

August 9, 2021

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, August 9, 2021

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, August 9, 2021.

The following topics were covered:

1. Under Visitor comments, Mr. Haskins and Mr. McCracken presented Jacob Bowles with his diploma as a 2021 Graduate.
2. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that devices have been distributed to classrooms at the elementary schools and the lockers at the High School for students on the 1st day of school. Year two of online registration went pretty well, from the technology side of things. There were a few password resets and a couple of tickets for contact issues, but most parents seemed to get right in and update their students' data. Mrs. Kelly reported that she had worked with the representative from ADTech to apply for funds from the Emergency Connectivity Fund. This is a one-time disbursement of 7.17 billion dollars nationally for schools to purchase tools and services to provide remote learning during the Pandemic. Mrs. Kelly has applied for payments of leases this year that occurred between July 1, 2021 & June 30, 2022. Mrs. Kelly reported on ESCRFT and Cybersecurity. Technology already has 48% of the new requirements implemented. There are 19 data points total, 10 data points need to be tweaked to meet the criteria, and there are only six data points that have not been addressed at all within the district. Mrs. Kelly reported that the number one issue to address is turning on multi-factor authentication for staff. Technology will be working on a timeline to inform staff on how it works and getting it rolled out. It will be rolled out to the admin and technology teams first. Mrs. Kelly reported that some of the changes will be big, but in order to continue coverage due to a ransomware attack, it is necessary.
3. Mr. Culp reported to the Board an update on construction at the High School and Tri-County Primary School
4. Mr. Culp reported under the Board Committee Reports that the Tri-County Intermediate School Improvement team met last week.
5. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that the teachers are busy preparing their classrooms for the new school year and preparing for Open House from 4:30-6 on August 10th. Mr. Hagan reported that the School Improvement team met and have decided to bring back some programs with the focus on STEM and the Ecosystem. Mr. Hagan reported that the staff is super excited about the new school year and will be having a convocation the first day of school with their theme as "Be A Hero" and they will all be wearing a cape as they enter the convocation. Mr. Hagan reported that there are approximately 225 students enrolled at the Intermediate school so far. Mr. Hagan mentioned that he is working with Purdue gifted research on Bully Prevention at no cost and would train staff, families, and students.
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8. Mr. Haskins congratulated students on their summer accomplishments. Mr. Haskins and Mr. McCracken spent some time at the White and Jasper County Fairs this summer and loved seeing students in their element, doing what they love. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that they had approximately 47, 7th graders attend Camp Cavalier. Mr. Haskins thanked Mrs. Weller and her crew for their hard work and dedication with getting the Jr/Sr High School ready for students and staff. Mr. Haskins reported that he is excited about getting the mentor program back up and going. He mentioned that the local churches are wanting to get involved with the backpack program and mentoring.
9. Mr. LeBeau reported to the Board that the bus drivers had a meeting today to go over procedures and get their student rider lists. Transportation is in the process of tweaking the online registration bus survey form for next year. Mr. LeBeau thanked Kim Hensler, Kim Sterk, and Kristine Cain for their hard work on getting the students on the correct bus drivers' sheets for their routes. Mr. LeBeau thanked Mr. Andy Zickmund for his many years of service as a bus driver and wished him the best. Mr. LeBeau thanked all the bus drivers for their cooperation with all the changes being made. Mr. LeBeau reported that the CDC guidelines of wearing masks on the buses is being implemented and that bus drivers will continue to disinfect their bus between routes.
10. Mr. LeBeau reported to the Board that fall sports are underway and that the Annual TC Golf outing will be held on August 22, 2021.
11. The Board approved the Additional Appropriation Resolution.
12. The Board approved the adoption of the 3 year G.O. Bond, Final Bond Resolution.
13. The Board approved the Resignation of Mrs. Jennifer Clark, TCI Media/IA/STEM.
14. The Board approved the Resignation of Mr. Francis Pinn, Instructional Assistant at TCHS.
15. The Board approved the Resignation of Mrs. Nikki Sargent, Instructional Assistant at TCI.
16. The Board approved the Resignation of Mrs. Mandy Taulman, 4th Grade Teacher at TCI.
17. The Board approved the Resignation of Mr. Andy Zickmund, Minibus Driver.
18. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. Jamie Wirtz, Tri-County School Corporation Chief of Police/SRO. Mr. Culp swore in Mr. Wirtz as Tri-County School Corporation Chief of Police/SRO.
19. The Board approved the Employment of Mrs. Abby Geib, 4th Grade Teacher at TCI.
20. The Board approved the Employment of Ms. Dorothy Maria Salvo, Tri-County School Corporation EL Instructor.
21. The Board approved the Employment of Ms. Ashlee Zussman, TCHS Instructional Assistant; Mrs. Kimberly Alconedo, TCI Instructional Assistant; Mrs. Kristine Doty, TCI Instructional Assistant; Mrs. Tina Gallinger, Minibus Driver; Mrs. Jennifer Douglas, TCP Part-time Nurse.
22. The Board approved the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy.

23. The Board approved the Resolution to Issue Tax Anticipation Warrant.
24. The Board approved the Overnight Field Trip, 6th Grade to Camp Tecumseh.
25. Mr. Culp discussed the Work Session dates and advertisement for the budget.
26. The Board tabled the approval of the 2022-2023 School Calendar until the September 13, 2021 Board Meeting.
27. Mr. Culp updated the Board on the Ireland Trip. Mr. Culp reported that the Republic of Ireland is accepting visitors with valid proof of vaccination or recovery from COVID-19.