

September 14, 2020

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, September 14, 2020

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, September 14, 2020.

The following topics were covered:

1. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mr. Jeremy Sterk, Band Instructor, introduced Bryce Poindexter, an outstanding musician. Bryce played a piece on the keyboard, from his performance at Solo and Ensemble. Bryce has gone to State for Solo and Ensemble the past two years and has received a Gold and a perfect score for his performances. Congratulations, Bryce!
2. Ms. Hall thanked the Board for approving the addition of a second Counselor for the Elementary schools. The addition has allowed the Counselors more time with individual students and more time teaching in classrooms. Ms. Hall reported that on Thursday, September 24, 2020 there will be remote learning and Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the High School, this will also be a remote learning day. Ms. Hall expressed her appreciation to the Primary School Staff for adjusting to all the changes and working together to make this a successful school year.
3. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that STEM is underway, students are tagging monarch butterflies and monitoring their migration patterns and route. Mr. Hagan also reported that TCI has 8 remote learning students, this is a reduction from the beginning of school. Mr. Hagan reported that the end of the grading period is on October 8, 2020, and Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020 at the High School.
4. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that all the safety drills are up to date at all three schools. Mr. McCracken reported that the new seating arrangements at lunch are working extremely well, he is very appreciative of the student's cooperation through these changes. Mr. McCracken reported that the Jr/Sr High School will be announcing Students of the Month for August and September by the end of this week.
5. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that the students are continuing to do a great job with wearing their face coverings and staying compliant with all the changes. Mr. Haskins reported that next week is College Go week which means that students can apply to colleges for free. Mr. Haskins reported that Thursday, September 24, 2020 will be remote learning for all students, and he is very excited about the changes that have been made so that learning will be continuous and not just a review. Mr. Haskins reported that Parent/Teacher conferences will look different at the Jr/Sr High School this year, conferences will be held in the teacher's classrooms and there will be times scheduled for conferences.
6. Mr. Haskins presented a letter of recognition to the Board from Ms. Mosier, FACS teacher. Ms. Mosier thanked the following community members for recent donations to the FACS program, particularly her Culinary Arts classes: The Alberts, Clark, Corbin, and Woods Families for food donations, Culinary 1 students have made some delicious recipes using zucchini and eggplant. Mrs. Tinika Whitcomb for donating (2) multi-use mandolins and Amber Furrer and Roots Eatery & Pub for the donation of (6) Ninja Professional Plus Blender Duos, this allowed more than 50 students to create some pretty magnificent fruit smoothie recipes and, this upgraded kitchen equipment enabled everyone to enjoy their smoothies in the same block period. With much gratitude, Ms. Mosier appreciates all the generosity and support from the Tri-County community for the FACS Program.

7. Mr. Jeff LeBeau reported to the Board his appreciation to the bus drivers for working together through all the changes and keeping our students safe by keeping the busses clean and continuing to encourage the students to wear their face covering on the bus. Mr. LeBeau reported that the One Stop Policy has really helped the drivers with getting the students safely to their respective bus stops. Mr. LeBeau reported his gratitude to the Wolcott Park Board for the use of the bleachers; Craig LeBeau and Derek Lawson for their help in moving the bleachers, and the Wolcott Elevator for the use of the tractor to load the bleachers. Mr. LeBeau reported that the Girls Golf Sectionals start next Monday at 9am.
8. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that device repairs are underway, the technology department normally has these repairs finished by the start of school but with company closures due to COVID, they were waiting on parts. Mrs. Kelly reported that she had been working with Administration, Mr. Sharp, and Ms. Smith, on what remote learning would look like. Mrs. Kelly reported that they are starting the new lease on IPADS for Pre-K and Kindergarten and on Chromebooks for first and second grades.
9. The Board approved the Updated COVID Plan.
10. The Board approved the NEOLA Policies No. 2370.05 – Virtual Education Program and No. 8450.01 – Protective Facial Coverings during Pandemic/Epidemic Events.
11. The Board approved the Employment of Ms. Kacy Carter, TCP Evening Custodian.
12. The Board approved the Employment of Mrs. Kiera Miller, Levels Instructional Aide.
13. The Board approved the Employment of Ms. Cassandra Wall, High School Cook.
14. The Board approved the Employment of Ms. Carol Arbuckle, TCP Head Cook.
15. The Board approved the Teacher Evaluation Plan 2020-2021.
16. The Board approved the Teacher Appreciation Grant.
17. The Board approved the Sick Leave Resolution.
18. Mr. Culp presented to the Board the potential Selling of School Owned Property. No action was taken at this time.
19. The Board approved two Overnight Field Trip Requests, FFA Oct. 2-4: SOAR Conference and FFA Nov. 20-22: FIRE Conference, both at Trafalgar, IN.
20. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that the Public Hearing on the 2021 Budget will be conducted on Monday, September 28 at 6:00. The hearing will be conducted at the corporation office.
21. Mr. Culp congratulated the 17 new NHS members that were recently inducted.
22. Mr. Culp reported to the Board an update on the Ireland Band Trip scheduled for November.
23. Mr. Culp reported to the Board his appreciation of the following people and organizations for their donations and support of Tri-County Schools: IU Health, financial donation for supplies in the secondary nurse's station; Franciscan Health, donation of school supplies and an Immunization Clinic; Bank of Wolcott, donation of water bottles to all Jr/Sr. High School students; Tri-County PTO, donation of water bottles and face coverings to all students at TCP and TCI; Remington True Value, donation of cleaning supplies and face coverings; and Remington/Wolcott Ladies Group, making of face coverings for all buildings.

