

January 14, 2020

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, January 13, 2020

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, January 13, 2020.

The following topics were covered:

1. Election of Board members were held with the following:  
Dr. Brandi Schemerhorn, President  
Mr. Robert Gerber, Vice-President  
Mr. Jason Kilmer, Secretary
2. The Board approved the re-appointment of Marsha Bell as Treasurer and Karla Buntin as Assistant Treasurer, until her June retirement with the amount of the bond currently set at \$75,000.
3. The Board approved to keep Lewis-Kappes (Monica Conrad) as the corporation attorney.
4. The Board reviewed and approved the Board Committees as it stands, only changing the Board of Finance members.
5. Ms. Hall and Mrs. Lexi McClure announced the Students of the Month  
Leela Ward, Cowen Stoller

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Mandy Taulman announced the Students of the Month  
Mariah Anstett, Luke Lehman

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month  
Junior High School –Noah Scherer, Palani Zussman  
High School – Bailee LaCrosse, Chase Stearns

Social Studies – Isaac Layton  
Language Arts – Ericka Cox  
Math – Nanci Bahler  
PE/FACS/Health – Justin Kilmer  
Fine Arts – Bailee LaCrosse  
CTE (Business) – Chase Stearns  
Science – Xavier Terwilliger

6. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mr. Haskins recognized the following students:  
Luke Ulrich, Senior Wrestler, achieving his 50<sup>th</sup> career win. Also, Mr. Haskins acknowledged Luke for being so supportive and encouraging to the other wrestlers on the team.

Mr. Haskins also introduced Maddie Musser and Shelby Schambach, BPA members whose BPA Chapter helped with fund raisers for two different people. The girls were put in charge and one fund raiser was for a North White student who has cancer and the other fund raiser was for our Band Director, Mr. Jeremy Sterk, who needs hearing aids. Through the generous donations received from a bake sale, free will donations and several local churches, BPA raised

\$4,602.82. This will allow Mr. Sterk to see an audiologist and be fitted for hearing aids.

7. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the Technology Department is working with the Testing Coordinators for the System Readiness Test for iLearn and have updated the laptops for the WIDA testing window. Camera installations will begin January 20 and should be done no later than January 27 (pending weather since some are outside camera placements). The technology department is preparing new devices to be implemented for technology rotations, including:
  - a. VR Goggle for Mrs. Smith and some updated Cubelets kits
  - b. Updated iPods for Mr. Sharp and Mrs. Smith for Google Expeditions and other programs
  - c. Updated lab at TCP that will be rolling out later this month, early next month with new Chromebooks.
8. Under Board Committee Reports, Dr. Schemerhorn reported meeting with the TCI School Improvement Team.
9. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that the Christmas Program was very nice and wanted to thank Mrs. Chris Legler and many volunteer parents who helped make the program a success. Ms. Hall also thanked the PTO for putting together a Christmas Store so that every student was able to take a gift home for their family members. Ms. Hall announced that January 21<sup>st</sup> is the 100 day of school.
10. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that there have been a few employees that have made moves starting this second semester. Amanda Alberts, went from Elementary Art to School Nurse, Lisa Ewen, went from TCI Library to Elementary Art, and Jennifer Clark, from 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Instructional Aide to TCI Library. Mr. Hagan announced that a School Improvement Team meeting has met.
11. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that he would let Mr. Haskins talk this evening.
12. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that he had met with the Counselors and a Master Schedule has been completed and they will begin to meet with the students next week to set up schedules. Mr. Haskins has asked Danielle Musser to work with students, an RTI (Response to Intervention) program, a few days each week. ISTEP retesting starts in February, and the ASVAB test will be taken again in April. Mr. Haskins reported that Mr. Harlow, the Math Substitute covering for Mrs. Kailie Kaluf during her maternity leave, is doing a great job and seems to be connecting with the students. Mr. Haskins thanked Mr. Greg Schneider for taking on a student to train and work with his electric company. Mr. Haskins has been working with Mr. Sterk to set a date for the Christmas program so that it would be the same time every year, instead of trying to fit it in at the last minute. Athletics is very busy right now with several different levels of basketball scheduled. Mr. Haskins announced that 41% of his students are involved in some activity, 44% are girls involved and 38% are boys involved. Mr. Haskins introduced Mr. Kyle Schrader, a representative from Weldstar, and briefly talked about starting a welding class at Tri-County as a vocation. This would teach welding skills to students. There are 44 other Indiana schools that teach welding. According to Mr. Schrader and Mr. Haskins, Tri-County already has some good welding equipment and a good set up, but they could still use some more equipment. Mr. Haskins goal is to offer Welding I, 1 block with 6-8 students in the class, a full year of class, maybe starting in 2021. Chances of jobs for our students who take welding would be about 100%. Some of our students would choose to stay at Tri-county and not travel to Twin Lakes for the class. Mr. Haskins asked the Board to consider more welding equipment so that welding could be offered.
13. The Board approved the NEOLA Policy Vol. 32 No. 1 as presented.
14. The Board approved the resignation of Mrs. Susan Good, Nurse, effective 1/6/2020.

15. The Board approved the retirement request of Mrs. Pam Reed, Pre-K Instructional Assistant, effective December 31, 2019.
16. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Riley Ewen, Instructional Assistant at Tri-County Intermediate School.
17. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Kara Luck, Pre--K Instructional Assistant at Tri-County Primary School, effective January 6, 2020.
18. Mr. Culp asked the Board members to read and review the Use of Medication Policy. This policy attempts to address the nurses administering Naloxone (Narcan). The nurses are the only trained personnel at this time. No action needed at this time, but action will be taken at the February Board meeting.
19. The Board approved an Out of State field trip request from FFA to travel to Timber Ski Resort, Gobles, MI, on Saturday, February 22, 2020.
20. The Board approved an Overnight field trip request from BPA for the State Leadership Conference in Indianapolis, from March 8-10, 2020.
21. The Board approved the re-appointment of Mr. Mark McClure to the Wolcott Community Library Board for a 4-year term.