

August 8, 2022

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, August 8, 2022

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 2022.

The following topics were covered:

1. On behalf of Bayer, Mrs. Katey Wamsley presented Mr. Travis Scherer with a drone purchased for the Ag department.
2. Mr. Culp discussed the positive impact the Referendum has had on Tri-County Jr/Sr High School.
3. Mrs. Kelly reported to the Board that devices have been distributed to classrooms at the elementary schools and the lockers at the High School. Mrs. Kelly reported that the third year of online registration has gone very well. Mrs. Kelly reported that technology has to order more devices for TCI due to the growing enrollment. The technology team will be going through the Security Assessment from Purdue Cyber Tap. Mrs. Kelly reported that the projector for the auditorium has been ordered and technology will move forward with that installation once it is delivered.
4. Chief Wirtz reported to the Board that he has been working on a safety project and it is almost complete. Chief Wirtz is looking forward to the new school year.
5. Under Construction Report, Mr. Culp gave an update on the construction at the Jr/Sr High School Kitchen project.
6. There were no Board Committee Reports, Mr. Arvin announced that there will be a FACS meeting on Monday, August 15, 2022.
7. Ms. Hall thanked Mrs. Kristine Cain for her hard work and dedication with getting everything from Registration to Transportation ready for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Hall thanked Technology and the Custodial crew for all their hard work in getting ready for the 2022-2023 school year. Ms. Hall reported that Open House at the Primary school will be held on Tuesday, August 9th from 5:30-7.
8. Mrs. Pearson thanked the Custodial and Admin team for all their help with making this a successful start to the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Pearson reported that Open House at the Intermediate school will be held on Wednesday, August 10th from 5:30-6:30. Mrs. Pearson reported that TCI had Robotics camp last week and it went very well.
9. Mr. McCracken reported that the Raptor software that we use for security purposes for visitors has been sending information that is beneficial for the safety of our students. Mr. McCracken reported that Seniors and possibly Staff will be painting their parking space on September 3rd and 10th.
10. Mr. Haskins thanked Ms. Mosier for teaching summer school. There were approximately 19 students that attended and 34 recovered credits. Mr. Haskins reported that Mrs. Schambach held a math PD with teachers K-12 on developing number sense. Mr. Haskins reported that Mrs. Buswell organized and led Camp Cavalier last Friday, for the incoming 7th graders. Mr. Haskins reported that grade level meetings start Friday. Students will be going to Benton Central on Wednesday for auto mechanics. Mr. Haskins reported that the Fall Sports seasons have started this week.
11. Mr. Jeff LeBeau thanked the Secretaries for getting all the information ready for the Bus Meeting. All bus route driver positions are filled. Mr. LeBeau expressed his appreciation for all the Bus Drivers and their dedication to our students. Mr. LeBeau reported that there was an addition of a Short Bus with a lift to the fleet and is in the process of adding a Yellow Bus with a lift to the fleet soon. Mr. LeBeau thanked Mr. Shallenberger for keeping the fleet up and running for the 2022-2023 school year.

12. Mr. LeBeau reported on upcoming sporting events and the Fall Parent Meeting will be held on Thursday, August 11th at 6:30, in the High School Gym.
13. The Board approved the Resignations of Mr. Mark Gretencord, Math teacher & Varsity Boys Basketball Coach; Ms. Danielle Musser, Business; Mrs. Victoria Coley, EL Instructor; and Mr. Riley Ewen, TCI Media & Instructional Assistant.
14. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. Francis Pinn, Business; Mrs. Olivia Brummett, TCI Counselor; Mrs. Kylei Hickner, Ag teacher; Mrs. Amanda Berg, TCI Special Education teacher; and Mrs. Amy Hensler, 1st grade teacher.
15. The Board approved the Employment of Mrs. Kate Fout, TCP Instructional Assistant; and Mr. Michael Luck, Varsity Softball Coach.
16. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that Mrs. Austen Hensler has transferred to TCP Special Education teacher and Mrs. Jill Bahler has transferred to High School Math teacher. Mr. Culp also reported that Mrs. Millie Maximo will be the part time EL liaison.
17. The Board approved the Contract Extension for Administrators by one year. This will put each administrator on a two-year contract cycle starting the 2023-2024 school year.
18. The Board approved the Resolution to Issue Tax Anticipation Warrant.
19. The Board approved the updates to the Support Staff Handbook.
20. The Board approved the Work Session dates on the budget and the advertisement for the budget. The dates recommended are as follows: Public Hearing on Wednesday, September 28, 2022 at 6:00pm and Adoption of the Budget on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 7:00pm during the School Board Meeting.
21. Mr. Culp thanked Mrs. Gina Anderson for directing the summer food program at TCP and TCI. Mrs. Anderson ordered the food, prepared the meals, and raised the required funds for the summer foods program. Mrs. Anderson helped serve approximately 3,000 breakfasts and 4,100 lunches. Mr. Culp thanked Mrs. Carol Arbuckle and Mrs. Kim Alconedo for helping prepare and distribute meals.
22. Mr. Culp thanked Mrs. Pam Weller, Mr. Devin Bell, Mrs. Dawn Bickett, Mrs. Tonya Carty, Ms. Lyn-Ann Williamson, Mrs. Rose Hare, Mr. Bill Lock, Mrs. Pat Lock, Mr. Ralph Jeffers, Mrs. Michele Bullington, Mrs. Jenny Tressler, Ms. Diane Young, and Mr. Dick McClure for cleaning and moving several classrooms, shampooing carpets, cleaning windows, etc. and preparing the building for students and staff for the 2022-2023 school year.
23. Mr. Culp reported that we are actively pursuing quotes for insurance. Currently, ESCRFT is our insurance provider, and we need to provide written notification by October 1 of our intention to not renew our policy. Three companies have prepared bids and presentations for the board. I have asked the companies to prepare something for an executive board meeting prior to the September meeting. A decision will have to be made at the September meeting.
24. Mr. Culp reported that he has requested Joe Briggs, from Gibraltar, prepare options for projects to share with the TC community. Joe would like to conduct a work session with the board to prioritize projects and provide more clarity on the direction of potential projects. Ideally, the work session would be between the August and September board meeting.

