

October 24, 2024

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, October 14, 2024

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, October 14, 2024.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Regular Board Session on September 9, 2024, and the Public Budget Hearing on October 2, 2024.
3. Mr. McCracken announced the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month-Junior High School- Maci Byrd 7th, Hanna Grimes 8th, Math: Haley DeVries, Social Studies: Aundrea McAdams, Science & Principles of Healthcare: Nevaeh Inman, English: Lela Dreblow, Fine Arts (Art): Kendall Anderson, CTE (Principles of Engineering): Jayce Bowman
4. Students of the Month from Mrs. Cynthia McQuinn's 4th grade class at TCI: Lillian Fout and Jorge Morales Reyes
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Amy Hensler's 1st grade class at TCP: Zayden Wireman and Grace Hoover
6. There were no visitor comments.
7. Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported to the board that the October 1st count day data was certified in DEX last week. Technology is in the bid process for Category I ERate this is for internet service and WAN between buildings. Diane Smith and Lindsey Schanbacher attended the I.C.E. conference. Amber McClatchey also attended one day of the conference. CrowdStrike is fully implemented on staff devices. Technology will be turning on the LineWize content filter over Fall Break to make sure the switch from Smoothwall to LineWize. They have the same parent company. Everything with the switch should transition well. Technology has been ironing out issues behind the scenes.
8. Officer Aaron Page, Tri-County SRO, reported to the board that he has been with White County for 23 years. His first day was September 3, 2024. Since he started he has attended the Jasper County school safety meeting with Assistant Principal McCracken at KV. He attended the Sunshine Homecoming dance, home football games, senior night for the girls volleyball team as well as the Fall choir concert. He has coordinated and assisted with getting assets in place with lighting to ensure everyone's safety as we evacuated the bleachers and from the football game during the power outage. Met with Mr. McCracken, Mrs. Pearson, and Ms. Hall concerning reunification and safety plans in case Tri-County were to experience an emergency where we needed to evacuate students. Set up future meeting dates so they can get plans in place and needed items collected so the program can be implemented. Officer Page spoke during the 8th grade convocation regarding 8th grade bullying, and harassment and how decisions now can follow them and have effects on their lives as they get older. Completed daily interior and exterior perimeter walk a rounds. Checking doors, and windows, looking for safety and security concerns as well as items needing attention by maintenance in all buildings. Documenting security problem areas and looking for solutions to correct them. He attended the SADD meeting and will be helping the program with implementing an Every 15 Minutes Program, assisted with ideas for Red Ribbon Week as well and looking into purchasing impairment goggles as well as ideas on how to use them in a convocation. He has been assisting with crossing guard duties in the Town of Wolcott. He addressed parking issues at TCI. He has assisted several times with transportation of students to school due to missing the bus, no ride or car broke down. Resolved a possible bullying issue near one of the bus stops in Remington after school. Officer Page attended Law Enforcement

State mandated training and will be doing defensive tactics also with firearms training in the coming weeks. Officer Page is scheduled to attend the School Resource Officer Training the first part of November. He has assisted Mr. McCracken and Mr. Sharp with student issues and concerns. He has been speaking with, answering questions, getting to know staff as well as students.

9. Under the Construction Report, Mr. Paul Todoroski from Skillman presented the following timeline: October 1st, 2024 – GDI 100% Drawings; October 3rd, 2024 – Advertisement for bids; October 10th, 2024 – Advertisement for bids; November 5th, 2024 – Receive bids for project; November 6-8th, 2024 – Pre-Award Meetings; November 8th, 2024 – Award Recommendation to Tri County; November 11th, 2024 – Board Meeting – Award; November 12th, 2024 – Notice to Proceed.
10. Kris Kingery from Gibraltar then presented project updates.
11. There were no Board Committee reports.
12. Mrs. Monica Dyke, Tri-County's Family Liaison, reported to the board that it is an honor to be chosen for the position. She has been working with many people including, principals, counselors, community members and parents of students. She is working with Mrs. Demerly, Tri-County Jr/Sr High School counselor, to get TC gear for a TC closet for students who want to have Tri-County gear but are not able to get any. She is helping get home/community support for people with disabilities with the BDDS Waiver. She is using Purposity, a crowdfunding site for specific things for students. They work with school systems and non-profits in local communities to help needs in the area. This can help get items for students that they need. She is working with counselors and administrators for the student mentor program. She helps with making parent phone calls for administration that lead to other things to help families.
13. Ms. Hall reported to the board that TCP Grandparents night was last week that was sponsored by the PTO. Ms. Hall thanked the volunteers and the staff for staying late. There was a great turnout. Most classes had all but 2 or 3 families attend. Ms. Hall thanked the Remington Volunteer Fire Department for visiting TCP last Thursday. The firefighters gave a talk to each grade level about fire prevention and then the students got to see the fire truck. TCP appreciates them taking the time from their day to come and educate the students about fire safety. TCP and TCI as a team were selected as one of 14 schools across the country to participate in an aluminum can recycling program. TCP and TCI are being sponsored by the Ball Corporation. To help kick off the program, Jessica Alexanderson, who has written books about recycling, and Chris Cleefman, TC parent and Ball Corporation employee, come talk to the students about the importance of recycling and what happens to cans when they are recycled. TCP and TCI will be competing against Delphi and West Lafayette elementary schools for a \$1,500 prize. TCP and TCI will also receive all of the money from the can recycling. The contest runs from October 1st-April 1st. There is a very large container by TCP's sign in front of the school. We encourage community members and local businesses to help contribute to our cause. Any aluminum cans are welcome. Ms. Hall thanked Mrs. Anderson for coordinating this grant and our guest speakers, helping bring this opportunity to Tri-County.
14. Mr. Culp reported to the board for Mrs. Pearson that the Volleyball and Cross Country season finished up last week and TCI was able to celebrate with a pep session for the students with some games and teaching students the Cavalier fight song. TCI had 6th-grade basketball callouts and practice starts this week. TCI will have Parent Teacher Conferences on October 22nd at the Intermediate building from 1-8pm. Mrs. Pearson would like to thank Wolcott Volunteer Fire Department for coming and teaching our students about Fire Safety Prevention.
15. Mr. McCracken stated that Officer Aaron Page is going above and beyond. His efforts are appreciated and he has a routine. He is willing to help, stand by or be involved. This has been refreshing. His outside connections are a benefit for our kids.

16. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that the end of the first quarter was last Thursday. Report cards go out on Wednesday, 10/16 via email. The fall choir concert week had very positive feedback, so much appreciation to Miss Underwood for her efforts. Plans are already underway for the band and choir Christmas concerts in December. Senior breakfast is this Thursday in the main gym starting at 9:30AM. The culinary department will be making everything from scratch and will be serving 215 people. ILEARN first checkpoint is complete. Second chance opportunities for both math and ELA are underway. ASVAB assessment is scheduled for Thursday, 11/21. Even though the state doesn't allow the score to fill a graduation requirement, it can be used if a student signs a letter of intent to enroll in the military and earns a score of 30. FFA blood drive on 10/30 in the main gym. Parent Teacher conferences are on 10/22 from 1:00pm to 4:00pm in teachers' classrooms. Scheduling time to meet with teachers is taking place online. Football senior night is this Friday versus North Newton. Cross country and volleyball sectionals are this weekend at Rensselaer and South Newton. Cross country will start at 11:30AM for the girls race and 12:15PM for the boys. Volleyball plays this Thursday in the second match against Caston. On Saturday, the girls will play the second match around 12:45PM to 1:00PM with the championship match starting at 6:00PM. This past weekend, the Cross Country teams competed in the conference races. Girls finished 3rd, the HS boys finished 2nd, the junior high girls finished 3rd and the junior high boys finished 1st. Football sectional is next Friday, 10/25, at home versus North White. Fall play happens on Friday, 11/8, and Sunday, 11/10. Congratulations to our FFA soil judging team that placed 4th in the state competition and will be competing in the national competition in Kansas City in the spring!
17. The board approved of Proof of Publication for the FY2025 Budget as presented.
18. The board approved the Adoption of Capital Projects, Bus Replacement and FY 2025 Budget as presented.
19. The board approved the 2024-2025 Administrative Goals as presented.
20. The board approved the 2024-2024 School Improvement Plans for Tri-County Primary, Intermediate and Jr/Sr High School as presented.
21. The board approved the Memorandum of Understanding for a Girl's Wrestling Coach as presented.
22. The board approved the Remington Carpenter Township Public Library nomination as presented.
23. The board approved the EDP Donation to the Backpack Program and the Ball Corporation Donation to Recycling/Boxtop Fund at Tri-County Primary as presented.
24. The board approved Ms. Ashlee Zussman, Spec. Ed. Instructional Aide at TCHS maternity leave. The employment of Mr. Richard Miller as Spec. Ed. Instructional Aide at TCHS to cover Ms. Zussman's maternity leave.
25. The board approved TCHS Band Out of State Field Trip on November 2, 2024 to Batavia, OH and the TCHS Band Overnight/Out of State Field Trip on November 9, 2024 to Independence, KY.
26. The board approved the transfer of appropriation within Rainy Day for expenses already accrued for the construction project.
27. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp informed the board that at the recent MASE Insurance Trust meeting, the governing board approved an 11% increase.
28. Mr. Culp reported to the board that Tri-County Schools received the School Safety Grant; however, it was not the full award.
29. Mr. Culp thanked the Community Foundation of White County for their generous donation of \$3,000 to the Backpack Program.
30. Mr. Culp informed the board that the Tri-County School Corporation is participating in an audit. The focus of the audit this time is Child Nutrition Cluster only. Thank you to the Corporation office staff and Mrs. Cheri Frantz for their help with this.
31. Mr. Culp thanked Clear Water Solutions for providing drinking water to Tri-County Primary students and staff during the recent boil order in Remington at no cost. This was a lifesaver to be able to continue services for students! Again thank you for your contribution to our students and school!

32. Under Visitors Comments on Agenda Items, Mrs. Amanda Tieke asked” Do we know the amount for the Ball Corporation donation?” Mr. Culp replied “we do not know the amount yet.”
33. Next board meeting will be November 11, 2024.