

February 8, 2021

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, February 8, 2021

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, February 8, 2021.
The following topics were covered:

1. Under Visitor comments, Tri-County Schools honored Mrs. Jennifer Dawson and the Bank of Wolcott for the support of the TC Backpack Program.
2. Mr. Culp reported to the Board, in Mrs. Kelly's absence, that Technology has been working on State Reports. They will start reviewing the current RUP for students and staff to update the policy for the 2021-2022 School year. They are working with PowerSchool to update the online enrollment forms. The new online Free/Reduced Application link is on the Food Services Web site. February is Digital Learning Month for the State of Indiana, Mr. Sharp and Mrs. Smith have been sharing new resources and tips with teachers to continue to enhance remote learning. One of the latest resources shared is teachermade.com.
3. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Arvin reported that the Ag Advisory committee had a meeting last week. The donations, for FFA, from the community businesses was a success. Mr. Arvin mentioned the upcoming FFA Pork Chop dinner will be held at Remington Farms, carryout's only, on Friday, February 26, from 5-7pm.
4. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that her staff finished up their curricular mapping and got great feedback from Dr. Biederstedt. Ms. Hall reported that the Primary School celebrated the 100th day of School, it was a huge success and lots of fun. National School Counselors Week was last week and they celebrated the counselors at all three buildings. Ms. Hall expressed her thankfulness and excitement for the Professional Development day this Friday, for all staff, focusing on the social and emotional needs of the students.
5. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that his staff is working on curricular mapping this week. Mr. Hagan expressed his gratitude towards the counselors and thanked them for their continuous hard work. TCI is focusing on spreading kindness, this month, and posting those acts of kindness on the Kindness Board. Mr. Hagan reported that Cavbots is meeting twice a week, 4th grade meets on Tuesdays, and 5th and 6th grade meet on Wednesdays, with hopes to compete in the near future.
6. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that they also celebrated the counselors last week and thanked them for their hard work and dedication to the students. Mr. Haskins congratulated the Students of the Month. Mr. Haskins reported that ISTEP was wrapped up last week and retakes will be given within the next few weeks and the ASVAB will be given on April 6th. Mr. Haskins congratulated the teachers on their own growth in technology abilities with remote learning. Mr. Haskins congratulated the 7th and 8th Grade Girls Basketball teams on their White County Tournament wins. Mr. Haskins also congratulated Kody Gorney on making it to Regionals for Wrestling and Kylie Foster for finishing 3rd All Around at her gymnastics meet, last weekend. Mr. Haskins congratulated Shelby Schambach on her BPA Excel Certification Score and being second in the state of Indiana. Mr. Haskins congratulated

Payton Brook on being the first ever full time work base learner. Payton has been hired by Farney's Service Center, he will be going to school in the mornings and working for them in the afternoons, this is a huge accomplishment.

7. Under Old Business, there was nothing to be discussed.
8. The Board approved the Employment of Ms. Danielle Musser, Jr/Sr High School Business Teacher.
9. The Board approved the Employment of Mrs. Danielle Sizemore, TCP Part Time Nurse.
10. The Board approved the Resignations of Mrs. Marilyn Krug, HS Cook and Mrs. Mellissa Shank, HS Cook.
11. The First Reading of the NEOLA Policies Vol. 33 No. 1. No action at this time.
12. The Board approved the Tri-County High School Course Description Guide.
13. The Board approved the donation of \$7,500 from the Tri-County Community Development Wind Fund to the RWCDC.
14. The Board approved the Food2School Purchasing Cooperative Agreement.
15. The Board approved the Retirement of Mr. Mick Benner, HS Social Studies, at the end of the 2020-2021 School Year.
16. The Board approved the North Mechanical Agreement.
17. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that the second enrollment count was conducted on Monday, February 1, 2021. Tri-County has a student enrollment of 718 students.
18. Mr. Culp thanked the following people for their help with weather cancellations and delays as well as helping prepare for the girls' sectional: Mr. J.R. Haskins, Mr. McCracken, and Mr. LeBeau; Mrs. Pam Weller and her staff, Jeremiah Lytle, Ralph Jeffers, Bill Lock, and Pat Lock; Mrs. Kim Hensler; Mrs. Cheri Frantz, Mrs. Tinika Whitcomb, Mrs. Andrea Gretencord, Mrs. Bridgett Redstone, Mr. Mark Gretencord, Mr. Mick Benner, Mr. Jeremy Sterk, Mr. Matthew Garner, Mr. Rick Prater, Mr. Ryan Harrington, Mrs. Amanda Alberts, Mrs. Sara Arvin, Mrs. Pam Christopher, and Mr. Francis Pinn; Mr. Devin Bell, Mr. Bob Shallenberger, Mr. Dick McClure, and Mr. John Letson.
19. Mr. Culp read a letter of gratitude from Ms. Mollie Mosier, FACS Teacher at the Jr/Sr High School, she wrote: The generosity of the Tri-County community continues to amaze and inspire me! I would like to publicly thank and acknowledge the following donors to the FACS Program: Chad and Tara Dahlenburg and CAC Farms - On January 31st, they delivered 50 pounds of ground beef to my classroom, free of charge. This is more than a pound per student for the 48 I have enrolled in Culinary Arts Classes. The food labs possibilities are endless - and the kids are already bugging me to make burgers! Farney's Service Center - On February 2nd, Katina wrote me a check for \$1000 to use at my discretion for anything FACS related. I suggested we purchase a couple of Barbeques, and she shared with me her love of grilling! She is going to assist in the selection of equipment as well as the pick-up and delivery to the school. AND, she has agreed to join us when we're ready to share her best tips and tricks. I am beyond grateful to these two local businesses, and specifically Chad and Tara Dahlenburg and Lou and Katina Farney, for their very generous donations and direct support to our TC FACS Program. A very heartfelt thank you from me for your support!