

March 13, 2019

TO: Media

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

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

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

1. Under Visitor's Comments, Lily Hagan and Lizzie Schemerhorn shared information and to raise awareness about plastic straws. Plastic Straws are dangerous for sea life, do not break down all the way in landfills, and just bad for the environment. The girls asked that everyone use paper or card board straws, and wants Tri-County to be aware of the use of plastic straws.

Under Visitor's Comments, Mrs. Mandy Taulman, CTO Representative, wanted everyone to know that the teacher's appreciate Mr. Patrick Culp and has made his presence known in each of the school buildings, talking and listening to teachers. Mr. Culp has been invited to have lunch in each of the school buildings and feels like Mr. Culp is off to a great start.

2. Mrs. Jacque Hageman announced the Students of the Month:  
Emma Neal, Logan Kaeb

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Natasha Demerly announced the Students of the Month:  
Ava Woods, Zack Bramlett

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:  
Junior High School – Tessa DeWitt  
James Dreblow

High School – Justin Walder

Social Studies – Kylie Foster  
Science – Bryce Poindexter  
PE/FACS/Health – Justin Walder  
Math – Bradley Reynolds  
Fine Art – Madie Metzinger  
CTE (Business) – Nick Paad  
E/LA – Darian Pinkerton

3. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Ms. Mollie Mosier, FACS Teacher, and 6 students of the 9 Culinary Arts & Hospitality II class, served an appetizer bar to the Board members before the meeting and then gave a presentation on how they got started doing a café for teachers about once a month, and how the numbers have increased every time they have another café. The students have learned time management, teamwork, recipe building, grocery shopping and figuring costs for each meal. The 6 students present were Taylor Doty, Calista Kyburz, Bailee LaCrosse, Olivia Miller, Ashlynn Springer-Pride, and Jasmine Southard.

Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mr. Hagan asked Mr. Eric Sharp and Mrs. Jill Bahler, Math Bowl sponsors, and the students present to come up front. Mr. Sharp and Mrs. Bahler explained that they begin practices in January and competitions start in February. Mr. Sharp commented that this is the 5<sup>th</sup> year that they have been top in the State. The team consists of 9 sixth graders and 3 fifth graders. This year they were 4<sup>th</sup> out of about 150 teams.

4. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the 2019 IDOE Tech Plan just opened up March 1. The technology department is preparing for the upcoming IREAD test next week at Tri-County Intermediate School, and ISTEP testing was this past week. The Junior High School and High School database were successfully merged in Atrium to give Mrs. Christy Young one location for checking out books at the Junior/Senior High School.
5. Under the Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber reported that there is a scheduled meeting for RWCDC on Tuesday evening, March 12, 2019. Mrs. Cantrell reported that the Remington Developmental Commission had a meeting last week and Mr. Hagan made a presentation on how the schools had used the TIF money for STEM and the many projects that was done because of the grant money. Mrs. Cantrell felt that the 3 schools would once again receive the grant money. Mr. Pampel reported that the Remington Park Board is moving forward on their plans with the students coming up with the designs and they will be presented to the Town of Remington,
6. Dr. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, updated the Board members on the renovation. Bryan Musser is still planning on relocating the flagpole this spring. The final bathroom will be completed the same time as the partitions are put in. The band room is complete except the sound boards and they will be put on during spring break. The Tri-County Primary area is complete and the office is relocated once again where it was. The Ag welding area should be complete by mid-April and the kitchen's HVAC should be completed over spring break or early summer at the latest. The new chiller unit should be completed by the end of March. The demo is complete in the pool project, with the completion of the concrete being poured around the gutters and the pool will have a completion date of June if not sooner.
7. Mr. Culp welcomed White County Sheriff Bill Brooks, and Jasper County Sheriff Pat Williamson. Both Sheriff Brooks and Sheriff Williamson talked more about the School Resource Officer. Each briefly talked about some similar situations in other area schools with hopes of building trust between the students and the Officer while at school. Both Sheriff's would work with Tri-County Administration and Board members to help them decide what they want a SRO to do for Tri-County. It would be more beneficial to have a full time officer so that the students get used to the same person and not have a different officer every time.
8. The Board approved the resignation of Mr. Dalton Justice, Instructional Assistant at TCI, effective immediately. Mr. Justice's last day was March 7, 2019.
9. Mr. Culp reported the transfer of Mr. Jordan Bennett from part-time to full-time position, replacing Mr. Dalton Justice at Tri-County Intermediate School. No Board action is required for this transfer.
10. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Pam Bennett as a part-time Instructional Assistant at Tri-County Intermediate School, effective immediately.

11. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Taylor Alter as an evening custodian at Tri-County Primary School effective February 19, 2019. This is a 3 Hour/day job at \$11.42 an hour.
12. The Board approved the Food2School Membership, which is a group of school child nutrition professionals formed together to procure competitive sealed proposals to best help district school nutrition programs with their fiscal budgetary needs.
13. The Board approved the Course Description Guide for the 2019-20 school year. Some courses have been added to complete pathways, which are needed to complete graduation requirements.
14. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding between Frontier School Corporation and Tri-County School Corporation, in the event if a WHIN Regional Cultivation Fund grant is received. This project involved agriculture, sensor technology, and data analytics.
15. The Board declared some old ping pong tables, and archery equipment 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 Auction.
16. The Board approved an overnight field trip request from Mrs. Lynette Michal and Mr. Mark Gretencord who will be taking students to a retreat to Monticello who participated in the Every 15 Minutes program leaving March 20 and coming back on March 21, 2019.
17. Mr. Culp reported to the Board members that he wanted to congratulate Mr. Brian Hagan who was recently named the IASP (Indiana Association of School Principals) District #4 President. Tri-County School Corporation recently completed a required school safety audit from the IDOE. A big thanks to Mr. McCracken for the communication and organization. Also, compliments to Mr. Hagan for his assistance on this endeavor. For the record, in the past month Tri-County has enjoyed a safety audit from the Department of Education, a financial audit from the State Board of Accounts, and a federal lunch audit. A huge thanks to our school administration, Cheri Frantz, Marsha Bell, Karla Buntin, and other staff during this audit season. Congratulations to Tri-County teacher, Mrs. Darla Harrington for receiving the BPA Distinguished Service Award on Sunday, March 9 at 7:45 p.m. in Indianapolis. Darla Harrington has been an advisor for BOA for 25 years. During that time, she served as Regional coordinator for 13 years and State Executive Board for six years. Over the years, she has had several students make it to state and national competitions. She has had 18 students make top 10 at nationals with 5 first place winners. Her chapter has participated in several initiatives and countless community hours over the years. In 2013, her chapter received the National Outstanding Achievement Award for Community Relief.
18. Mr. Brian Hagan reported to the Board members that he wanted to thank Mr. Eric Sharp, Mrs. Aimee Clark and Mrs. Holly Cook for their help with the Robotics and the State Competition. The spring Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on March 20, from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. at Tri-County Intermediate for both elementary schools. The IRead tests will be next Tuesday, March 19, 2019.

19. Mr. Shawn McCracken reported to the Board members that the State Tornado Drills will be held next week.
20. Dr. Cathy Rowe reported to the Board members that the Spring Musical is scheduled for Friday evening, March 15, and Sunday afternoon, March 17, 2019. A convocation is planned for all high school students next Wednesday, March 20. Incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students and their parents are invited to the school on April 2, 2019 for an evening meeting to introduce the students to the Junior High School.