

September 29, 2023

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2023

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, September 11, 2023.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Regular Board Session on August 14, 2023 and the Work Session August 23, 2023.
3. There were no visitor comments.
4. Mr. McCracken announced the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month: English / Language Arts: Ian Brooks, Social Studies: Thalia Pearson, Science: Elizar Aldez, Math: Colt O'Neil, PE: Doon Money, Agriculture: Hannah Alberts, Fine Arts (Band): Alex Morales.
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Buschman's Fourth grade class at TCI: Owen Geib and Hadley LeBeau.
6. Students of the Month from Mrs. Hensler's Second grade class: Jaxson Zussman and Audrey Scheiler.
7. There were no visitor comments.
8. Under the Construction Report, Lindsay Simonetto, Director, from Baker Tilly discussed financing options for possible projects for Tri-County.
9. Chief Sweney had nothing to report at this time.
10. Under the Board Committee Reports, Mr. Geib discussed the Agriculture meeting. Mrs. Cantrell stated that she had not attended the FACS meeting however, was informed that it was a great meeting.
11. Ms. Hall reported to the board that TCP has had a good start to the year. Our students are well into a routine now. The second-grade students have been able to visit the high school's science department through the Science Buddies program. In Science Buddies high school students are paired up with our second-grade students to learn about science topics. This year all three second-grade classes are able to participate. TCP has also been doing some testing at the start of the year. Our NWEA window opens this week, phonics screeners have been administered, and we will soon begin our dyslexia screeners as well. In the next few weeks, TCP will have a lot of data to dive into during PLCs.
12. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that TCI's Cross Country, Volleyball, Student Council, and Spell Bowl have all started for students. Robotics applications have gone out. During our PLCs teachers have been going through NWEA and IREADY diagnostic results to gather the data needed to place students in small groups. Our 6th grade teachers have added something new this year during PLC time. Our 6th grade students go down to work with our 3rd grade students with extra practice, to help coach and be role models for our 3rd grade students. 6th graders will attend Camp Tecumseh this Wednesday and Thursday.
13. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report to the board.
14. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that he wanted to congratulate the girl's golf team for winning the MWC. The seventh graders are transitioning well to the block scheduling. Homecoming week - pep session and powder puff game on Thursday afternoon. Seniors have parking spots painted. Fall play has been cast. Juniors taking PSAT in October/Seniors touring Ivy Tech. Counselors meeting with seniors on future plans. Many seniors aren't sure of plans after graduation. Trying to expose those students to the options of college, work force and armed forces. Month of September is Suicide

Prevention Month - Counselors meeting with 7th and 8th graders this week during CAV time. Golf sectional is on Monday, 9/18.

15. Under Old Business, the board approved the updated NEOLA Promotion, Placement and Retention policy as presented.
16. Under New Business, the board approved the Termination of At-Will Employee Ms. Rachel Harper, TCHS Life Skills Instructional Aide. The employment of Ms. Lizbeth Geronimo as TCHS Life Skills Instructional aide and Ms. Kristin Cullen as TCP Kitchen Staff. The transfer of Mrs. Dawn Bickett to the TCP/TCI evening custodian. Also the resignation of Ms. Laurie Miller- TCHS Instructional Aide.
17. The board approved Mr. Shawn McCracken to serve as the School Safety Specialist.
18. Mr. Culp did the first reading of the Field Trip Manual. This has been seen by CTO as well. No action required at this time.
19. The board approved the FFA SOAR Camp, the FFA National Convention and FFA FIRE Camp Overnight Field Trips.
20. Mr. Culp did the first reading of thirteen policy updates. All policy updates are a result of legislative changes.
21. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp stated that Tri-County again received the School Safety Grant. The funds from the grant pay for the salary of the Chief of Police for the Tri-County School Corporation.
22. Mr. Culp discussed the MOU between Tri-County School Corporation and Chief Sara Sweney. This is just the initial draft for Board consideration and input.
23. Mr. Culp reported to the board that the Pre-Budget hearing is Wednesday, September 27, 2023 at 6:00p.m. Budget approval will be at the October Board meeting.
24. Next board meeting will be October 9, 2023.