

January 27, 2026

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, January 12, 2026

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on January 12, 2026.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. Board Officers are as follows: Mr. Jason Kilmer, School Board President; Mrs. Renee Overbeck, School Board Vice President; Mr. Spencer Geib, School Board Secretary.
3. The Board approved the reappointments of Mrs. Tammy Seward as Treasurer and Mrs. Kristin Dreblow as Deputy/Assistant Treasurer with the amount of bond currently set as \$75,000.
4. The Board approved keeping Lewis-Kappes and Mrs. Monica Conrad as the Corporation attorney.
5. Board committees went as follows: Negotiations – Spencer Geib, Brandi Schemerhorn, Bob Gerber; Superintendent/Board Evaluations – Cheyenne Suitors, Renee Overbeck; NEOLA Policy Review – Renee Overbeck and Spencer Geib; Facilitated Work Session – Spencer Geib, Bob Gerber; Remington Park Board – Cheyenne Suitors; Tri-County Community/Development & RWCDC – Bob Gerber, Renee Overbeck; Technology/ AI – Brandi Schemerhorn, Frank Zussman; School Improvement Teams: JR/SR– Spencer Geib; TCP – Renee Overbeck; TCI – Brandi Schemerhorn; Public Relations – Jason Kilmer, Bob Gerber, Cheyenne Suitors; Legislative Liaison – Bob Gerber; Investment – Bob Gerber; Advisory Boards: FACS – Renee Overbeck, Cheyenne Suitors; Ag – Jason Kilmer, Spencer Geib; Business – Bob Gerber, Frank Zussman; Industrial Technology – Jason Kilmer; Health Occupation- Cheyenne Suitors; High Ability – Jason Kilmer, Brandi Schemerhorn; Remington Redevelopment Board- Renee Overbeck
6. At this time Mr. Culp discussed with the board members the change to board compensation. He discussed either raising the annual amount board members receive or being paid per diem. The raise cannot exceed 10% of the lowest teacher salary. Mr. Kilmer stated that he does not think a per diem is needed. After board discussion Mr. Culp stated that he would make a recommendation at the next board meeting for a raise for the annual amount that board members receive.
7. The board approved the minutes for the Regular and Executive Session on December 8, 2025.
8. The board approved the minutes for the Executive Session on January 5, 2026.
9. Before presenting the students of the month Mr. McCracken thanked Tri-Kappa for the donation of the gift cards for the students of the month.
10. Mr. McCracken presented the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month: Junior High School: Preston Grimes 7th, Asher Carney 8th; English: Marianna Boles; CTE(Agriculture): Reece Fullam; Math: Grace Luck; Social Studies: Cristian Pacheco; Fine Arts (Art): Mackenzie Layton; Science: Reece Johnson; PE: Mackenzie Burns
11. Students of the Month from Mrs. Holly Hopkins's 5th grade class at TCI: Quinn Dahlenburg and Ethan Williamson
12. Students of the Month from Mrs. Lexi McClure's 2nd grade class at TCP: Zyah Taulman and Crew Gentry
13. There were no visitor comments on agenda items.
14. Under Guest Speaker, Mrs. Brienne Hooker, Executive Director of the Jasper/Newton Foundation, informed the board of changes to the grants and their application process for teacher and staff. She gave a brief history of the grants provided by the foundation, the totals and where they were used. She stated that the Jasper/Newton Foundation continues their commitment to helping not just Tri-County but surrounding schools as well.
15. Under Monthly Reports, Chief Page gave his monthly report. He also informed the board that he completed several hours of training for his School Safety Specialist Certification. He attended a 2-day inaugural School Safety Summit in Indianapolis focusing on Behavioral Threat Assessments in

accordance with Indiana's new laws requiring it. He has been working with Raptor Technologies with setting up and implementing the new badge alert and emergency management system.

16. Mr. Culp informed the board that they are moving forward with the backpack program and bus barn construction; however, the construction permit was pulled for state review. The information that the state required for the review has been submitted to the state and we are now just waiting on their approval. Everything is ready to start but no dirt has been moved yet. Mr. Culp is working with Skillman on construction and budget close outs for other construction projects that were completed. Mr. Culp asked Paul Todoroski to come next month and present a budget update to the board. Mr. Culp discussed with the board the latest batch of affidavits and stated that we are under budget.
17. There were no board committee reports.
18. Ms. Hall reported to the board that the Primary and Intermediate had another wonderful Christmas program last month. Ms. Hall thanked Ms. Sweetman, transportation department, custodial department, and Tri-County's PTO for all their coordinated efforts for that event. Also, shortly before break TCP had their Polar Express Day at TCP. It's a fun day for TCP students. Ms. Hall stated "It's nice to be back in a routine coming back from break."
19. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that this month TCI will have some students take the WIDA test, which helps identify students who may need additional support to help them overcome any language barriers. Students will also be taking the ILEARN checkpoint two assessment starting tomorrow. The window closes on February 6th. Jr. High wrestling season started last Monday. The Robotics team will compete on January 31st in Crown Point at their first Robotics Competition. Science Bowl started last week on Thursday and will have its competition later this month. The PYSI committee would like to invite all of you to the boys' basketball game on Friday, January 23rd at 6:00 pm for Mental Health awareness night. Guardian Angel has made shirts for both Tri-County and Frontier's JV and Varsity basketball teams that will be worn during warm-up. There will also be some vendors stationed in the hallway outside of the gym for community members to get some information on Mental Health.
20. Mr. McCracken reminded the board that the guest motivational speaker, David Flood, is coming to the Jr/Sr High School on Wednesday, January 21st and 9:30am. He has a great message for the kids!
21. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that drone certification testing took place before Christmas break at the Purdue Airport. Congratulations to the following students for receiving their drone certification: Gardenia DelReal, Rose Kaeb and Ian Orns. Some Tri-County seniors have had the opportunity to have internships at Chief Buildings for work-based learning. Mr. Haskins thanked Chief Buildings for changing things to get students in early. There have previously been issues due to companies' insurance policies requiring students to be 18 in intern. Mr. Haskins and Mr. Schemerhorn had the opportunity to tour the facility last week. Ethyn Froehling, Tyler Kessler, Zayne Naubors and Denzel Herra-Pearson are currently interning at Chiefs for the work-based program provided by Chief Buildings. During upcoming PLC times for teachers Mrs. Sheets and Mrs. Dyke will be presenting/discussing ways to better meet the needs of Tri-County's ML students. Counselors will be presenting on their plans for helping to address the mental health needs of students on February 4th. Eighth graders Go For Growth Meeting thru Skyepack is on Tuesday. This meeting is for them to start working on their future career goals. Mr. Haskins congratulated the group of FFA students that competed and finished 9th in the National Meat Judging Contest in Denver, Colorado at the end of last week: Kaylie Cooley, Marianna Boles, Anna Kilmer, Mylee Taulman and Ava Woods. Last week a MOU was signed with Ivy Tech for our Indiana College Core (ICC) program for Tri-County students. Mr. Haskins congratulated the girls wrestling regional qualifiers: Kohlee Kleist, Kylee Kleist and Jayden Martin. Mr. Haskins welcomed new staff members into our building. They are Mrs. Darla Crabb - filling in for Mrs. Demerly on Tuesdays and Fridays; Miss Jenna Mesker - student teaching with Mrs. Coley; Mrs. Ronelle McVey - student teaching with Mrs. Tieke and Brayden Batley - night custodian. The boys wrestling MWC is this Saturday at West Central and sectionals is 1/31 at Twin Lakes. The girls' basketball sectional at North White is the first week of February. On Tuesday, January 27th, Tri-County

Jr/Sr High School will be recognizing the 1976 Girls Sectional Championship basketball team at halftime of the Delphi game. This was the first girls' basketball sectional championship at Tri-County. Senior night will take place before the game.

22. Under New Business, the board approved the retirement of Kim Hensler, Athletic/ Transportation Secretary. The employment of Jasmine Nabours, Tri-County Primary Instructional Aide and Mrs. Darla Crabb, Part Time Counselor at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School. The transfer of Kate Fout from Tri-County Primary Instructional Aide to Custodian, Kim Sterk from Tri-County Intermediate Secretary to Athletic/Transportation Secretary at Tri-County Jr/Sr High and McKenna Snyder from Tri-County Intermediate Instructional Aide to Tri-County Intermediate Secretary.
23. The board approved the Out of State Field Trips: FFA Ski Trip to Gobles, MI on February 28, 2026, the Out of State FFA National Soils Field Trip to Oklahoma on and the Out of State Field Trip to Barcelona/Madrid, Spain on June 9- 16th, 2027.
24. The board approved tabling the amendment of the handbooks attendance policies and procedures for Tri-County Primary, Intermediate and Jr/Sr High School until next month's board meeting due to receiving the most recent update tonight during the board meeting.
25. The board approved the updated TC Suicide and Death Policy and Procedures as presented.
26. Mr. Culp did the first reading of the NEOLA Policies 8.5.1 Vol 38, No. 1 Nondiscrimination and Vol. 38, No.1; 8.5.2 Academic Designations; 8.5.3 Code of Conduct; 8.5.4 Employee Hiring Process Guideline and 8.5.5 Resolution establishing Compensation and Reimbursement Guidelines for Members for the Tri-County Corporation Board of Trustees.
27. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp reported to the board that the Wolcott Christian Church made a donation to the backpack program. Mr. Culp thanked the Wolcott Christian Church for its donation.
28. Mr. Culp presented to the board the ESCRFT 2026 renewal information.
29. Mr. Culp presented the board with a letter from the Remington Carpenter Township Public Library from the Board of Directors in regards to the property tax reform asking for the board members to attend their meetings.
30. Mr. Culp reported to the board about the legislative session and bills that are being discussed. Mr. Culp thanked Mr. Commons for taking on the problem with House Bill 1098 in regards to insurance and trying to fix issues.
31. There were no visitor comments.
32. The next board meeting will be February 9, 2025.