

March 17, 2026

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, March 9, 2026

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on March 9, 2026.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Regular Board Session on February 9, 2026.
3. Mr. McCracken presented the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month: Maddox Hensler 7th, Lopaka Zussman 8th; English: Cooper Pierson; CTE(Agriculture): Zander Kauffman; Math: Ava Woods; Social Studies: Alayna Zweck; Fine Arts (Music History): Avery Nagle; Science: Mackenzie Schwartz; Culinary: Kylee Kleist
4. Students of the Month from Mrs. Molly Day's 3rd grade class at TCI: Brodie LeBeau and Addalynn Chadwell
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Melaine Douglas's 3rd grade class at TCI: Amelia Demerly and Harrison Alberts
6. Students of the Month from Mrs. Kara Luck's 1st grade class at TCP: Margaret Hall and Roland Meadows
7. There were no visitor comments on agenda items.
8. Under Monthly Reports, Chief Page gave his monthly report. He also reported that he was able to get all entry doors and necessary windows measured for a quote for window film. Of. Page and Mrs. Kelly went through all four buildings with Pye-Barker getting quotes for new entry systems and door systems. Of. Page also completed a walk through with the gentleman putting on the gospel concert in April.
9. Mrs. Kelly reported to the board that the AI Literacy Guidance Team continues to meet and assess the district on the principles surrounding AI Literacy/Guidance. To be in accordance with the IOT/Cybersecurity/SLCGP Funded services Technology needed to conduct a free cybersecurity assessment in fulfillment of IC 4-13.1-4-8. Mrs. Kelly has already submitted an application for this assessment that is free to Tri-County through Purdue/IU. New student registration forms for the 2026-2027 school year are nearly completed. Once those are completed Technology will begin preparing the returning student registration forms after these are completed.
10. Under Construction, Mr. Culp reported to the board that the bus barn and backpack program construction is making progress. With the continued progress after the permit review the construction is moving forward still in the completion timeline of July. Mr. Culp then reviewed the pay affidavits with the board.
11. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Culp reported to the board that the current RWCDC director is stepping down and they are looking for a new director.
12. Ms. Hall reported to the board that Mrs. Sheets planned some fun activities for the week Read Across America Week last week. A new activity TCP did this year was called masked reader. Four staff members were videoed reading a story while they wore head-to-toe costumes. One video was shared each day and teachers showed it to their classes and then guessed who the staff member was. TCP wrapped things up this morning as Mrs. Schanbacher led a masked reader reveal. The students loved it and the staff did too! Ms. Hall thanked everyone involved in that. This Wednesday a group of Tri-County staff members from across our three buildings is attending a conference in Lafayette that is part of our Preventing Youth Suicide Initiative grant. Tri-County is in year two of this grant program and many initiatives deal with mental health in general. At the conference they will be sharing information on safety planning, ways to engage families in such tough topics, how to sustain initiatives after the grant

ends this June, and guidance on suicide and mental health at the elementary level. Counselors from all three buildings, Mr. Culp and Ms. Hall will be attending.

13. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that thanked Mrs. Williams for her dress up days for Read Across America Week. TCI finished their IREAD tests, and parents have access to those on the Family Portal, which also holds their child's ILEARN test results. TCI is in the middle of taking checkpoint three. Battle of the Books teams have been practicing for their competition, which will be held later this year. Jr. High track starts on Thursday with practice, but the parent meeting is tonight. This coming weekend, there will be an art show at the Junior Senior High School with TCI student artwork displayed as well as art from the other buildings. Next Thursday, the 6th grade will be going to BizTown to finish their Junior Achievement Unit. March is Music Appreciation, and Ms. Sweetman has planned some fun activities for TCI and TCP! On April 1st, the Sunshine Girls will be putting together some Easter Activities for us. TCI's Staff Member of the Month is School Nurse, Mrs. Alicia Mitchell, who goes above and beyond to ensure our students are well taken care of. She is always willing to educate students, staff, and parents on important health and safety needs. We are very thankful for her! This week is Severe Weather Week, and Mr. McCracken has organized a tornado drill that TCI will complete later this week.
14. Mr. McCracken reported to the board that this week is Severe Weather Preparedness Week in that state of Indiana. There is a blood drive going on tomorrow in the gym. Mr. McCracken presented to the board the high school attendance percentage rate.
15. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that the end of the third quarter is this Wednesday, March 11th and report cards are going out on March 18th. Junior high students are taking the third checkpoint in math and ELA the first week of April. An 8th grade information night for parents will be held on Monday, March 16th. The Juniors took the SAT last Thursday. The FFA blood drive is on Tuesday, March 10th in the gymnasium. The musical, Cinderella, and Art show is this Friday and Sunday. Friday the musical starts at 7PM and Sunday it will start at 4:30PM. A work-based learning informational meeting for local businesses will be held on Tuesday, March 31st at 6:30PM in the auditorium. Mr. Haskins congratulated Emily Bullington for advancing to the regional in gymnastics. He also congratulated Tanner Dillion for advancing to the state in band ensemble and receiving a gold rating. Mr. Haskins wished the boys basketball team good luck on Saturday. This is the 4th year in a row that the boys basketball team has been sectional champs! They play Fort Wayne Canterbury at 4PM at Huntington North.
16. Under New Business, the board approved the retirement of Mrs. Teresa Earney, Tri-County Primary Nurse. The resignation of Mrs. Lori Wittke, Tri-County Jr/Sr High School Art Teacher and Mr. Greg Douglas, Tri-County Jr/Sr High School Special Education Teacher. The employment of Ms. Kylie Farris, Tri-County Jr/Sr High School Agriculture Teacher; Ms. Jenna Mesker, Tri-County Jr/Sr High School E/LA teacher; Ms. Ronelle McVey, Tri-County Jr/Sr High School E/LA Teacher; Ms. Kylie Foster, Tri-County Intermediate 5th grade teacher and the termination of Natasha Howard as presented.
17. The board approved the Declaration of Surplus Goods as presented.
18. The board approved the BPA Overnight Field Trip to Indianapolis March 8- March 10, 2026 as presented.
19. The board approved the Tri-County Jr/Sr High School Course Description Handbook as presented.
20. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp reported to the board that the Tri-County School Corporation ECA Audit exit meeting was on February 26, 2026. Mr. Culp was happy to report that there were no findings.
21. Mr. Culp thanked Dr. Brandi Schemerhorn for her time working on the school board. He appreciates all the time that she has put in over the years and wished her the best of luck on future endeavors!
22. Mr. Culp announced that there is a school board member position open and that if anyone is interested, they need to send a letter of interest to Mr. Jason Kilmer at Tri-County School Corporation, 105 N 2nd St, Wolcott, IN 47995. The deadline for the letter of interest is Friday, March 27, 2026 at 3pm.
23. There were no visitor comments.

24. The next board meeting will be April 13, 2026.