

February 23, 2024

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, February 12, 2024

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2024.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Work Session, Regular Board Session and the Board of Finance on Monday, January 8, 2024.
3. Mr. McCracken announced the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month: Junior High School- Ava Voors 7th, Peyton Demerly 8th, English Language Arts: Thalia Herrera Pearson, Math: Hannah Arvin, Social Studies: Isabella Dominguez, CTE(Ag): Gwendolyn Styck, PE: Lucas Idlewine, Science: Hannah Alberts, Fine Arts (Band): Brayden Batley, Special Recognition (Math): Jasmine Scott
4. Students of the Month from Mrs. Cook's 3rd grade class at TCI: Alyssa Kopka and Archer Demerly
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Amy Hensler's 1st grade class at TCP: Zoey Rentfrow and Mason Walker
6. There were no visitor's comments.
7. Mr. Culp reported for Chief Sweney to the board that her final day of the School Safety Specialist Course for her certification was on February 8, 2024. She is continuing her monthly training with GAK9 in Orland Park, IL. She has registered for the Chief's Executive Training Course in April, which covers topics including: liability issues in the area of use-of-force, firearms, and emergency vehicle operation, along with media relations, policy making, discipline, accounting/administration, labor laws, cultural diversity and other department and/or administrative programs. This course is required in order to hold the Police Chief title. She is taking steps to improve the labeling system for the hallways and classrooms throughout the school district starting with the high school. Recently the White County Sheriff's office came to the high school and conducted a walk through with Chief Sweney to check the high school for dead radio areas and camera visibility. There are some necessary changes to be made to the hallway color label system.
8. Under the Construction Report, the board approved Skillman Corporation, Construction Management Group, to help with future projects.
9. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Kilmer reported about the Ag meeting. He discussed the Precision Ag classes water bots. The furnace in the greenhouse gave out. They were able to save some of the plants but lost several. There were 5 students who have been drone certified. Mr. Gerber stated that he thought the Facilitated Work Session on Saturday was productive and was a positive day. Mrs. Cantrell discussed the Remington Park Board meeting. They planned more meetings. They are also discussing continued park improvements including playground equipment. They also discussed fund raising for their future projects.
10. Mr. Culp reported for Ms. Hall to the board that last week TCP had a family night for the multilingual learner families. They had a fun night of soccer and glow-in-the-dark games. Thank you to Mrs. Sheets, Mrs. Rodgers and Mrs. Dyke for their hard work for the event. Looking ahead, the second grade has Junior Achievement day tomorrow. The Department of Health will be at TCP next week to have dental hygiene talks with TCP students. The preschool and kindergarten Round-Up event will be March 15th.

11. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that TCI's Robotics had a competition last Saturday. All the groups showed wonderful cooperation and teamwork. The Blue Team of Asher Carney, Ben Knochel, and Callan Clark made it to the finals. TCI finished the WIDA test and is waiting on the results. February 14th our 6th-grade students will be going to the Challenger Center. Getting our 3rd-grade students ready to take IREAD. The window opens on March 4th. On March 12th TCI will have 4th graders participating in AG Day at the White County Fairgrounds and the 5th graders will be attending the Orchestra in Indianapolis. Counselor's week was last week and SRO day is coming up. TCI would like to thank Mrs. Brummett for her tremendous efforts. She puts in a lot of time into our staff and students. She is also a huge help to me and we greatly appreciate her. TCI would like to thank Officer Sweney for the work that she has put into working on the new signage for the hallways and for being at the cross work to help our students cross safely.
12. Mr. McCracken discussed that the X's that were taped on the walls at the Jr/Sr High School are for better sign placement due to glare on the current signage. The X's were placed after White County Sheriff's office did a walk through with Chief Sweney.
13. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that during PLC time in January there was a DCS presentation on proper reporting of student neglect. There were several teachers who received money from the Pampel Grant and the Jasper Newton Foundation. Kindness week sponsored by the Sunshine Society is having dress up days. Mrs. Dyke finished WIDA testing at the Jr/Sr high school earlier today. SRO Appreciation Day is on Thursday February 15. Thanks for what Officer Sweney does at the Jr/Sr High School. Next week is National FFA Week. There are events planned for Students and Staff. Scholarship information continues to be sent out to parents/guardians. SAT testing is the first week of March. The school musical is Friday, March 15 and Sunday, March 17, 2024. Winter sports are winding down. Basketball sectionals are two weeks from Tuesday, February 13. Congratulations for being the first back-to-back semi-state qualifier in wrestling Kevin Martinez! That is quite an accomplishment!
14. Under New Business, the board approved the 6th grade to remain at TCI.
15. The board approved the 1003 Instructional Waiver as presented.
16. The board approved the 2024/2025 calendar revision as presented.
17. The board approved the \$5,000 contribution to RWCDC.
18. The board approved the ISBA 95% IREAD3 Resolution as presented.
19. The board approved FFA to Travel out of state to Timber Ridge Ski Resort in Gobles, Michigan on Saturday, February 24, 2024 and BPA Overnight State Competition in Indianapolis, IN March 10-12, 2024.
20. The board approved the declaration of surplus goods as presented.
21. The board approved the retirement of Mrs. Christine Legler, Elementary Music/Choir instructor and Mrs. Christy Young, Jr/Sr High School Media Specialist.
22. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp had nothing to report.
23. Next board meeting will be March 11, 2024.