

November 14, 2022

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, November 14, 2022

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, November 14, 2022.

The following topics were covered:

1. Students of the Month for Junior High are Layla Clark and Kendall Anderson. High School are Tyler Kesler (Social Studies), Landon Cleefman (Fine Arts: Art), Alissia Lopez Alba (Math), Zackery Bramlett (Science), Noah Johnson (Language Arts), Ethan Auxier (CTE: Principles of Engineering), and Trey Foster (FACS: Culinary Arts).
2. Students of the Month for TCI are Carley DeVries, Ava Arvin, Evan Blanding, and Nakiah DeVault.
3. Students of the Month for TCP are Ryleigh Bennett and William Sheldon.
4. Under Student Showcase, Mr. Haskins and Mr. Schermerhorn along with Graham Scherer and Peyton Demerly showed the Board how the Virtual Welding simulators work. The simulator gives the students a chance to learn how to weld without sparks flying and they still get to hear the same sounds that you would if you were actually welding. It helps them correct any errors while using the simulator and it gives them a score at the end. Mr. Haskins and Mr. Schermerhorn also shared signs that are going to be sold to help fund the welding class. The signs are made by using the Plasma Cutter that was purchased through funds from the Pampel Grant that Mr. Schermerhorn wrote last year.
5. Under Visitors Comments, Mr. Travis Scherer thanked the Board for supporting the FFA. Mr. Scherer presented to the Board that Tri-County may be small and growing but we continue to strive for the Best for our students by hiring qualified teaching staff.
6. Mr. Culp reported to the Board an update on the Referendum. Mr. Culp attended the town council and county commissioners meeting in October. Mr. Culp will be starting Community Table Talks starting this week.
7. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that all the Corporation cameras have been renamed and adjusted per Chief Wirtz request. Mrs. Kelly reported that the projector and all the equipment for the auditorium has arrived at Brand Electric and tentative installation will be the week of November 21st. Mrs. Kelly and the nurses have previewed some programs that will help with record keeping and they decided to go with Frontline.
8. Chief Wirtz reported to the Board that the new portable radios and bases have been installed. Chief Wirtz reported that he and Mrs. Alberts can teach the stop the bleed classes for staff and students and will be able to borrow all necessary equipment from Benton Central. Most of the bus drivers have completed their training.
9. Under the Construction Report, Mr. Culp gave an update on the construction.
10. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Culp reminded the Board Members to review the current committee assignments and begin consideration of committee assignments for 2023. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that the RWCDC raised over \$4,000 for the backpack program with the Pack the Pantry Fun Walk/Run Saturday. There were over 100 supporters that came out on that chilly day to support a good cause with 44 of them being Tri-County Staff. Thank you to Sandy Miller for heading up this event.
11. Mr. Culp reported, in Ms. Hall's absence, that parent/teacher conferences were very well attended and teachers were able to meet with 93% of their families. Ms. Hall thanked the veterans and members of

the Remington Auxiliary Legion for participating in the Veteran's day program. NWEA testing will begin after Thanksgiving break and benchmarking will also begin to update students' reading levels. The Elementary Christmas program will be on Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at 1:00pm in the High School gym.

12. Mrs. Pearson reported to the Board that the Spell Bowl team traveled to Logansport and got 1st in their division. Congratulations to Blaine Woods with an almost perfect score. The Robotics team will be having their first competition on December 3rd. Mrs. Pearson reported that boys and girls sixth grade basketball season have both started. Mrs. Pearson reported that their Veterans Day program was a success and some of the classes made Thank You cards for the Veterans. This week TCI is celebrating National Young Readers week with dress up days. Mrs. Pearson announced that there will be a craft Bazaar at TCI in the gym on November 18th from 9-3.
13. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that the sophomores and juniors will be getting their results this week on the PSAT and ASVAB testing they took earlier and ASVAB retakes will be in the spring. Parent/teacher conferences, teachers met with approximately 20% of their parents.
14. Mr. Haskins reported the following FFA Success: Emma Voors was 7th in the nation at the national convention in the Food Science and Technology contest. Her team, which also included Verania Del Real, Katie Pinkerton, and Lilly Sterk received a silver rating; Emma Voors was one of only 11 Indiana FFA members that were recognized in the top 10 of their respective contests; Tri-County graduates Blake Peterson, Blake Pilotte, Avery Dawson, Chase Stearns, Tyler Kilmer, and Logan Schneidt received their American FFA Degrees. Only 1% of the total national membership earns this level of degree. Tri-County has 5% of the degree recipients from the state of Indiana; Justin Kilmer served as a national delegate for the state of Indiana; Ella Anderson, Hannah Alberts, Anna Kilmer, Noah Scherer, and Berenize Del Real competed in the national meats judging contest at Kansas State University; and Logan Kollman, Will Getz, Eric Zarse, and Lilly Sterk placed 3rd overall in the state soils contest, qualifying for the national contest in Oklahoma in the spring. Eric was the second high individual overall.
15. Mr. Haskins reported that the Veterans Day program at the High School was a success, they had 28 Veterans in attendance. The culinary class provided lunch for the Veterans. Mr. Haskins thanked Mr. Bowman, Mr. Luesse and Mr. Sterk for making this event a success. Mr. Haskins reported that the play was this past weekend and the students did a wonderful job. Thank you to Mrs. Young and Mrs. Yeoman for their leadership with the play.
16. The Board approved the 2023 Board Meeting Dates and Times.
17. The Board approved the transfer of funds from one major budget classification to another.
18. The Board approved the Resignation of Mr. Francis Pinn, Business Instructor at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School.
19. The Board approved the Retirement of Mrs. Marsha Bell, Corporation Treasurer, effective December 31, 2022. Mrs. Bell is retiring after 48.5 years of service at Tri-County.
20. The Board approved the Employment of Mrs. Ashley Clark, Special Education Instructional Assistant at Tri-County Primary School.
21. Mr. Culp announced the transfer of Mrs. Kristine Cain from the Tri-County Primary Secretary to the Corporation Secretary.
22. Mr. Culp reported to the Board about the ISBA Fall Regional Meeting and the issues that were addressed.
23. Mr. Culp reported that November 8th was Election Day and there were 8 schools with Referendums and only 4 of the Referendums passed.

24. Mr. Culp reported that the Community Foundation of White County will be celebrating 25 years.
Congratulations to the CFWC on 25 years.