7:30 is Mrs. Harrington's retirement open house. The semester ends this Thursday. Finals begin on Friday, 12/15, and end next Wednesday, 12/20. Congratulations to Jasmine Durando for being awarded the Lilly Scholarship for White County. She would like to attend Purdue or Butler for their Pharmacy programs. Successes happening academically: 75% of sophomores passed ASVAB exam, 9 out of 14 students earned welding certification, 35 students advanced to BPA state competition in March and 2 students passed drone certification on Monday, 12/11. Both girls and boys basketball will be playing over break on 12/27 and 12/28. Wrestlers are at Twin Lakes on Saturday, 12/29. Wishing students and staff a safe and relaxing winter break!
 16. Under New Business, the board approved the resignation of Ms. Kylen McMullen, 5th Grade Maternity Leave. The employment of Ms. Marena Garrett, 5th Grade Maternity Leave and Mrs. Danielle Ramos, Special Education Instructional Aide at TCP. The transfer of Mr. Eric Sharp to Tri-County Jr./Sr. High School Guidance Counselor.
 17. The board approved the transfer of funds from Operations to the Rainy Day fund.
 18. The board approved the Teacher Appreciation Grant and Stipends. The stipends to be paid from the Wind fund to certified staff such as counselors, media specialists and technology integration specialists.
 19. The board approved the FFA, National Soils Judging Contest, Overnight/Out of State Field Trip.
 20. Mr. Culp did the first reading of the updated Support Staff handbook.
 21. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp stated to the board that a school wellness policy is required by the USDA and the IDOE. Any community members wishing to serve on the committee, please contact Mrs. Cheri Frantz, TCSC food service director, regarding upcoming meeting times and additional information.
 22. Mr. Culp reported that Tri-County continues to monitor the potential impact of the solar eclipse on the Tri-County School Corporation. The eclipse is on Monday, April 8, 2024. The concern is the safety of our students and staff looking directly into the eclipse. The other concern is the amount of visitors to the state to view the eclipse. The eclipse is anticipated to occur during the afternoon dismissal.
 23. Mr. Culp stated that it was advised to add additional visitor comments for the individuals to discuss on items that action was taken during the meeting before adjournment.
 24. Next board meeting will be January 8, 2024.