

October 11, 2021

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, October 11, 2021

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, October 11, 2021.

The following topics were covered:

1. Students of the Month for Junior High School were Jack Zetterberg and Logan Jeffries; High School were Drake Jeffries and Beatriz Martin; TCI were Dawson Iseminger, Linette Morrow, Aubree Brooks, and Dimitri McAdams; TCP were Catalina Reyes and Chase Pierson.
2. Under Student Showcase, Mr. Hagan introduced the TCI Student Council. The Student Council shared the events they have done and their plans for in the future. A few things they shared was, promoting school spirit, they enjoyed learning the Tri-County Fight Song, community service, and raising money to purchase new recess equipment. The TCI Student Council will have a bake sale during Parent/Teacher Conferences on Tuesday, October 19, 2021.
3. Under Visitor comments, Mr. Haskins thanked Mr. Jamie Myers from Talberts, in Rensselaer, for his donations of scrap metal, wire electrodes, etc. to the welding class.
4. Mr. Culp reported to the Board the Technology report, in the absence of Mrs. Shannon Kelly. Technology is preparing for ILearn testing and making sure the software is deployed to the devices at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School. Technology and Administrators are all running Multi-factor authentication on their email accounts and the next rollout will be to the remaining staff. Technology is continuing to apply updates to PowerSchool to keep in compliance with all state reporting as it comes up these next two month. Mrs. Kelly recently learned that the current vendor for the content filter was purchased by another company, so they will have to find out how this will impact Tri-County.
5. Chief Wirtz thanked the board for all their support with getting the Tri-County Police Department up and running. Chief Wirtz is so grateful and very excited to be part of this team. Chief Wirtz reported that Bartronics has installed his radio in the patrol unit. Chief Wirtz is looking into grants to help fund new radios at the schools and looking into how to improve cell service in the schools. Chief Wirtz has been working with the nursing staff to better equip staff while on field trips with necessary supplies for emergencies. Chief Wirtz has been working on improving signage around the exteriors of the school grounds.
6. Mr. Culp reported to the Board an update on construction at all three school buildings.
7. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Geib reported that the Ag Committee met and went over parent connections and State Convention. Mr. Geib reported that student enrollment in Ag classes is at 205 students.
8. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that last week was fire prevention week. Members of the Remington Fire Department came to talk about fire safety and show the students one of the fire engines. Ms. Hall thanks the Fire Department for taking the time to come out and share the importance of fire safety with the students. Ms. Hall reported that parent/teacher conferences will be next Tuesday, October 19th from 1-8pm at the Jr/Sr High School. This will be the first remote learning day for students and teachers have been giving students practice with Google Classroom in preparation for their remote learning day. Ms. Hall reported that the week after Fall Break is Red Ribbon Week. Ms. Hall thanked Mrs. Earney and Mrs. Arvin for planning events for that week. Ms. Hall reported that Chief Wirtz will be visiting each class to speak to students about the importance of being drug free.

9. Mr. Hagan thanked Mrs. Kim Sterk for her great job covering the office while Mrs. Snyder was on maternity leave. Mr. Hagan thanked Mrs. Leah Mathew for putting together College Go Week the last week of September. Mr. Hagan thanked the TCI Student Council for putting together School Spirit Week, that week ended with a fun staff vs. student volleyball game. Mr. Hagan thanked Mr. Chris Burns and Mr. Danny Brook for presenting Fire Prevention to all of the students. Mr. Hagan reported that parent/teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 19th in the Auxiliary Gym at the Jr/Sr High School from 1-8pm. Mr. Hagan reported that Drug Prevention Week is coming up.
10. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that the FFA Banquet was happening at the Jr/Sr High School with 35 plus students in the jacket ceremony. Mr. McCracken reported that due to construction, at the Jr/Sr High School, the fire alarm had gone off. Mr. McCracken reported that the students and staff responded in a timely manner and did very well.
11. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that the PSAT testing will occur on Wednesday for all 10th and 11th graders. Parent/teacher conferences will be held in the teachers' classrooms at the Jr/Sr High School and there will not be a sign up for, just go to the teacher's classroom to conference with them. Mr. Haskins reported that the senior breakfast/pictures will be on Friday and remote learning on Tuesday, October 19th will be a Red Day. Mr. Haskins congratulated the five runners advancing to Regionals on Saturday, Justin Kilmer, Christian Wallace, Willa Wamsley, Ashley Ford, and Addy Sterk. Mr. Haskins mentioned the volleyball sectionals on Thursday and Saturday, and the Marching Band will be performing for Regionals on Saturday at Chesterton at 3:45pm. Mr. Haskins thanked the Sunshine Society for decorating the hall for these special events. Mr. Haskins reported that the staff celebrated both the custodians and kitchen staff last week for their hard work and dedication to our students. Mr. Haskins reported that the culinary class will be preparing a meal for the Veterans on Veterans Day and there will be a program held at the Jr/Sr High School for the Veterans, invitations will be mailed out soon.
12. Mr. Culp presented to the Board the Health and Safety Protocols and no changes will occur at this time.
13. The Board approved the Second Reading of the Vol 33 No. 2 NEOLA Policies as presented.
14. The Board approved the Proofs of Publication of the CPF Plan, School Bus Replacement, and the 2022 Budget.
15. The Board approved the adoption of Capital Projects, Bus Replacement, and the 2022 Budget.
16. The Board approved the School Improvement Plans.
17. The Board approved the Administrative Goals for the 2021-2022 School Year.
18. The Board approved the Retirement of Mrs. Marcia Waibel, Instructional Aide at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School, effective December 31, 2021.
19. Mr. Culp reported on the food shortage across the country. Mr. Culp wants to inform our parents and community that this is the reason for changes to our lunch menus. Mr. Culp extended his appreciation to the food service staff for working through these shortages and still preparing a well-balanced meal for our students.
20. Mr. Culp reported that the G.O. Bond was recently sold, and provided an update on the bond sale.
21. Mr. Culp mentioned that the football concession stand needs improvement and there will be discussion on the next steps coming soon.

