

April 12, 2024

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, April 8, 2024

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2024.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Regular Board Session on Monday, March 11, 2024.
3. Mr. McCracken announced the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month: Junior High School- Clayton DeVries 7th, Madalynn Iseminger 8th, Math: Ryleigh Metzinger, Social Studies: Tyrie Britt, Science: Olivia Ross, English Language Arts: Gardenia DelReal, CTE(Engineering Designs and Development): Connor Ross, Physical Education: Kendall Anderson, Fine Arts (Art): Grace Tyler
4. Students of the Month from Mrs. Holly Hopkins 6th grade ELA class at TCI: Zoey Barrett and Paloma Ortega
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Kirby Carney's 6th grade Math class at TCI: Bryton Cleefman and Brody Foulks
6. Students of the Month from Mrs. Jacque Hageman's Kindergarten class at TCP: Roman Vania and Sophia Rhine
7. There were no visitor's comments.
8. Under the Construction Report, representatives from Baker Tilley provided a virtual presentation to the board.
9. Chief Sweney reported to the board that she completed certification for Child Car Seat Safety Technician during Spring Break. We are currently working towards implementing a plan at the Primary School to hold a car seat safety check once a month, by appointment only, to help educate the public and parents about car seat safety and installation. Resources may also be provided if available, Officer Sweney will be working with the CPS State Coordinator Kathleen Vasilopoulos from our district to help provide resources. During Spring Break, Chief Sweney certified with K-9 Indy through FM during a State Police K9 Workshop to earn their second dual narcotics certification through IPWDA. Chief Sweney will be attending a Social Media Investigations class this week to hopefully learn the skill sets to cut down on the issues with social media that are plaguing the high school and TCI. Officer Sweney will also be attending a Tac-Medic course on April 23rd. This will teach the basics in tactical casualty care during a critical incident. Officer Sweney is currently putting the finishing touches on our final sign draft list for all 3 schools. Officer Sweney, Mr. Culp, Mrs. Pearson, Ms. Hall and Mr. McCracken completed a walkthrough of the Reynolds School for the first phase of completing our Reunification plans as outlined by the "I Love You Guys" Foundation. The group has been working with Chris Springer (White County EMA) to help complete this.
10. There were no Board Committee Reports.

11. Ms. Hall reported to the board that the Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up last month went very well. It was very well attended. We had 32 Preschool families and 21 kindergarten families attend. We have had several preschool families reach out after Round-Up as well. There is now a wait list for the Preschool classes. In preparation for the eclipse, staff from the Remington Library spoke with each class about the eclipse and handed out glasses to each student. Ms. Hall thanked them for visiting the students. Ms. Hall thanked the Sunshine Society from the High School for putting together some spring/Easter activities for our students. It was a little chilly around Easter weekend so they planned some fun indoor activities for everyone to enjoy.
12. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that she would like to thank the Sunshine girls for coming to do some activities with our students for Easter. TCI's Battle of the Books will be at North White during the school day and Math Bowl will be leaving after school to go to Prairie Crossing to compete in their competitions. April 12th 4th graders will participate in Ag Day at the White County Fairgrounds. TCI will have our ILEARN window that opens on April 15th and closes on May 10th. Third graders will have 4 tests that will be completed over 6 days of testing, the 5th grade will have 5 tests that will be completed over 7 days, and both 4th and 6th will have 5 tests that will be split over 8 days. The students will test for approximately 1 hour a day. We look forward to Community Day on April 26th where TCI can go out and give back to our community. TCI started a salad bar on February 12th. The average number of lunches served in January was 127. In February the average jumped to 139.5. The average number of salads served daily is 34.5.
13. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that Mr. Haskins reported to the board that to keep Mr. McCracken and Eloise in our prayers due to a family member passing. Instructional aides Pam Christopher, Deb McClure, Ashlee Zussman, Jeff Misch, Lizbeth Geronimo, Andrea Gretencord, Ashley Brook and Colleen O'Neill were recognized on Paraprofessional Appreciation Day. Christy Young was also recognized on School Librarian Appreciation Day. This past Friday some students received their SAT scores. Tri-County students' scores were above state average and above all test takers averages. Students will be testing for their welding certifications on April 10. The students who had previously passed will be testing for a more challenging certificate. Those who did not pass are able to retest. Some upcoming field trips are 8th graders will be visiting SIA on 4/18, Juniors will be going to Kirby Risk on 4/25 and the Jasper County Career Fair is 4/23. Prom is Saturday, 4/13, from 8 to 11pm at Meadow Springs in Francesville. Board members are welcome to attend.
14. Under New Business, the board approved the Publication of Notice of Hearings.
15. The board approved the Varsity Girls Basketball Team's Overnight/Out of State Field trip to Wisconsin Dells, June 10-12.
16. The board approved the 2024-2025 Support Staff Intent to Rehire as presented.
17. The board approved the superintendent, Mr. Culp, as designee to sign agreements for Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placements.
18. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp presented to the board for Mrs. Shannon Kelly that Technology will be transitioning Tri-County's Content filter to the LineWize model, who is the company that purchased the current Content filter Smoothwall. Technology has started configuring it in the background with plans to make the switch once school ends. The state will be renewing the KnowBe4 Subscription, so Tri-County will be able to continue using that security service for the next 3 years. They are also going to be gaining subscriptions to UDEMY to gain cybersecurity training for school employees. Technology filled out an interest form to utilize CrowdStrike licenses purchased by the state for schools in their second wave of applications. ILearn is getting ready to begin and we do not foresee any issues with Tri-County's technology. In May Shannon will be attending the COSN annual conference in Noblesville with Diane Smith. One of the main focuses will be School RUPs for students/staff/visitors and she looks forward to connecting with other Indiana Technology Directors to

discuss newer trends in technology and how to address those in the RUPs. Therefore an updated RUP will not be available until June.

19. Mr. Culp shared the post-board retreat feedback/comments with the entire board.
20. Mr. Culp reported that there are thirty-one new laws that impact education. An Early Literacy Endorsement is one that he has looked closely at with CTO.
21. Mr. Gerber thanked the administrators and board members for their post-board retreat feedback/comments.
22. There were no visitor comments on the agenda items.
23. Next board meeting will be May 14, 2024.