

March 9, 2021

TO: Media

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

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

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

1. Under Visitor's comments, Mr. Haskins congratulated Kylie Foster, Tri-County's First Gymnast, on her advancement to State Finals. Kylie is a Senior and a 4yr Gymnast for Tri-County.
2. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that technology just completed the E-Rate Category 1 Bid process for the Internet and WAN services. ENA won the bid. Technology is continuing to work on the updates for the RUP for the 2021-2022 School Year. Mrs. Kelly reported that the Indiana CyberSecurity Hub Partnered with KnowBe 4 to provide an avenue for schools to provide cybersecurity training to the staff. Technology has been implementing the program, and started with the latest baseline phishing test. Mr. Dwayne Schultz created a "phishing" email that was very convincing. Technology recently shared the results with the staff and have had some requests for the Self-paced CyberSecurity training. Next technology will do a baseline Security Awareness assessment.
3. Mr. Jeff LeBeau reported to the Board that transportation is going smooth. There are currently three people working on obtaining their bus license. Mr. LeBeau thanked all the drivers for their perseverance and patience the past couple of weeks, with the weather and road conditions. Mr. LeBeau thanked Mr. Bob Shallenberger for starting the busses early, so the drivers would have warm busses to start each morning.
4. Mr. LeBeau reported that Kylie Foster will be advancing to State Finals for Gymnastics. Boys Basketball Sectionals was a huge success and he thanked Mrs. Kim Hensler for her help with rosters and paperwork. Mr. LeBeau thanked the Athletic Boosters for keeping the concessions up and running smoothly. Mr. LeBeau reported that the Jr. High Girls Basketball teams finished their season this week along with the Jr. High Wrestling team. Saturday, March 13, 2021 there will be a Midwest Conference Cheer Showcase at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School at 3pm, schools that will be participating are Tri-County, South Newton, Frontier, and West Central.
5. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Kilmer reported that the FFA Parent Connection Meal went very well, last year they served 294 meals, compared to this year's 519 meals served.
6. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that TCP's social and emotional team met last month and she is very pleased with their growth. TCP is celebrating Read Across America and helping foster the enjoyment of reading with students. Ms. Hall reported that Mrs. Earney, TCP Nurse, is visiting classrooms and conducting hand washing and dental lessons to the students, promoting good hygiene. Ms. Hall reported that Spring Parent Teacher Conferences are happening this Thursday through next Wednesday.
7. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that 3rd and 4th graders are working on Hydroponics and learning how to calculate germination and testing PH levels. Mr. Hagan reported that they had such a huge success with Kindness Week and they are going to continue to celebrate every act of kindness. Mr. Hagan reported that 5th Grade pitched a presentation that really wowed him, on how to reach their goal for

Riley Week. The students have placed buckets, at businesses, around the community in hopes to reach their \$1500 donation goal.

8. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that Mr. Sterk is planning activities for Riley Week, at the Jr/Sr High School, during lunch periods. Mr. McCracken reported that he plans to meet with all students this week to readdress mask wearing and social distancing. Mr. McCracken reported that he is looking at a few movies that focus on bullying and anxiety that he is planning to push out to students, after Spring Break, during CAV time.
9. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that the end of the third quarter is this Thursday. The Jr/Sr High School is planning an Activity afternoon on March 18th to help give kids a break and jump start their Spring Break. Mr. Haskins reported that Mrs. Harrington is preparing for the ILearn and ASVAB testing in April.
10. Mr. Haskins reported several celebrations at the Jr/Sr High School. He congratulated the Jr High Robotics team for making it to State competition, the team members were Mason Hagan, Luke Lehman, Levi Schambach, and Jonah Miller. He congratulated the BPA members that are in Indianapolis competing. Mr. Haskins congratulated Ms. Haley Verhaeghe and Mr. Travis Scherer on being selected as candidates for the Golden Owl Award. The Golden Owl Award recognizes the top agricultural educators across the state of Indiana, it is a true honor to have both of Tri-County's agriculture teachers in the top 8. Mr. Haskins reported that Monday, March 15th there will be a meeting held for Incoming Freshman Parents at 6:30pm and on Tuesday, March 16th, National Honor Society Inductions will be held at 7:00pm.
11. Under Old Business, the Board approved the NEOLA Policies Vol. 33 No. 1.
12. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. James Longster, TCP Night Custodian and Mrs. Kayla Button Moon, High School Cook.
13. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. Eric Davis as the Varsity Football Coach for the 2021-2022 School Year.
14. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that Mr. Eric Davis will transfer from the High School Levels Instructor to the High School Social Studies Teacher for the 2021-2022 School Year.
15. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that he and several Board members met at North White, a week ago for a quorum, to take action on opposing the Legislation. Mr. Culp reported that he and others will be meeting with Mr. Buchanan to discuss this topic.
16. Mr. Culp reported that the Board has been discussing improvements to the High School track.