

May 14, 2019

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, May 13, 2019.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, May 13, 2019.

The following topics were covered:

1. Under Visitor's Comments, Mr. Culp read a note from Mrs. Mandy Taulman, CTO Representative, and 6th Grade teacher, who could not attend the meeting. Mrs. Taulman wanted to thank everyone who showed support of the walk-in in any way. Whether you brought a shirt and came to one of the buildings, wore red for that day, or even had conversations with those around you to explain the situation of poor public school funding, your efforts were appreciated. Thank you! Mrs. Taulman also wanted to invite anyone interested to TCI on Thursday, May 16, 2019. Mrs. Taulman has been in communication with Senator Buchanan for the past few months, and he has reached out wanting to talk to teachers and see the great things that Tri-County has to offer. Senator Buchanan will be at TCI starting at about 11:00 on Thursday so he can be there through teacher lunches, and then he will be speaking to the 6th graders. Feel free to stop in and say hello at any point. As always, whether there is a senator there or not, you are all always welcome in my classroom. The invitation is always open. Thanks for all you do. It's a thankless job, but a so very, important one. Our kids matter! Mandy Taulman

2. Ms. Elaine Hall and Mrs. Rachel Pilotte announced the TCP Students of the Month:
Aleece Williamson, Dawson Iseminger

Ms. Marilyn Maxwell announced the TCI Students of the Month:
Makenzie Schwartz, Graham Scherer

Dr. Rowe announced the Students of the Month:
Junior High School – Peyton Melchi
Emily Tressler

High School – FFA Members – Andy Douglas
Anna Douglas
Blayne Vandever
Layton Randolph

Andy Douglas and Anna Douglas briefly talked about their trip and contest in Oklahoma. Their soils team placed 12th out of 102 teams.

3. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Ms. Elaine Hall and Mrs. Rachel Pilotte talked and provided a few pictures on the screen of the Tri-County Primary After School Clubs. Ms. Hall asked for teacher volunteers and the teachers who volunteered were, Art with Mrs. Amanda Alberts, Coding with Mr. Eric Sharp, Games with Mrs. Ashley Hensler, Makerspace with Mrs. Rachel Pilotte and Decorating Cupcakes with Ms. Hall. These clubs met 3 times after school and hopefully the clubs can be expanded next year. About 30 students participated.

4. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mr. Culp presented the Indian Trails Cooperative CTE Teacher Awards and Business Partner Award. The CTE Teacher Awards went to Lou Salvadore, Industrial Arts, Mollie Mosier, FACS, Travis Scherer, Agriculture, Darla Harrington, Business, and Ryan Harrington, Business. Mrs. Lori Anderson, Wolcott Café, received the Business Partner Award. Mr. Travis Scherer reported that Tri-County received the Outstanding Ag Program Award for Indiana.
5. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mrs. Sarah Schambach, Co-Sponsor of the 2018-19 Junior High Robotics teams, showed some pictures and brought along 4 team members to briefly talk about their Robotics. Lily Hagan, Lucas Misch, Connor Ross, and Jasmine Durando talked about the challenges, but have also learned teamwork, cooperation, patience, trial and error, and lots of practice. Next year's challenge will be different than this year.
6. At this time, a patron (Grandfather of one of our Elementary students) asked if he could say something, and he is very pleased with what is happening at Tri-County and hoped that we would continue Art, Robotics and Reading. He stated that he wanted to compliment Tri-County School Corporation, which was much appreciated.
7. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that in regards to the testing, there is an open ticket with them in regards to a couple of error messages we saw regularly. The first attempts at contacting the help desk, they assured Mrs. Kelly it was merely a warning and that it was an issue on their end, with their servers not responding fast enough. TC was advised to shut down our chrome books and restart them. We continued to see the error regularly each day we started testing. Mrs. Kelly was able to get a level II support person during a phone call, but they continued to say it was nothing to worry about, and still problems on their end. Finally Mrs. Kelly was contacted by the tech support level two manager last Thursday, and since the phone call, we have not had the errors, except for maybe one student out of 45. Mrs. Kelly has also been in contact with Dr. Charity Flores from the DOE in regards to the lack of transparency/lack of communication from their tech support on ways to troubleshoot this particular issue. No issues were seen during IRead or the practice tests. The technology department are preparing for summer replacement cycles of equipment. Also, the Category II E-Rate funding commitment letter came April 27, so the new access points can now be ordered and installed this summer.
8. Under the Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber reported that last Saturday, May 11, 2019, there was a Wine-a-Rita 5k Fun Run at Carpenter Creek Cellars with about 80 participants. Also scheduled for Tuesday, May 14, 2019, is the Annual meeting at the Remington Train Depot at 5:30 p.m. and this is a combined meeting for Remington and Wolcott Communities. Dr. Schemerhorn reported that she is on the FACS Advisory Committee and a meeting was held and Dr. Schemerhorn was very impressed with all the plans of the future and what they are doing for Tri-County students. She also reported that the TCEF met a couple of weeks ago and the Spring Grant applications were reviewed and several teachers received grants for the Spring Semester.
9. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, updated the Board members on the renovation. The target date for the pool project is the end of June, 2019. A Work Session was held at the high school this evening to learn and see the progress of the construction. Since some of the projects came in a little less than expected, Gib passed out a list of additional improvements that need to be done if the Board felt like this was the time to do them.

10. The Board approved to accept the list of additional improvements to be completed at this time.
11. The Board did ask for more detail from Gib Crimmins and Bryan Musser on the TC inlay and will take action on that at the June meeting.
12. Ms. Elaine Hall reported to the Board members that the Primary School has been very busy and the STEM/Art Fair was very successful. The Kindergarten Roundup was held with 60 students registered at the present time, and 38 students registered for preschool. The Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and the Mentor Appreciation Luncheon were both held and well attended. April 25, Tri-County Community Day was held and the students did many things for community members on this day. There was a Family Game night held at the Primary School and it was very well attended and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Ms. Hall reported that the Reading Adoption is this year and 5-6 companies were studied by Mr. Brian Hagan and Ms. Hall along with most of the Elementary teachers in both buildings. After much thought and discussion it was once again decided to go with Houghton Mifflin. Ms. Hall received the proposal today and passed a sheet out to each of the Board members. Mr. Culp asked that the Board members decide on this proposal tonight, so that the books may be ordered as soon as possible, for delivery to happen before school starts.
13. The Board approved the Reading Adoption's proposal as presented.
14. Mr. Culp reported that Mr. Brian Hagan and Mr. Shawn McCracken are at the School Safety Conference today, May 13 and tomorrow, May 14, 2019.
15. Dr. Cathy Rowe reported to the Board members that the on April 23 a Staff Conference/Professional Development was held with Dr. Lori Desautels, talking about social-emotion issues facing our students and training on how to help them deal with the issues. Several teachers worked together for Curriculum Writing. Dr. Rowe reported that the ILearn testing is completed, High School Curricular Awards is scheduled for Friday, May 17th, at 6:30 p.m., Finals begin on Wednesday, May 22 and end on May 28th, students last day of school. Senior Night is scheduled for Friday, May 31st, at 6:30 p.m. and Graduation on Sunday, June 2, at 2:00 P.M.
16. The Board approved the resignation of Mr. Graham Lyon, Chemistry teacher, effective at the end of the 2018-19 school year.
17. The Board approved the resignation of Ms. Tonya Carty, High School cook, effective April 30, 2019.
18. The Board approved the resignation of Mrs. Angela Schultz, High School cook, effective at the end of the work day on May 1, 2019.
19. The Board approved a Maternity Leave request from Mrs. Natasha Demerly, 5th Grade teacher, from August 7 through September 3, 2019.
20. Mr. Culp reported that the Summer School Program would be in two sessions this year, Session I – June 3rd -13th, and Session II – July 22nd – August 1st, 2019. There will be a Kindergarten Camp sponsored by the White County United Way covering all the costs. Depending on if enough students take summer school, the following will be taught:

TCI STEM Language Arts/Reading – Mrs. Tammy Justice
TCI STEM mathematics – Mrs. Holly Cook/Mrs. Molly Brown
6th Grade Band – Mr. Jeremy Sterk
Jr. High Math – Mr. Mark Gretencord
Jr. High E/LA – Mr. Dan Szombathy
Credit Recovery – Mrs. Mollie Mosier
Ag/SAE – Ms. Haley Verhaeghe and Mr. Travis Scherer

21. Mr. Culp handed out info for Athletic Summer Camps to each of the Board members.
22. The Board approved Intent to Rehire Support Staff as listed for the school year 2019-20.
23. Mr. Culp asked that the July 8, 2019 Board meeting be **moved to Monday, July 15, 2019**. The time will remain the same, 7:00 p.m.