

November 8, 2021

TO: Media

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

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

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, November 8, 2021.

The following topics were covered:

1. Students of the Month for Junior High School were Calamity Gott and Grace Luck; High School were Jackson Murphy, Lizbeth Geronimo, Ryleigh Metzinger, Destiny Cadwallader, Noah Oliver, Addison Douglas, and Noah Johnson; TCI were Ben Knochel, Affinity Royal, Nathan Lehman, and Graham Scherer; TCP were Bailey Illingworth and Anthony Szczepanski.
2. Under Student Showcase, Ms. Hall asked Sandy Miller with RWCDC, Amanda Albert's former Elementary Art teacher, and Lisa Ewen Elementary Art teacher, to present their project that helped beautify our parks and community. Mrs. Miller had an idea to have the Tri-County students paint trashcans that are located in our parks in the community. Mrs. Miller presented this to each Park Board and got the approval. Mrs. Miller contacted Mrs. Alberts and the project was off and running. Mrs. Alberts had each class decide on an idea for their trashcan and that is what they painted. Mrs. Miller and her family redistributed the trashcans to the parks after they were finished. Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Ewen are now working on another project to incorporate student artwork in the community.
3. Under Visitor comments, Mr. Culp reviewed the school corporation policy on public comments at regular board meetings. Mr. Haskins recognized four Lily Scholar Finalists: Shelby Schambach - Jasper County, Justin Walder - White County, Avery Pritts - White County, and Verania Del Real - White County. These students will undergo a final interview and will find out the results mid-December. Mr. Haskins added that, "this group represents our student body and community in a way that we should all be proud of."
4. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that technology has received the approval for the Emergency Connectivity Fund that will cover the lease payments between July 1, 2021 and June 30, 2022. Mrs. Kelly reported that technology has received communication from the WHIN Organization (Wabash Heartland Innovation Network) about funding they granted for Wi-Fi Connectivity for our students. The decision was made to provide students internet access with their TC devices. These areas could end up being outdoor learning spaces as well as access locations, if needed, for school closings. Mrs. Kelly reported that the staff has been working on getting their MFA set up for their emails and had 61% of staff members set up the first week. Mrs. Kelly reported that Mr. Nile Seward is working on the MFA for the privileged accounts and should be done with testing and ready to implement it soon. Mrs. Kelly reported that she is continuing to work on state reporting and the DOE is behind on their end because of errors with their new implementation.
5. Chief Wirtz presented the Uniform patch to the Board. This patch will help to identify Chief Wirtz as the Resource Officer in case of an emergency. Chief Wirtz reported that he educated the TCP students on "look alike drugs," comparing the look of candy to drugs. Chief Wirtz reported that he and Mr. Culp will be taking a field trip to Rossville to look at the Technology they are using.
6. Mr. Culp reported to the Board an update on construction at all three school buildings.

7. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Pampel reported that the Industrial Arts committee met with Mr. Rodgers to discuss program designs and what it would look like to reach the standards for Industrial programs. Mr. Pampel reported that there are many job opportunities out there but there are many updates that will have to happen to reach those standards.
8. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that parent/teacher conferences were well attended. Ms. Hall reported that this week TCP is having a food drive to benefit the TC backpack program. On Thursday, November 11, 2021, TCP will have a short Veterans Day program in the morning with some of the local veterans who are always great to give of their time to join them. Ms. Hall reported that TCP will have Spirit days next week to help celebrate Kindness week.
9. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that parent/teacher conferences were well attended. Mr. Hagan thanked Mrs. Arvin for organizing the Drug Free week. Mr. Hagan reported that the Partners for Drug Free White County organized a door-decorating contest and Mrs. Justice's class won. Mr. Hagan thanked the TCI Student Council for putting together a pumpkin decorating contest for staff and students and ended the week with a costume parade where the students treated the staff. Mr. Hagan reported that TCI will be going to the Wolcott House for a Veterans Day ceremony. Mr. Hagan reported that there are eight students participating in a virtual Spell Bowl next Monday after school. Mr. Hagan reported that there are 24 students in CAV Bots and they are divided into 4 teams of six and are signed up to compete in two live competitions.
10. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that five students were able to join general classrooms out of the Levels program and they are all growing academically and has been positive for them. These students still get the additional help they need as they continue to achieve goals.
11. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that there was low attendance at parent/teacher conferences for the Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Haskins reported that ASVAB testing was completed last week and will get results in two weeks. ISTEP retakes are scheduled for next Tuesday and Wednesday for seniors who have not passed and for those without a pathway, this will fill a bucket. Mr. Haskins reported that they will be honoring veterans on Thursday at 11 am and will be serving them a meal. Mr. Haskins mentioned that there are six staff members at the Jr/Sr High School that are veterans. Mr. Haskins reported that there are many things going on in the classrooms, Mrs. Scherer is hosting science buddies with Mrs. McClure's second grade class, Ms. Mosier's culinary class was having Halloween Wars, and in Spanish students are having meaningful conversations. Mr. Haskins thanked the staff for stepping up and helping out with substituting where needed. Mr. Haskins reported that winter sports have started and reported on other extracurricular group activities.
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 Administrative Goals for Mr. Haskins for the 2021-2022 School Year as presented.
14. The Board approved the two year Collective Bargaining Agreement for 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 School Years.
15. The Board approved the 5% minimum base salary increase for Classified Staff for the 2021-2022 School Year and Insurance Contribution increase, as per the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 teacher contract agreement.
16. The Board approved the Administrative Insurance Contribution, as per the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 teacher contract agreement.

17. The Board approved the 2022 Board Meeting Dates. The dates will remain on the second Monday of each month with a start time of 7:00 p.m.
18. The Board approved the Transfer of Funds from one major budget classification to another.
19. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that the Treasurer interviews will be done this week. Mr. Culp reported that during the December meeting, the Tri-County School Board will honor the retirement of Mrs. Marcia Waibel.
20. Mr. Culp reported that Mr. Joe Briggs from Gibraltar will be at the December meeting to give a more detailed update on the construction.
21. Mr. Culp reported that he is hoping to have recommendations to purchase additional busses for our fleet by the December meeting; we are looking at a 72 passenger Yellow Bus and a White Bus both with lifts.
22. Mr. Culp reported that the crew that went to Ireland had landed safely.
23. Mr. Culp reported that there were two schools that had reruns of their Referendums. One schools Referendum passed and the other did not, these are the first two schools that have had a Referendum rerun.