

August 10, 2020

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, August 10, 2020

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, August 10, 2020. The following topics were covered:

1. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that it has been an excellent start of the school year. Enrollment at TCI is approximately 219 students which is up from last year. Most students are in attendance face to face with eleven attending virtually. Virtual learning is going good, the teachers are using Google Classroom and are recording their instructional time and posting them along with assignments. Mr. Hagan reported that the 3rd Grade Open House went well and it helped with the students transition from TCP to TCI.
2. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that the start of school has gone well. Mr. McCracken reported that class meetings will be starting with discussions on safety procedures and continuously encouraging social distancing. Mr. McCracken also reported that they have been working on seating charts for lunch periods, so far the students have been very cooperative.
3. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that it's great to be back in the building. He was very impressed with the students, on the first day of school, adjusting to all the changes. Mr. Haskins reported that there are twelve students attending virtually and teachers are doing a great job reaching out to the virtual learning students. Mr. Haskins reported that class meetings are starting and some of the topics will include, school policy, dress code, reaffirming social distancing and masks. Mr. Haskins expressed his appreciation to the staff and students for their patience as they work through their new normal.
4. Mr. LeBeau reported to the Board his appreciation to the administrators and bus drivers for their patience and cooperation with dismissal. Mr. LeBeau reported that everyone has been compliant with wearing a mask on the busses. Mr. LeBeau reported that by adding another bus has really made a difference in being able to social distance on the busses. Mr. LeBeau reported that all fall athletes have started practicing. He is very pleased with the communication between our students, parents, and staff. Mr. LeBeau reported that the Midwest Conference Athletic Directors are meeting Tuesday, August 11, 2020, to discuss moving forward on decisions regarding athletics and being there to support one another. There will be a parent meeting at the High School for All Fall Athletics on Wednesday, August 12, 2020 at 6pm. Mr. Culp commented on how great the bus drivers are doing with sanitizing their busses daily.
5. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board the revisions to the Responsible Use Policy.
6. The Board approved the NEOLA Policies Vol.32 No.2.
7. The Board approved the Resignation from Mrs. Kailie Kaluf, High School Math Teacher.
8. The Board approved the Resignation from Mrs. Donna Jeffers, TCP Evening Custodian.
9. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. Eric Davis, High School Levels Instructor.

10. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. Matthew Garner, High School Math Teacher.
11. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. Ernie Kuhnke, High School Business Teacher.
12. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. Steve Schemerhorn, High School Welding.
13. The Board approved the Employment of Ms. Kathryn Bullock, 6th Grade Teacher.
14. The Board approved the Employment of Dr. Kendall Dennison, Jr/Sr High School Health/Weights and Conditioning Instructor.
15. The Board approved the Employment of the following Support Staff, Mr. Francis Pinn, HS Levels Instructional Aide; Mrs. Laurie Miller, HS Levels Instructional Aide; Ms. Candace Kozik, Pre-K Bus Aide; Mrs. Jenny Pierson, Full-time Substitute; and Ms. Carma Buschman, Corporation Bus Driver.
16. Mr. Culp reported to the Board the transfers of Mrs. Darla Harrington from High School Business to the HS Guidance Department and Ms. Diane Young from HS Levels Instructional Aide to TCP as an Instructional Aide. No action was required.
17. The Board approved the Indian Trails Career and Technical Education (CTE) Agreement.
18. The Board approved the Responsible Use Policies.
19. Mr. Culp read the first reading of the NEOLA Policies - No. 2266 - Title IX was tabled, due to wanting more clarification, No. 2370.05 - Virtual Education Program, and No. 8450.01 - Protective Facial Coverings during Pandemic/Epidemic Events. No action required at this time.
20. The Board approved the Release of information to Tri-County Education Fund (TCEF).
21. Mr. Culp presented to the Board, Work Session dates and advertisement for the budget. The Work Session will be prior to the Board meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020 at 6:00pm, the Public Hearing will be held on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 6:00pm, and the Adoption of the Budget will be held at the October 12, 2020 Board meeting.
22. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that at the start of the 2020-21 school year, 24 students have elected to participate in the Tri-County Distance Learning option. Students and parents conferenced with building-level administrators to discuss the expectations with the goal of student learning and achievement. Parents and students signed a Distance Learning Agreement during the meeting.
23. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that the roofing project at the high school is progressing nicely. The estimated time of completion for the project is 5-7 weeks, looking at early October, to be finished.
24. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that the next action with the G.O. Bond will involve publishing a notice of the bond sale. No more official Board action is needed at this time.
25. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that the Indiana Department of Education provided 500 cloth masks for each school. The IDOE also provided 300 paper masks and hand sanitizer.