

September 25, 2024

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, September 9, 2024

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 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. Mr. McCracken announced the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month- Lucy Scherer 7th, Austin Pritts 8th, Math: Gage DeYoung, Social Studies: Hannah Alberts, Science: Camden Letson, English: Patrick Woodcock, Culinary Arts: Dory Provo, Fine Arts (Art): Cale Nesius, CTE(Agriculture): Lyla Alberts, Kinley Dahlenburg, Evelyn Gretencord and Gardenia Del Real
4. Students of the Month from Mrs. Buschman's 4th grade class at TCI: Lucy Hall and Aiden Muttschall.
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Tracy Zarse's 5th grade class at TCI: Brooke Earney and Henry Berg.
6. Students of the Month from Mrs. Ashley Hensler's 2nd grade class at TCP: Avery Williams and Brodie LeBeau.
7. There were no visitor comments.
8. Under the Construction Report, Mr. Kris Kingery and Daniel Burns from Gibraltar gave a project update. Mr. Scott Cherry from Skillman gave a budget update.
9. The board approved advertising for issuing bids.
10. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Geib reported for the Ag Committee. Mrs. Cantrell reported for the Remington Park Board Committee.
11. Mr. Culp reported for Ms. Hall to the board that TCP is continuing to have a great start to the school year. Everyone is well into a routine. TCP has been conducting a lot of assessments, especially one-on-one for phonics and language arts. TCP's dyslexia screeners are completed for 1st and 2nd grade students. Last week, teachers finished up the phonics screeners and this week began the NWEA testing window. The next step is to dive into the data for intervention planning. This month begins our swimming lessons for 1st and 2nd grade students. Each class has three swimming lessons this semester. Ms. Hall wants to thank Mrs. LeBeau and Mrs. Tyler for coordinating on this and giving TCP students this opportunity. Last Friday TCP had their first High Five Friday of the school year. It was a fun morning for TCP students. Ms. Hall hopes the school board members can make it to the next High Five Friday on October 4th.
12. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that students have started Student Council. Robotics applications have been turned in. Cross Country and Volleyball have also started. TCI has already had some cross-country meets, and the first volleyball game is Thursday at Rensselaer. TCI has had some students who have moved in since the beginning of the year, but TCI was able to borrow some devices from the Primary building to make sure all of the students had devices. TCI teachers are working to get ready for the first ILEARN checkpoint that is next week. The teachers have been changing their curriculum maps to align with the checkpoints. TCI has started intervention groups to target every student's needs. The students are grouped based on assessments of the standards. The students are then grouped and

instructed to help fill any gaps there might be in their learning or extension activities to help further their understanding of the standard.

13. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report.
14. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that seniors have the opportunity to go to South Newton on 10/1 for a Supreme Court oral Argument. Juniors and Seniors will be going to Benton Central High School on 9/18 for a career fair. ILEARN first checkpoint opens on 9/15. The 7th and 8th graders may test on different days. English and math will not be tested on the same day. Standards will be covered before assessing the students. Nadine Gilkison will be presenting Teaching in the AI era to teachers on Wednesday PLC. She is the technology director for Franklin Township. Thank you to Mrs. Smith and Mrs. Kelly for putting this together. The first marching band competition starts this Saturday and Lawrence Central. The Sunshine homecoming dance is this Saturday night. Parent/Teacher Conferences are on 9/18 from 3:30pm-7:30pm in the main gym. The new teachers at the Jr/Sr High school are getting along well and settling in. Students have adjusted to the cell phone policy that is in place. Teachers have been staying consistent and the subs are also "on board". Fall play practice has started. The Fall play will be on 11/8 and 11/10. The date for Senior Breakfast is 10/17 with the make-up date being 10/18. Football homecoming is this Friday against North White. The band will perform at halftime. Golf conference is next week at DeMotte. Golf sectional is at the end of the month. The TC golf outing was a huge success. It was great seeing so many former athletes back in attendance. Thank you to Mr. LeBeau for putting it together.
15. The board approved the employment of Mr. Rudy Taulman, Maintenance/Grounds and Ms. Angie Martinez, 6th grade IA. The transfer of Miss Diane Young from 6th grade IA to Special Education IA at TCI.
16. The board approved Mr. Shawn McCracken as the School Safety Specialist.
17. The board approved the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy.
18. The board approved the 6th grade Camping Overnight Field Trip to Camp Tecumseh, October 17-18, 2024; FFA Overnight Field Trip to SOAR Conference, October 4-6, 2024; FFA Overnight Field Trip to Soils Competition, October 11-12, 2024; FFA National Convention Overnight Field Trip, October 22-26, 2024, FFA Overnight Field Trip to FIRE Camp and the Washington D.C. Overnight/Out of State Field Trip, June 4-8, 2025.
19. The Board President opened the public lease hearing at this time. After there were no public comments the public hearing was closed and the regular meeting was opened.
20. The board approved the Adoption of Resolution Reapproving Building Corporation.
21. The board approved the Adoption of Resolution Assigning Construction Bids and Contracts.
22. The board approved the Adoption of Resolution Assigning Second Amendment and Third Supplement to Master Continuing Disclosure Undertaking.
23. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp discussed the recently released IDOE revised version of the diploma requirements. The administration and TCCTO have discussed the proposal.
24. Mr. Culp provided the board with historical tax information from EDP.
25. Mr. Culp reminded the board of the upcoming events, October 2, 2024 Public Hearing at 6pm and on October 29, 2024 ISBA Regional Meeting.
26. Under Visitors Comments on Agenda Items, Mrs. Hageman asked "Do we know how many students were serviced from Parallel?" Mr. Culp answered, "I will have to get back to you with the exact number."
27. Mrs. Tieke asked "Did the Building Corporation form because the Corporation can't pay the lease?" Mr. Scott Pyle, Lewis Kappes Attorney, answered "Yes one of the purposes of the Building Corporation is

to incur the preliminary expenses of and to contract for the construction, renovation, expansion and equipment of a school building or buildings.”

28. Mr. Noah Scherer asked “What were the initial problems with the green house?” Mr. Culp answered, “The two heaters were not working. The shades were not functional and needed to be replaced. There is a door that doesn’t stay shut. It needed an overhaul.”

29. Next board meeting will be October 14, 2024.