

April 10, 2019

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, April 8, 2019.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, April 8, 2019.

The following topics were covered:

1. Under Visitor's Comments, Mrs. Mandy Taulman, CTO Representative, and 6<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher, briefly talked about the request for Funding for Public Education. Mrs. Taulman announced that the teachers will have a Walk Thru at each school at 7:30 a.m., on April 19, 2019. If anyone would like to join the teachers, you are welcome, just wear something red.

2. Ms. Elaine Hall announced the Students of the Month:

Kinze Hensler, Ross Barrett  
Deanna Golz, Liam Clark

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Sarah Turner announced the Students of the Month:

Alayna Hrnicek, Saber Province

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:

Junior High School – Jasmine Culp  
Drake Jeffries

High School – Rustin Schambach

Social Studies – Rustin Schambach

Science – Mackinley Myers

PE/FACS/Health – Logan Doty

Math – Autumn Stoller

Fine Art – Ashton Hornbeck

CTE (Business) – Mason Moore

E/LA – Nolan Schultz

3. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mr. Jeff LeBeau, Athletic Director, introduced students and athletes Kylie Foster, and Drake Farrell. Kylie has received many awards with Gymnastics and she talked about the late night practices and events and how she has to manage her time wisely to get everything done. She has been in gymnastics since she was 6 years old. Drake has received many awards with Wrestling and he also talked about how you have to make time work so that you get everything done on time. This has helped him prepare for Track also.

Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mr. Hagan thanked Mr. Eric Sharp, Mrs. Holly Cook, Mrs. Aimee Clark and many other adults and the Communities financial support to make the TCI Robotics team do as well as they are doing. Mr. Sharp and Mrs. Cook introduced the Silver Team, which includes 6 students and the 3 present were Brady Clark, Lizzy Schemerhorn and Levi Schambach. Mr. Sharp commended the students on

their focus, perseverance and how they handle adversity. Mr. Sharp and the students are already looking forward to next year.

4. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the 2019 IDOE Tech Plan has been submitted. The Red Cat speakers will be replaced at TCP this next week and the Istep, Ilearn and other tests are going on presently or in the near future. Mr. Sharp and Mrs. Kelly will be meeting with the 6<sup>th</sup> grade students this week to share a Digital Citizenship presentation. The updated Responsible Use Policy has some changes and most are due to verbiage updates, however there are a few points to address:
  - a. Security is becoming an increasing issue not just for schools. We have added specific verbiage addressing the downloading and running of not-certified programs on Tri-County devices, when a device triggers a security alert multiple times via Comodo, we will pull the device and image it immediately.
  - b. We are removing the BYOD option as many other schools have already done to eliminate another potential security hazard.
  - c. We are going back to a fee scale for all non-warranty damages. The scale will be \$25 for 1<sup>st</sup> instance, \$50 for 2<sup>nd</sup> instance, \$75 for 3<sup>rd</sup> instance. This is still lower than other districts.
  - d. Elementary RUP follows the same verbiage as the High School, their fee schedule remains as it was.

The updated Staff RUP will be coming out next month.

5. Under the Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber reported that there is a scheduled meeting for RWDC on Tuesday evening, April 9, 2019.
6. Dr. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, updated the Board members on the renovation. Bryan Musser is still planning on relocating the flagpole/sidewalk this spring. The following is completed: Freezer unit, Front Canopy/Concrete/Pillar bricks, the Secure Entrance at the high school, locker/bathroom partition replacement, with the built-in trash receptacles to be completed when final bathroom partitions are installed, sound panels are installed in the band room, TCP Secure Entrance, ag welding area mason work and target date is the end of April, most control work is completed for the Aircon, kitchen HVAC is up and running and heating is nearly running, women's restroom by gym area should be completed by the end of this week, new chiller unit is set and startup is scheduled for this week. The Pool project is coming along nicely, but HVAC equipment delay is still scheduled for June, and ceramic tile in shallow end is all removed, and tile installation will be scheduled after all other traffic is done in the pool area. Dr. Crimmins reported that construction meetings are held every couple of weeks and Mr. Culp and Devin Bell attend when they are available.
7. Ms. Elaine Hall reported to the Board members that the Pre-School Open House was held and there were 35 students that attended. The spring Parent/Teacher Conference was very well attended and Kindergarten Round Up is scheduled on April 18, 2019. Ms. Hall announced some other dates and activities that will be happening at the Primary School. April 11 is the Art/Stem Show starting at 5:00 p.m., April 19, is a Hi Five Friday, and April 25 is the TC Community Day. The 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will soon be starting after school clubs, which include Art, Games, Maker Space, Cupcake Decorating and Coding.
8. Mr. Brian Hagan reported to the Board members that the Battle of the Books will be held tomorrow, April 9, at the Jr/Sr High School starting at 9:30 and Friday morning, there is a Professor from Purdue coming up to set up the Hydroponics and then will teach the staff

how to use it and then will teach the students. In the afternoon there will be some Graduate students coming from Purdue to work with the students. Mr. Hagan announced that much work has been done on the Elementary Handbook for the 2019-2020 school year and Ms. Hall and he agreed that the attendance policy needs to go along with the Jr/Sr High School handbook. Mr. Hagan announced a few dates of activities for the Intermediate School, April 12, being Mom and Dad's Donuts, April 25, Mom and Son Skating Night at the high school, and April 25 is the TC Community Day.

9. Mr. Shawn McCracken reported to the Board members that back in January he and Mr. Hagan had received an invite from the Safety Academy to become an Ambassador to NOAA, weather ready nation. So Mr. McCracken responded and Tri-County is now an Ambassador. He feels like he can ask the students to get involved with this program as soon as he finds out more about it. Mr. McCracken also announced that a program for parents is scheduled for April 30, 2019 at 6:00 p.m. at the Tri-County High School Cafeteria, called Hidden In Plain Sight, sponsored by The Partners For A Drug Free Jasper County and Purdue Extension. This program is to help parents learn how to identify if your youth is at risk for alcohol use, drug use, and more.
10. Dr. Cathy Rowe reported to the Board members that the program "Every 15 Minutes" was held at the high school on March 20 & 21. Last Thursday the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> graders were invited to spend the day at the Junior High School and then a Parent program was held that evening for the incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents. The Battle of the Books was held competing against Roosevelt, and Frontier, with our teams not winning but doing very well. April 23 is a scheduled Professional Development with Dr. Lori Desautels, talking about social-emotion issues facing our students and training on how to help them deal with the issues, and that evening the incoming freshman and their parents will be having an informational meeting on preparing schedules and helping them make their plans for the next four years before graduation. April 22 is Earth Week and April 26 representatives from each of the grade levels will be working together for Curriculum Writing. Dr. Rowe briefly covered some student handbook updates.
11. Mr. Jeff LeBeau reported to the Board members that the Spring Sports are underway and the weather seems to be cooperating so far.
12. Mr. Culp updated the Board members in regards to the School Resource Officer. Mr. McCracken and Mr. Culp met with Sheriff Bill Brooks and Sheriff Pat Williamson last week. Jasper County would like to take the lead and it would be possible to put 1 person in the school, beginning January 2020, due to budgets already being made up. Jasper County is willing to pay 25% of the person placed in the school and Tri-County would be responsible for the 75% balance. White County Sheriff Brooks will be meeting with the White County Commissioners to see what they can contribute. Mr. Culp and Mr. McCracken plans to meet with both County Commissioners and feel that this will be close to finalizing real soon.
13. The Board approved the NEOLA Policy 4121 that had one technical update.
14. Mr. Culp reported that Tri-County along with Carroll, Frontier, West Central, and Winamac received a planning grant in Round 1 of WHIN's Regional Cultivation Fund in the amount of \$10,000.
15. The Board approved the resignation of Mr. Matthew Quinn effective at the end of the final teacher work day, currently May 29, 2019.

16. The Board approved the employment of Ms. Kenzie Tromble, Speech and Language Pathologist, contracted through Therapy Solutions. This is for a 3 year agreement, effective for the 2019-2020 school year.
17. The Board approved the NWEA Formative Assessment Agreement, renewal for 1 more year, which is an assessment administered 3 times/school year to measure student growth and identify opportunities for enrichment or remediation.
18. The Board approved to amend and add 4 classes to the Course Description Guide that was approved on March 11, 2019. The 4 classes added were Health Science Education II, PLTW Human Body Systems, PLTW Medical Interventions, and PLTW BioMedical Innovation.
19. The Board approved the Responsible Use Policies (RUP's) for the Elementary Schools and also the Junior/Senior High School.
20. The Board approved the 2019-2020 Student handbooks as presented.
21. The Board approved an overnight and out of state field trip request from Mr. Travis Scherer and Ms. Haley Verhaeghe for the top FFA student who will be traveling to Kentucky from July 29 – July 31, 2019.
22. Mr. Culp reported to the Board members that he wanted to thank Mrs. Jennifer Dawson, from the Bank of Wolcott in supporting the Tri-County Student Assistance program and the backpack program. The purpose of the Tri-County Student Assistance program is to support the backpack program, but also realizing the need for other items that students may need. The initial goal was \$5,000, but recently the endowment surpassed \$10,000! Mrs. Dawson's leadership on this endeavor is greatly appreciated. Also, the support from local businesses and patrons is overwhelming. The support for our students is astonishing! Congratulations to Ms. Elaine Hall on her recent acceptance to Indiana Principal Leadership Institute (IPLI). IPLI is an intensive two-year professional development experience. In year one, we will focus on increasing your leadership capacity. In year two, we will shift the focus to your school. Mr. Culp announced that the TC Community Day is scheduled for Thursday, April 25, 2019. Mr. Culp reminded the Board members of the Work Session scheduled for April 16, 2019, at 4:00 p.m. and asked if any of the Board members would like to attend the Trails for the Spring Regional meeting scheduled for May 6, 2019.