

July 16, 2019

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, July 15, 2019.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, July 15, 2019.

The following topics were covered:

1. A Pre-Formal Bargaining Hearing was held before the Regular Board meeting. This public hearing was to hear public testimony before formal bargaining begins on September 15, 2019.
2. Under Visitor's Comments, Ms. Karen Lowry, CTO Vice-President wanted to thank the Board members in advance for all of the hard work and many hours that will be spent on the teacher's new 2-year contract.
3. The Board adopted or approved the policy updates of the 2019-2020 Tri-County School Corporation Staff mobile/BYOD/Responsible Use Policy.
4. Under the Technology Report, Mr. Culp, in the absence of Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that Tri-County has upgraded to Unified Online Registration with the goal to go live with full online registration the fall 2020-2021 school year. The building process will begin in the fall of 2019 so that our first roll out will be for Kindergarten roundup, Spring 2020, which will give us time to improve upon any issues we find. Technology has 95% of the new Wi-Fi Access points in place from the category 2 E-Rate project, and should be completed by late next week. The technology department is continuing their summer refresh for the 2019-20 school year.
5. Joe Briggs, Gibraltar, updated the Board members on the renovation. In regards to the pool improvements, the pool, equipment, and mechanical systems are operational. The punch list is ongoing for the pool area, but swim lessons are being held as scheduled. In regards to the Chiller installation, the project is complete, unit system controls are in place and system is functioning per design with following up on punch list items. The Primary School Secure Entry is complete, operational and functional, and following up on punch list items. In regards to the Middle School/High School Renovations, the following is completed, secure entry, kitchen refrigerator/freezer storage, kitchen air conditioning, hallway lockers, toilet partitions, girls/boys restroom remodel, band and choir room renovation, and Agriculture Shop/Welding Booths remodel. The building system controls are still in progress, graphics being refined, exterior concrete walkways at Chiller, pool entry, and flag pole are scheduled for early August with following up on all punch lists for each of the above.
6. Ms. Kendell Dennison, TC Athletic Trainer, introduced herself and reported her specific job duties and responsibilities. Ms. Dennison mostly works with the high school students but has worked with a few middle school students, and she has training for all sports related injuries and Emergency Preparedness. Ms. Dennison also explained a method of treatment for suspected heat trauma, as heat stroke is very dangerous and can be deadly. Core body temperature has to be taken rectally and if it is 104.5 or higher, extreme measures have to be taken. Ms. Dennison has been at TC since April 2018 and has

worked with and trained coaches. She mostly has worked with sprains, strains, and concussions, but is working closely with the football coaches to make sure our students stay safe during practice and games.

7. Under Old Business, Mr. Culp wanted to update everyone on the School Resource Officer. Once again, Tri-County would pay 75% to have an officer at the high school daily, and Jasper and White County Sheriff's Department would share the remaining 25%. Mr. Culp introduced Officer Jim Davis, the Town Marshall at Chalmers, and SRO at Frontier High School. Officer Davis explained that this is a very good program if used correctly. It is rewarding when students are approaching the Officer's at schools and even after hours to talk to them. Officer Davis will also be participating in our Active Safety Training held on August 7, 2019 for all of our staff on their work day.
8. The Board approved the resignation of Dr. Cathy Rowe, Junior/Senior High School Principal, effective June 30, 2019, with much appreciation.
9. The Board approved the resignation of Mr. Samuel Zachery, effective on June 11, 2019.
10. The Board approved the employment of Mr. J.R. Haskins for the Junior/Senior High School Principal's position effective immediately.
11. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Lioneil Cabada for the Jr/Sr High School Chemistry position effective for the 2019-20 school year. Mr. Culp thanked Mr. Shawn McCracken, Ms. Karen Lowry, and Mrs. Rose Scherer for all of their help in filling this position.
12. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Jennifer Dawson for the Varsity Volleyball Coaching position effective immediately.
13. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Mark Gretencord for the Varsity Football Coaching position effective immediately.
14. The Board approved the Administrator's Contracts be extended for an additional year for Miss Elaine Hall, Mr. Brian Hagan, Mr. Shawn McCracken, and Mr. Jeff LeBeau.
15. The Board approved to go with APEX credit recovery for the 2019-20 school year once again.
16. Mr. Culp shared the Textbook Rental fees for the 2019-20 school year as follows:

Preparatory Kindergarten	\$75.00
Kindergarten	\$135.00
Grade 1	\$123.00
Grade 2	\$126.00
Grade 3	\$124.00
Grade 4	\$131.00
Grade 5	\$130.00
Grade 6	\$120.00
Grades 7-12 will be based upon individual courses	
17. The Board approved to change the Wind Farm TC Educational Foundation Fund name to TC Community Development Fund.

18. The Board approved for the additional pool payment for the pool upgrades be paid for from the TC Community Development Fund.
19. The Board approved to declare 45 Meraki MR-16 access points from the Technology Department as surplus property.
20. Mr. Culp briefly talked about the Online Registration for the 2020-2021 school year. Initial discussions on the exploration of online registration has started. There are several logistic items to address before this option is available. Mr. Culp thanked the custodial and maintenance staff for all of their hard work on getting the buildings ready for the new school year. Mr. Culp heard from Mrs. Rose Scherer and she was excited once the AP Biology scores came back that several of her students received 3's & 4's on the test scores, and that has never happened before, so she was very proud of her students doing so well. Mr. Culp announced that Tri-County has received the Resilient Youth Grant, (Implementation Grant), for \$75,146.00 over 3 years. This will help our students with social and emotional health. Mr. Culp reminded everyone of the Active Safety Training, that will be held on Staff Day, August 7, 2019 and this all day training will involve all staff, both certified and non-certified. Mr. Culp announced that Registration Dates are July 29th (1:00-8:00) and July 30th (8:00-8:00)