

February 27, 2025

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, February 17, 2025

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on February 17, 2025.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Regular Board Session and Board of Finance on January 13, 2025.
3. Mr. McCracken presented the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month- Junior High School- Zoey Barrett 7th, Mackenzie Burns 8th; Math: Jasper Scott; Social Studies: Landon Zussman; Science: Phoebe Yeoman; English: Abby Gonzales; Fine Arts (Art): Grace Tyler; Culinary: Brayden Batley; CTE (Business): Joel Lehman
4. Students of the Month from Mrs. Tammy DeVries's 5th grade class at TCI: Evelyn Hutson and Jonathon Surridge
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Heidi Getz's Kindergarten class at TCP: Olivia Clark and London Moon
6. Students of the Month from Mrs. Kara Luck's 1st grade class at TCP: Graham Furrer and Romy Stoller
7. There were no visitor comments.
8. Officer Aaron Page reported to the board that he continues to do a daily routine of interior and exterior perimeter walks, checking doors, windows looking for safety concerns. Documented security concerns as well as items needing attention by maintenance. Assisted with crossing guard duties in the Town of Wolcott. He continues to handle student related matters either during school or after school hours. He attended home sporting events. Conducting regular meetings with Mr. McCracken. Checked weather and road conditions in the area of the schools. Attended two days of training for the relocation program and training. Also attended the Jasper County School safety meeting at KV. Attended a meeting with the White County Chronic Disease/Tobacco Prevention and Cessation Coalition. Registered for Level 3 Crisis Hostage Negotiator recertification training that will take place in April.
9. Paul Todoroski from Skillman presented removal options, tentative cost of removal, and wall structure solutions once the asbestos is removed for the primary school gym.
10. Mr. Culp discussed that with the finding and the need to remove the asbestos it will move the TCP gym construction timeline up. If the gym closes earlier than anticipated there are plans in place for the PE classes to continue during the construction.
11. Mr. Culp discussed the parking lot issue that is occurring due to the construction at the Primary and what the plan is to fix it.
12. Mr. Culp informed the board that Paul Todoroski from Skillman meets monthly with himself and Mr. Bell. There is also a construction meeting that occurs every 2 weeks.
13. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Kilmer gave a report for the Ag Committee. Mr. Gerber gave a Legislative report/ update on current issues.
14. Mr. Culp reported that Ms. Hall had nothing to report.
15. Mr. Culp reported for Mrs. Pearson that TCI had counselors' week and SRO day. We would like to thank Mrs. Brummett for her tremendous efforts. She puts a lot of time into supporting our staff and students and we greatly appreciate her! TCI would also like to thank Officer Page for all his hard work. He is in our buildings and going around checking doors. He also has been willing to help coordinate new routes for the fire drill with the construction. Mrs. Sheets has been working on WIDA testing for our Multi-Language Students and is almost finished. On February 5th the White County REMC came to do a presentation for our 4th graders, we appreciate them taking the time to teach our students about

electricity. February 28th the 6th-grade students will be going to the Challenger Center. On Tuesday, March 4th, and Thursday, March 6th- the 3rd-grade students will take IREAD.

16. Mr. McCracken informed the board that he attended a two-day Reunification training with Officer Page. After attending the training, he feels that he is in a better position to implement the Reunification to the schools. He is wanting to roll it out in August.
17. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that the TCHS is midway through the 3rd quarter grading period. Seniors continue to work on scholarship information. Juniors and seniors attended GoIVY Day on Friday, 2/7. While there they were able to see the different areas at Ivy Tech. This week is National FFA Week. Dress up days planned for the entire week and there are activities in the evening. Commend our students and staff during this time of uncertainty with the weather. There was good attendance during remote learning and engagement is up. ILEARN - 3rd checkpoint for math is scheduled for before spring break. Congratulations to our FFA teams on Saturday. The 4-H Meats judging teams were 2nd and 5th. The Dairy Foods judging teams were 3rd and 15th. Congrats to those students' efforts! Mark your calendars for the spring musical, SpongeBob, on Friday, 3/14 at 7PM and Sunday, 3/16 at 4:30pm. Congratulations to the wrestling program for their MWC championship! Jonathon Pearson and Bryce McMorrow advanced to the regional. Aiden Duniphan and Kevin Martinez advanced to the semi-state. Kevin Martinez the first regional champion in school history! Congratulations to the girls' basketball team on winning both the sectional and conference! Thanks to Gina Anderson for getting both certified and non-certified subs in all three buildings. It is always challenging this time of year. Thank you to Officer Page! We are very grateful for him. He works well with the students and staff! Keeping Mr. Ralph Jeffers, our night custodian, in thoughts and prayers for his upcoming heart procedure.
18. The board approved the Personnel Report as presented.
19. Mr. Culp gave the first reading of the NEOLA Policies Vol.36, No.2 and Vol. 37, No.1.
20. The board approved the annual Remington- Wolcott Community Development Corporation contribution.
21. The board approved for the updated board committee's as follows: Tri-County Community/Development and RWCDC- Bob Gerber and Renee Overbeck; Advisory Board- D. Industrial Technology to include Welding- Jason Kilmer; F. Health Occupation - Cheyenne Suitors
22. The board approved the BPA Overnight Field Trip to Indianapolis and the Wrestling Overnight Field Trip on Friday and Saturday even though it already happened. We didn't want students to miss out on the Regionals due to weather.
23. The board approved the payroll ratification and claims docket.
24. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp informed the board that since November the corporation office has experienced our federal audit. A big thank you to Mrs. Seward, Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Dreblow for their hard work on finding reports, uploading reports and working collaboratively to complete the audit.
25. Mr. Culp informed the board on investment information from Baker Tilly.
26. Mrs. Tieke asked clarifying questions over agenda topics. Mr. Culp answered them.
27. Next board meeting will be March 10, 2025.