

September 3, 2024

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, August 12, 2024

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on August 12, 2024.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Work Session and the Regular Board Session on August 12, 2024.
3. There were no visitor comments.
4. Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported to the board that student devices were delivered to the classrooms at the elementary schools and lockers of the Jr/Sr High School prior to the first day of school. Nine teachers attended the Summer of E-Learning conference Ignite in Lafayette. Diane Smith, Jill Bahler and Amber McClatchey went to the Eduprotocols conference this summer. Mrs. Kelly stated that she is excited to have brought Lindsey Schanbacher into the role of Primary ITS. Through the Indiana Office of Technology and the State and Local Cybersecurity Grant Program technology applied for and was accepted to the following programs: KnowBe4 security awareness and phishing email simulation testing, UDEMY online cyber security/ technology training and CrowdStrike.
5. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber reported for the State Legislative Committee. Mrs. Cantrell reported for the Remington Park Board Committee.
6. Ms. Hall reported to the board that TCP has had a great start to the school year. She stated that it has only been three days but she is very pleased with the start they have had. In late July Tri-County offered a verbal de-escalation training for staff through the Special Education COOP. There were twenty-one staff members in attendance. Last Tuesday was TCP's open house. It was very well attended. Families were lined up and down the sidewalk in front of the building. Most classes only had one or two families not attending. Ms. Hall thanked PTO for providing popsicles for the students during the event and the staff for staying later to welcome the families.
7. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that students and staff were excited to be back in the building. Mrs. Pearson thanked the custodial staff for all their hard work this summer. She also thanked Mrs. Sterk for all her work on bussing and helping to distribute all of the books that were delivered in the summer. TCI had a great turnout for back-to-school night. TCI appreciates PTO having popsicles for the students. TCI's current enrollment is 257 which is 10 more than last year. Mrs. Pearson is looking forward to having a great year!
8. Mr. McCracken reported that at the Jr/Sr High School they will be completing Emergency drills over three days. They are the fire evacuation, lock down and earthquake drills. Over the summer there were two handicap doors installed. It is nice to have for the community.
9. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that the first three days are complete at the Jr/Sr High School. Great having everyone back in the building! Seventh graders and new students adjusting well. Congratulations to students for summer successes at fairs, jobs and various athletic teams. There are sixty seniors starting their last first day on Thursday. Senior/parent scholarship meeting is on Wednesday, August 28 in the evening. CTE Teachers recognized on the first staff day were Amanda Alberts, Sara Arvin, Steve Schemerhorn, Kylei Hickner and Travis Scherer. New staff members are CeCe Underwood - Choir, Megan Oilar - Media Specialist, Maria Salvo - ML Instructor, Trev Parker - Business/High school basketball coach and Rose Coley - Kitchen staff. Informed all students about the

policy changes last Friday that were approved by the board. Picture day is Thursday, August 29. The first volleyball scrimmage on Tuesday at Hebron. Football jamboree is at North Newton on Friday. The first cross country meet on Saturday at Munster. Thinking of Class of 2024 - Best wishes to those students.

10. The board approved the employment of Trev Parker, HS Business/Basketball coach; Marena Garrett, 6th grade; Rose Coley, HS Kitchen staff and Officer Aaron Page, Wolcott PD/Tri-County SRO. The resignation of Scott Eberhard, Special Education TCHS and Macy Lowe, Instructional Aide TCI. The transfer of Mrs. Paige Bowman from HS Life Skills to Special Education.
11. The board approved a contract extension for each administrator to include Mr. Haskins, Mr. McCracken, Mr. LeBeau, Mrs. Pearson and Ms. Hall. The extension provides a two-year contract to include the 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 school years.
12. The board approved the advertisement 2025 budget upon completion once completed.
13. The board approved the Tri-County Teacher Effectiveness Process as presented.
14. The board approved Exhibit A: Resolution Determining Need for Projects.
15. The board approved Exhibit B: Resolution Approving Form of Lease.
16. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp discussed with the board the ISBA Fall Conference Dates.
17. Mr. Culp presented the Board with information on Tri-County's property/casualty insurance. Mr. Culp also discussed the possibility of obtaining quotes. The board unanimously agreed to hold tight for a year.
18. Under Visitors Comments on Agenda Items, Mrs. Tieke asked "Is the Dodge Durango new to Tri-County or new?" Mr. Culp answered "New to Tri-County."
19. Next board meeting will be September 9, 2024.