

March 29, 2024

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, March 11, 2024

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, March 11, 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- Alex Bramlett 7th, Joel Lehman 8th, English Language Arts: Rylee Sheldon, Math: Allista Taulman, Social Studies: Josh Delgado, CTE(Business): Trey Foster, Culinary Arts and Hospitality: Maddi Nevitt, Science: Desareigh Stock, Fine Arts (Band): Clara Wamsley
4. Students of the Month from Mrs. Abby Geib's 4th grade class at TCI: Evelyn Hutson and Gabriel Lane
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Heidi Getz's Kindergarten class at TCP: Parker Illingworth and Kynzie Leadingham
6. Students of the Month from Mrs. Kara Luck's 1st grade class at TCP: Harrison Alberts and Luella Clark
7. There were no visitor's comments.
8. Under the Construction Report, Mr. Joe Biggs, Mr. Kris Kingery and Mr. Scott Cherry gave a review of the process, steps for a finalized scope and an outline of the planning schedule.
9. Chief Sweney reported to the board that she is getting started on the sign for the hallways. She will be attending a child safety restraint class. This will be helpful for any family in the area.
10. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Gerber discussed some of the legislation that is continuing to be discussed.
11. Ms. Hall reported to the board that this winter the high school's National Honor Society led a Buddy Builders program after school on select Wednesdays. During Buddy Builders NHS members were each partnered up with a TCP student and they had games and activities to work on cooperation and social skills. TCP students really enjoyed this and it was great for them to have positive role models to connect with from the high school. Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up is this Friday. Families do have to register for a time to attend Round-Up and we've had a very good response for registration for this event. Just based on numbers we have right now, we will have a wait list for preschool next year. Looking forward to our new Cavaliers!
12. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that TCI has finished most of our IREAD tests. TCI students had a 77% pass rate compared to the state's 65%. TCI had 12 students who didn't pass- out of the 12, 6 of them had IEPS, and 3 of them were 13 points from passing. TCI is pretty confident that with remediation there will be several more students that will pass. Ms. Moiser has been bringing her cadet teachers to TCI and seeing what teaching is like at the intermediate level. Jr. High track starts tonight. Tomorrow 5th grade is going on a field trip to the symphony in Indianapolis. On the 13th some students who are participating in the Spring Musical are going to come and perform a piece for TCI's students. While Mrs. Smith will be coming to show our Teachers' Canva and how to utilize it in the classroom. On Wed the 20th the Sunshine Society is going to provide an Easter Egg Hunt for the students at TCI. Battle of the Books teams have been practicing for their competition on April 9th. April 12th 4th grade is going to White County Fair Grounds for AG Day. April 15th- ILEARN window starts.

13. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report.
14. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that last Monday, we celebrated Maintenance Appreciation Day. Thanks to Devin Bell, Mr. McClure, Bob Schallenberger and Ronnie Bell! FAFSA meeting was held for senior parents. Seniors are required by the state to submit a form. Several parents were able to complete that night. Today is the start of our last grading period. Teachers have grades due on Tuesday at noon. Report cards are being sent out electronically on Thursday. Our SADD chapter is sponsoring Sleep Awareness Week. They are educating Jr/Sr High students and staff on the importance of proper sleep to help with mental health. Pajama Day is on Wednesday during CAV time. SAT testing is on Thursday, 3/14, in the morning. Students are encouraged to use a handheld calculator and wired mice are being provided. The spring musical and art show is on Friday at 7PM and Sunday at 4:30PM. Scholarship reminders continue to be sent out to seniors. BPA students are in Indy competing in state competitions. The SIT meeting is this Thursday. We are trying to get computer bags for junior high students. There have been discussions about eliminating planners. Junior high wrestlers are MWC champs. Baseball, track and softball have all started their spring seasons. Reminder for math people of National Pi Day on 3/14.
15. Under New Business, the board approved the BPA Out of State/Overnight Field Trip National Leadership Conference in Chicago, IL on May 10- 14, 2024.
16. The board approved the IDOE Early Literacy Grant as presented.
17. The board approved the 2024-2025 Food2School Agreement as presented.
18. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp presented to the board three quotes for the bus barn with 2 bays and bus storage. No action is required or expected.
19. Mr. Culp also presented a quote for green house renovation. Mr. Scherer and Mrs. Hickner are completing a Pampel grant for the renovation. The Corporation may be required to also help financially support the project.
20. Mr. Culp presented a tentative job description for a Family Engagement Liaison. The goal of the position is to build stronger relationships between schools, parents and community resources/partners.
21. Mr. Culp reported that in the April board meeting Mrs. Shannon Kelly will present the annual Responsible Use Policies to the board for review and approval.
22. Mr. Culp reported to the board that the new pool steps have been installed and are being used. Mrs. Missi Tyler informed Mr. Culp that the steps are in a perfect location and will have little disruption to class or open swim. Mrs. Tyler feels like the steps will provide needed guidance all the way into the water for younger swimmers.
23. Mr. Culp reported that Mr. Devin Bell met with Town and Country recently to discuss blacktop sealcoating needs for the summer. We have asked for a quote for areas that are currently in interest to be repaved vs just seal coating. Mr. Bell is also having a meeting with Miller's flooring for classroom carpet.
24. Mr. Culp reported that the food service department recently experienced a successful audit. For the past several months, Mrs. Frantz and Mrs. Cain worked preparing for the audit. Mrs. Kelly also helped in this process. Mr. Culp stated "The audit was very extensive, but I am proud to report Tri-County passed without findings". Thank you to Mrs. Frantz, Mrs. Cain and Mrs. Kelly for their hard work!
25. Mr. Culp thanked Nancy Demerly for her \$1,000 donation to the backpack program. This is not the first time that she has donated.
26. Under visitor comments, Mrs. Tieke asked " Will the Family Engagement Liaison position require them to be bilingual?" Mr. Culp stated that it is not a requirement. Mrs. Tieke then asked Ms. Hall, "How do you decide who gets picked from the PK wait list?" Ms. Hall stated that it is based on academic need. This information is found from the screener that is completed at round up.
27. Next board meeting will be April 8, 2024.