

September 25, 2025

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, September 8, 2025

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on September 8, 2025.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda as presented.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Executive Session, Regular Board Session and Work Session on Monday, August 11, 2025.
3. Mr. McCracken presented the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month:
4. Junior High School- Trevor Demerly 7th, Blake Earney 8th; Math: Luke Lehman; Social Studies: Gisella Facundo; Science: Isaiah Thomas; English: Jayden Krug; CTE (Ag. Power): Elizar Aldaz; Fine Arts (Choir): Olivia Robinson; Culinary: Elizar Aldaz
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Holly Cook's 6th grade class at TCI: Grace Umana and Chase Pierson
6. Students of the Month from Miss Alexa Geswein's 2nd grade class at TCP: Mara Goodwin and Cooper Clark
7. There were no visitor comments.
8. Under Monthly Reports, Mr. Culp reported to the board the continued progress with the construction occurring at Tri-County Primary, Intermediate and Jr/Sr High School.
9. Chief Officer Page reported to the board that he has been working with Lexipol regarding a department SOP manual, assisted with the buildings fire and storm drill, investigated a school bus stop arm violation reported and continues to work in all of the buildings with staff and students.
10. At this time Mr. Culp asked Chief Officer Page to talk more about Lexipol. Chief Of. Page went on to explain that Lexipol immediately notifies you of state specific changes and or updates of laws.
11. Under the board committee report, Mr. Geib reported on the Ag. Advisory meeting. Mr. Gerber reported on the Business Advisory meeting.
12. Mr. Culp reported to the board for Ms. Hall that she did not have anything to report.
13. Mr. Culp reported to the board for Mrs. Pearson that TCI's cross country and volleyball seasons have started. Cross country has had some meets and the first volleyball match is Thursday the 11th versus Rensselaer. Mrs. Pearson would like to thank the tech department for getting all of the new devices set up for the students. They also provided cases for the devices in hopes that it will reduce the rate the students' devices get broken. Intervention groups have started to help target every student's needs. ILEARN checkpoints will open up next week. TCI teachers will use the intervention time to administer them to the students as the grade levels are ready.
14. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report.
15. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that he extends his deepest condolences to the families of Darwin Miller and Steve Gauger. They both served the TC school corporation in different ways but impacted the students. Thoughts and prayers to their families. Parent Teacher conferences are this Wednesday from 4pm to 8pm in the main gymnasium. Teachers are looking forward to giving honest feedback on student progress. Seniors are scheduled to tour Ivy Tech on October 1st. This is a great opportunity for the students to see the campus. The boys won the Caston invite and the girls won the Rossville invite! Congratulations to the teams and Coach Harper! Seniors have been working on applications and resumes with Ms. Conderay. There will be a food drive this Saturday at the Wolcott Town Park for a final wish of Darwin Miller. Online students are continuing to make progress. There are three total students who are online currently. There has been a lot of progress in the high school office. Mr. Haskins appreciates both staff and students for their patience and

willingness to be flexible during this time. The Tri-County Golf outing was successful. Mr. Haskins thanked Mr. LeBeau for his leadership with the event. There were a total of 119 participants. Mr. Haskins thanks the 17 members of Class of 1975 for coming out to tour the Jr/Sr High School on the 23rd.

16. Under New Business, the board approved the retirement of Mrs. Steph Jones Instructional Aide at Tri-County Primary. The separation of employment of Mrs. Tonya Carty- Custodial at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School and the employment of Tessa DeWitt- Instructional Aide at Tri-County Primary.
17. The board approved Mr. McCracken as the School Safety Specialist for the 2025/2026 school year.
18. The board approved the Overnight Field Trips: FFA SOAR Leadership Conference to Trafalgar, IN, FFA Soils Judging Contest to Huntington, IN; FFA National Convention, Indianapolis, IN; FFA Fire Leadership Camp, Trafalgar, IN and the Overnight/Out of State FFA Meats Judging Contest Field Trip to Denver, CO as presented.
19. Mr. Culp did the first reading of the MOU with local Law Enforcement Agencies.
20. The board approved the payroll ratification and claims docket.
21. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp informed the board that the public hearing for the 2026 budget is on Wednesday, September 24, 2025 at 6 p.m. at Tri-County School Corporation office. The budget approval is scheduled for Monday, October 13, 2025 as part of the regular board meeting
22. Mr. Culp reminded the board that the ISBA/IAPSS conference is September 15th and 16th.
23. Mr. Culp informed the board that the bus barn and backpack program bid opening is September 25, 2025.
24. Mrs. Tieke asked clarifying questions over agenda items. Mr. Culp answered her questions.
25. Next board meeting will be October 13, 2025.