

November 24, 2024

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, November 11, 2024

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, November 11, 2024.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Regular Board Session on October 14, 2024.
3. Mr. Haskins announced the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month-Junior High School- Paityn Gillette 7th, Zander Kauffman 8th; Math: John Stearns; Social Studies: Logan Jeffries; Science: Landon Zussman; English: Aeden Stewart; Fine Arts (Art): Austin Prater; PE Lifeguarding: Madysen Spencer; CTE (Business): Katrine Larsen
4. Students of the Month from Mrs. Marena Garrett's 6th grade class at TCI: Kassidy Alconedo and Aiden Federer
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Jenny Bryant's 1st grade class at TCP: Graylyn Rund and Rodrigo Ortiz-Ramirez
6. There were no visitor comments.
7. Mr. Culp reported for Officer Aaron Page to the board that he is continuing to complete daily interior and exterior perimeter checks as well as doors and windows and looking for safety and security concerns. He continues to document security concerns as well as items needing attention but maintenance. Assisting with crossing guard duties as needed. He coordinated security/emergency services and attended the sectional football game. He attended four hours of state-mandated defensive tactics training. He responded to and investigated a possible threat in the area of TCI, complaint was unfounded (assisted Wolcott PD and Purdue University Police Department Detectives later concerning the subject mentioned). Took the Durango in for service. Also attended and instructed 12 hours of firearms training (paid by the White County Sheriff's Office). He attended training for ethics at work, code of conduct, diversity, inclusion, and sensory needs or an invisible disability (PTSD, Autism, Dementia, and Strokes).
8. Under the Construction Report, Mr. Culp reported that there was a great turnout for bids. Paul Todoroski, from Skillman, presented a bid report to the board.
9. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Cantrell gave an update on the Remington Park Board and the FACS advisory board. Mrs. Overbeck informed the board that the Superintendent Board Evaluation is coming up. Mr. Culp briefly went over the board of the current board committee assignments. New board committee assignments will be determined during the January organization meeting. Mr. Culp recommended the board begin dialogue on the board assignments knowing Mrs. Cantrell is stepping off soon. Mr. Gerber gave a Business Advisory Board report.
10. Mr. Culp reported for Ms. Hall reported to the board that Parent Teacher Conferences went very well for TCP. There were many positive comments from families and staff about having conferences in the TCP classrooms. Ms. Hall thanked the staff for the time they put into preparing for their conferences and connecting with our families. Ms. Hall also thanked the local veterans and members of the Remington Auxiliary for providing TCP's Veteran's Day program this year. They also joined TCP for High Five Monday, as well as members of the Remington Volunteer Fire Department. TCP appreciated them all taking the time out of their day to greet the students and give them a positive start to their day.
11. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that TCI's Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended. There was great feedback from both families and teachers. Right now TCI's 6th Grade Basketball, Spell Bowl, Robotics, and Student Council are very active in preparing for their respective activities. The Spell Bowl team is traveling to a competition on November 18th for their contest. TCI would like to thank the American Legion, Wolcott Main Street, and the Veterans who attended our program today. Some of the

classes made cards and thank-you signs to help show their appreciation. Mrs. Williams is helping TCI celebrate National Young Readers Week with dress-up days this week and some time to drop everything and read. The second ILEARN checkpoints are coming in December. December 9th the 6th grade choir will be performing at the Wolcott Library at about 2:00 pm. December 11th is the Middle School Band and Choir Christmas Concert. TCI's Christmas Program is December 12 at 1:00 pm in the Main Gym at the Jr/Sr High School.

12. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that the Veterans Day program was well attended by veterans and community members. It was really good to see that many in attendance. Thanks to Ms. Mosier and her culinary students. Thanks to Mrs. Smith, Mrs. Kelly, Mr. Sterk, Miss Underwood, and the custodial staff. Appreciate Lt. Colonel Jay Baer speaking at the program. Juniors and seniors traveling to Reynolds on Thursday morning for Back Home Again in White County. This is a career fair put on by Indian Trails. Suicide Prevention Education Night on Monday, 11/18, at 6:30 PM in the auditorium. The guest speaker is Leslie Weirich, who has lost a teen to suicide. Our entire community is invited to attend. Counselors have started looking at class offerings and begin meeting with departments. Officer Page completed his week-long SRO training and is back in the building. Winter sports have started up. Girls wrestling competed at Delphi. Girls' basketball defeated Pioneer. Boys' basketball started today. Fall sports recap: Cross country - Entire girls team and three boys advanced to regional; Volleyball - lost to SN in sectional championship; Andrea Gretencord - District 9 coach of the year; Football - Finished 7 and 3 with a loss to Taylor in the semi-final round and Marching band season ended on Saturday with them finishing 13th out of 22 schools. A reminder that the fall play happens on Friday, 11/15, at 7:00 PM and Sunday, 11/17, at 4:30 PM. Congrats to all the fall sports teams!
13. There was no old business.
14. The board approved the base bid and both alternates as presented for Tri-County Primary and Intermediate schools.
15. The board approved the 2025 Board Meeting Dates and Times.
16. The board approved the transfer of funds from one major budget classification to another fund.
17. The board approved the Personnel Recommendations as presented.
18. The board approved the payroll ratification and claims docket.
19. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp reported to the board that the Indiana Code requires 62% of Education Funds to be spent on teacher salaries/benefits. The IDOE releases the information to school corporations annually. Tri-County exceeds the requirement with a percentage of 86.3%.
20. Mr. Culp reported that Mrs. Kelly updated the high school cameras are almost done. There were 3 mounts put in the gym and all existing cameras were replaced. The project will be completed before the end of this month. There was very minimal disruption. The images are much clearer now. Thank you to Mrs. Kelly for getting that done. Next year TCP and TCI will get cameras updated.
21. Under Visitor Comments on Agenda items, Mrs. Tieke asked for clarification on the Indiana Code of Education Funds to be spent on teacher salaries/benefits. Mr. Culp responded that 62% is the minimum to be spent on teacher salaries/benefits out of the education fund.
22. Mrs. Tieke asked, "On the Personnel Report was the 2nd recommendation to fill the resignation?" Mr. Culp said, "No just the resignation."
23. Next board meeting will be December 9, 2024.