

January 15, 2019

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, January 14, 2019.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, January 14, 2019.  
The following topics were covered:

1. Karla Buntin administered Oath of Office to Board members, Mr. Robert Gerber, Mr. Kyle Arvin, and Mr. Don Pampel.
2. Board elections were held with Mr. Pampel as President, Mr. Gerber as Vice-President and Mr. Arvin as Secretary.
3. The Board approved the re-appointments of Marsha Bell as Treasurer and Karla Buntin as Assistant Treasurer with amount of bond at \$75,000.
4. The Board approved the Board attorney, Mrs. Monica Conrad (Lewis Kappes Attorneys at Law).
5. The Board approved the Board Committees as they were last year.
6. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Dr. Cathy Rowe recognized and presented diplomas to mid-term graduates, Ms. Ashley Murray and Mr. Elijah Marscado.

Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mr. Hagan introduced Eric Sharp, Holly Cook, and Aimee Clark, Robotics Coaches for Tri-County Intermediate students. Mr. Eric Sharp thanked the many supporters from the community for helping to make the teams possible. There were several students present to demonstrate on how the Robotics worked and many questions were asked of the students.

7. Ms. Hall announced the Students of the Month:  
Celie Cochran, Nathan Lehman

Mr. Hagan and Jill Bahler announced the Students of the Month:  
Sydney Stoller, Kolby Hathaway

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:  
Junior High School – Will Getz, Christian Wallace  
High School – Evan Bowles

Social Studies – Chase Kirby  
Science – Jessica Ingram  
PE/FACS/Health – Bailee LaCrosse  
Math – Evan Bowles  
Fine Art – Gloria Reyes  
CTE (Agriculture) – Blaine Vandever  
E/LA: Makayla Wynstra

8. Dr. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, updated the Board members on the renovation. The kitchen freezer unit is complete, front canopy is complete. The flag pole and sidewalks will be delayed until spring. The secure entrance at the high school is completed, and the lockers were installed over Christmas Break and the built-in trash reciprocals are under fabrication and the partition installation will be done in the next couple of weeks. The Band Room renovation is nearly complete except for installation of sound panels, with the carpet being completed Wednesday or Thursday of this week. Demo is complete on the Primary School secure entrance, with the entrance doors installed. The demo has started on the Ag Welding area and work is scheduled for February, 2019. The high school kitchen HVAC is scheduled for Spring Break, 2019 and restrooms are scheduled for late February through mid-March. The demo of old chiller is complete, and the new concrete pad is complete, with electrical work nearly complete, and completion target for chiller replacement is March 31, 2019. The Pool project demo is ongoing and electrical work is progressing.
9. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the technology department is working with the Corporation testing coordinator to answer any technical questions in regards to the State Wide Readiness Test January 23, 2019 for the upcoming ILearn tests for students 3 – 8. The Middle School Library Database and the High School Database will be merged since Mrs. Young manages both now, and being one building, this will result in a \$535 savings this year, and an \$1100 savings going forward. The technology department is working with Mr. Sharp to prepare for the upcoming robotics Competition that the Tri-County Junior/Senior High School will be hosting on Saturday, January 26, 2019. Mrs. Kelly reported that new copiers are being installed at TCP, TCI, and 2 at the high school.
10. The Board approved the resignation of Diane Gilbert, part-time custodian at Tri-County Primary School, effective Friday, January 11, 2019.
11. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Jerry Sanders, as a Special Education bus driver transporting students to South Newton, at a rate of \$12.63 an hour, effective December 19, 2018.
12. The Board approved the employment of Pamela Bennett, as a temporary replacement for a maternity leave as the Secretary at Tri-County Intermediate starting January 4, 2019 through February 1, 2019, for 42.5 hours per week at the rate of \$11.44 per hour.
13. The Board approved the employment of Angela Schultz, as a cook at Tri-County Junior/Senior High School effective immediately for 6.5 hours per day at the rate of \$10.37 per hour.
14. The Board tabled any action on the School Transportation bids for the 2019-2023 School years so that they may review the bids. Action on the bids will take place at the February Board meeting.
15. The Board approved the Disposition of Old Outstanding Checks. No later than March 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, the Treasurer shall prepare or cause to be prepared a list in duplicate of all checks outstanding for two or more years as of December 31<sup>st</sup> of last preceding year. The original copy shall be filed with the Board of Finance of the School Corporation and the duplicate copy maintained by the treasurer. This list is in the amount of \$1,274.94.
16. The Board approved a Band field trip request to Ireland, during Spring Break 2020.

17. The Board approved an Out of State field trip request from Mr. Travis Scherer and Ms. Haley Verhaeghe, FFA Sponsors, to take the FFA members to Timer Ridge Ski Resort, Gobles, MI on Saturday, February 23, 2019, during FFA Week.
18. The Board approved to declare some old elementary desks, chairs, and some old document cameras from the high school as surplus property. Legally, the corporation must declare the property as surplus. Surplus property that has a value less than \$1,000 may be disposed of via private sale or through Public Surplus.
19. Counselors Mrs. Sally Siela, Mrs. Darla Crabb, and Mrs. Becky Luebcke presented a brief update on the Lilly Grant on what has been done between July, 2018 and December, 2018 and what they plan to do from January, 2019 through June, 2019. They have attended conferences, meetings that are held monthly, held many activities for students and work with Mentors, Patty and Mike Godlove, just to name a few.
20. Mr. Culp thanked the staff, Board members, students, and community for his warm welcome and is excited about being at Tri-County.
21. Ms. Elaine Hall reported to the Board members that another great Christmas Program was performed and she thanked Mrs. Chris Legler for all of her hard work to make this happen. Ms. Hall thanked the PTO for working with all of the students to make a craft to take home for Christmas gifts, and announced that this coming Friday, January 18, is High Five Friday at the Primary School and everyone is welcome to come participate in welcoming the students into school Friday morning. Ms. Hall reported that she will be taking a small group of teachers to Noblesville, for a Professional Development on Personalized Learning on February 8, 2019.
22. Mr. Brian Hagan reported to the Board members that there will be a Robotics Competition at Tri-County Junior/Senior High School on January 26, 2019. A Professional Development was held recently at the Intermediate School for teachers to learn more about the test ILearn, and a practice test will be done next Wednesday for this test. Mr. Hagan announced that the Spell Bowl, consisting of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> graders placed 9<sup>th</sup> in the State. Mr. Hagan reminded everyone that on February 10, 2019, the Harlem Wizards will be playing some staff members at the Tri-County Junior/Senior High School Gym at 3:00 p.m.
23. Mr. Shawn McCracken reported to the Board members that all 8<sup>th</sup> grade students will be having a Pizza Party for having the best attendance from the 1<sup>st</sup> semester, with about 96.7% attendance. Mr. McCracken also reported that after the West Central/Tri-County Boys Basketball game, one of the officials wrote a letter to the IHSAA and commented on the sportsmanship between both teams, and what a fun and competitive game it was, and he commented that both coaches should be proud of their teams.
24. Dr. Cathy Rowe reported to the Board members that Saturday, January 19, the Junior High Robotics team will have a competition. Dr. Rowe announced that the counselors are discussing courses and curriculum at this time, as they will be scheduling student's classes real soon for the next school year and the NWEA testing is complete. Dr. Rowe announced that Tri-County has been notified that Tri-County is the recipient of a Resilient Youth Initiative Planning Grant from North Central Health Services. This grant seeks to assist schools in developing youth resilience through evidenced-based social-emotional competency, drug resistance, and mental wellbeing curriculums. Dr. Rowe and

4 other staff members will be traveling to Washington DC for a conference called Creating Trauma Sensitive Schools in February, 2019.