

February 13, 2019

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, February 11, 2019.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, February 11, 2019. The following topics were covered:

1. Ms. Hall and Laurel Sheets announced the Students of the Month:  
Aubrie Luck, Whitley Gretencord

Ms. Hall announced the Students of the Month:  
Faith Hoover, Harry Hall

Mr. Hagan and Mandy Taulman announced the Students of the Month:  
Kami Wilkerson, Brayden Batley

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:  
Junior High School – Ariana Dominguez  
Sammy Bunjan

High School – Brooklynn Miller

Social Studies – Anna Pilotte  
Science – Karson Harris  
PE/FACS/Health – Sammy Fields  
Math – Chase Stearns  
Fine Art – Brooklyn Miller  
CTE (Agriculture) – Payton Brooke  
E/LA: Elysia Fowler

2. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Dr. Cathy Rowe and Mr. Shawn McCracken gave a presentation on the TCJSHS Referendum Update. They presented a quick review of the referendum, a view from the Junior/Senior High School in regards to hiring an additional counselor, was involved with the Four County Counseling Contract, was able to use a Family Social Worker along with 3 other area school districts, able to increase the Art position to a full time position, able to return the Athletic Director/Transportation Director to one full time person, was able to hire a Targeted Intervention Coordinator for Grades 7, 8, and 9, and able to appoint a cook to a Food Director and hire an additional cook for the Junior/Senior High School. This referendum also helped retain current positions for continued reduction in class size and all programs and departments stayed intact. Dr. Rowe and Mr. McCracken was very appreciative for the referendum in helping put kids and programs first, and the Board and Community continue to focus on TC accolades to share the great news with the public/community.
3. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the technology department is working on the annual CRDC Report. Much of the data is a repeat of data that has already been reported to the DOE during State reporting periods. Period 2 DOE-ME is in the sign off phase, and we reported 651 students for period 2, up

4 students from the fall count of 647 students. Mr. Eric Sharp ran a great first annual TC Robotics competition, very successful, well-staffed, and ran near flawlessly. The technology department continues to share security tips and digital citizenship tips with staff to help grow awareness.

4. Under the Board Committee Reports, Mr. Kilmer reported that he had attended an Ag Advisory Board meeting, where curriculum and enrollment increase was discussed along with CTE and what the expectations were for that, and they were shown the renovated shop area and Mr. Kilmer was very impressed with that area. Mr. Gerber reported about the Legislative and reported that Dr. Jennifer McCormick, State Superintendent of Public Instruction, is not planning on running again when her term is up, and they seem to be battling among themselves in regards to Charter Schools. Once Dr. McCormick's term is up, it sounds like this will become an appointed position. Mr. Pampel reported that there is a RWCDC meeting scheduled for Tuesday, February 12, 2019, with no news to report at this time.
5. Dr. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, and Mr. Joe Briggs, Gibraltar Representative, updated the Board members on the renovation. The built-in trash reciprocals are under fabrication and the partition installation is complete. The Band Room renovation is nearly complete except for installation of sound panels, which have been ordered. The Primary School secure entrance, is waiting on casework and hopefully will be completed by the end of February. The Ag Welding area will be completed by the end of February, 2019. The high school kitchen HVAC is scheduled for Spring Break, 2019 and the chiller replacement should be completed by March 31<sup>st</sup> or earlier. The Pool project is ongoing and electrical work is progressing. Mr. Briggs reported on that about 2/3 of the tile needs replaced and the remainder of the tile needs to be regouted. Much discussion was done between the Board members, Dr. Crimmins and Mr. Briggs.
6. The Board approved the Second Reading NEOLA Board Policy changes as written.
7. The Board approved the 2019-2023 Bus Bids as stated.
8. Mr. Culp reported that Mr. McCracken and he met with Sheriff Bill Brooks on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 to discuss bringing a trained School Resource Officer (SRO) to Tri-County School Corporation. Sheriff Brooks is very supportive of helping the schools and will be at the March 11<sup>th</sup> Board meeting to discuss the matter further. Mr. McCracken reported that they will be tag teaming with Jasper County and the Sheriff from Jasper County will be in attendance that the March 11<sup>th</sup> meeting also. There is a 3 week training period and how many days and number of hours a SRO would be needed at school will need to be decided. Mr. McCracken will apply for a School Safety Grant that opens in March, 2019 and Mr. Culp is hoping for approval sometime in August, 2019.
9. The Board approved the resignation of Mrs. Andrea Gretencord as the Head Volleyball Coach effective immediately.
10. Mr. Culp reported that Mrs. Kasey Lock, White County Family Support Specialist, has turned in her resignation. Frontier is the LEA, so no action is required from Tri-County.
11. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Richard McClure, in a Maintenance position for Tri-County School Corporation effective immediately for 8 hours per day, 3 days/week at the rate of \$16.48 per hour.

12. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Rick Bennett, for the Varsity Baseball Coach effective immediately.
13. The Board approved to allow the treasurer of the school corporation to transfer money from one major budget classification to another in order to ensure that at the end of the year each function have a positive balance as required by the State Board of Accounts.
14. Mr. Culp reported to the Board members that Monday, February 18<sup>th</sup> will be an eLearning Day for Tri-County. The date was not originally a school day, however, due to the number of missed schools days, we will conduct school. Also, Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> School will be in session. The date was the only built in make-up day in the school calendar. Make-up dates will also be Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday, May 28<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Culp thanked our maintenance, custodial, bus drivers, and Bob Shallenberger for the dedication and effort in snow removal and getting the buildings prepared for school during the month of January. Mr. Culp also announced that on Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>, the Board of Trustees and the building-level administrators will conduct a Work Session. The goal of the Work Session is to continue the positive progress and conversation regarding strategic planning made during the Facilitated Board Workshop.
15. Ms. Elaine Hall reported to the Board members that they celebrated 100 days of school, and the PTO sponsored the Harlem Wizards on Sunday, February 10 and it was very enjoyable and well attended. Tri-County Primary School will be busy in the upcoming weeks, with Riley Week, Acts of Kindness Week and Read Across America Week.
16. Mr. Brian Hagan reported to the Board members that he wanted to thank the PTO for sponsoring the Harlem Wizards instead of doing the Carnival this year. The Robotics competition held at the Tri-County Junior/Senior High School went very well and the Junior High team was combined with the Elementary teams and they did really well. Mr. Hagan also wanted to thank Remington TIF for the \$25,000 money for the STEM program. Mr. Hagan reported that several staff members, along with himself and Dr. Schemerhorn, went to Purdue to learn more about Hydroponics Systems and will receive 4 systems at the Intermediate School. The Intermediate School will also participate in Riley Week.
17. Mr. Shawn McCracken reported to the Board members that there will be convocation for all Junior High and High School students on February 21, with a program called "It's My Life". This will include resources for teachers to share with their students.
18. Dr. Cathy Rowe reported to the Board members that the Junior/Senior High School will also participate in Riley Week, and ISTEP testing will begin this week. Another Career Café is scheduled for Friday with FFA Week is scheduled the week of February 18. PRIDE Senior Seminar will be February 27 at Tri-County. Dr. Rowe reported that several staff members along with Dr. Rowe will be attending a Resilient Youth Conference in Washington DC on February 18-20, 2019, and Dr. Rowe has invited several staff members to attend a one day conference at the Corporation Office on April 23, 2019 through the Resilient Youth Grant. Dr. Rowe also thanked the Remington TIF for the STEM money that was received.
19. Mr. Gerber asked that everyone keep the Blume Family in their prayers.