

September 15, 2016

TO: Media

FROM: Dr. Kathy Goad, Tri-County School Corporation

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, September 12, 2016

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, September 12, 2016.
The following topics were covered:

1. Dr. Goad briefly presented a Power Point about the General Fund, Debt Service Fund, Transportation Operating Fund, Transportation Bus Replacement Fund, Capital Projects Fund and Rainy Day Fund and what can be paid out of each fund to the patrons at the meeting.
2. Under Visitor's Comments, Ms. Carma Buschman asked in regards to the pool, if it was a regulation size for a swim team. Mrs. Cantrell asked that Ms. Buschman talk to Mr. Denny Stitz to answer her question.
3. Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Tracy Zarse announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Primary School – Felicity Selby, Brody Nutt

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Louise Knochel announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Intermediate School – Emma Oilar, Xander Terwilliger

Mr. McCracken and Ms. Rowe announced the Students of the Month:
Math – Kenzie Bahler
PE/FACS/Health – Madelyne Miller
Social Studies – Kevin Ferdinand
English Language Arts – Owen Getz
CTE – Sydney Rust
Fine Arts – Dillon Bickett

Tri-County High School – Frank Berenda
Tri-County Junior High School – Elijah Boles, Jacob Bowles

4. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mr. Eric Sharp presented a short video presentation on the Tri-County Primary STEM Academy. Mr. Hagan started what is now the STEAM Academy and the 1st and 2nd grade have been very busy doing projects. The first graders have been making boats and then testing them to see if they float and the second graders have been making spider webs. Both classes had made maps of their back yards and have been working with Ozobots, which traces and moves along the maps that the students created.
5. Under the Technology Report, Dr. Goad reported in the absence of Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, that Kaitlin Flores and Eric Sharp will be taking teachers Rachel Pilotte, Tammy Justice, and Christy Young to I.C.E. Conference (Indiana Connected Educator) October 13 -14, 2016 and this will be paid for out of the Digital Learning Grant

we received. Speak Up 2016 is a National Survey on behalf of Project Tomorrow. As a continuation of data tracking, we will again be taking part in this survey October 12 through December 16. It includes surveys for staff, students and parents. This is the fall window of state report updates. The DOE-ME Membership count day is Friday, September 16 for the schools in Indiana.

6. Under the Strategic Plan Report, Dr. Goad reported in regards to Increasing Enrollment that with count day coming up on September 16, she is hoping Tri-County's enrollment will have a net gain. Dr. Goad announced in regards to Integrating Technology that just listening to Mr. Sharp's presentation shows what is being done with technology and that the students and teachers are learning from each other. Under Aligning Curriculum, teachers are continuing to work on their curriculum and alignment to go along with the State Standards.
7. Dr. Goad asked that Mr. Jim Thompson and Mr. Joe Briggs, Gibraltar representatives, and Dr. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, update the School Board members and patrons on the Tri-County Intermediate Construction project. The asbestos project is moving right along as scheduled and the company is doing a very professional job. The gym will be painted over Fall Break and the new gym floor may be installed during Spring Break 2017. The project is right on schedule and so far under budget.
8. Dr. Goad reported that Ms. Rowe still needed an Instructional Assistant at the Junior/Senior High School and she wanted to hire Ms. Robin Schneidt for that position. Ms. Schneidt started in that position on September 6, 2016.
9. The Board approved the following overnight field trip requests:
 - FFA – October 7-9, 2016 Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar
 - FFA – October 14-15, 2016 Marshall County, IN
 - FFA – October 18-22, 2016 Indianapolis, IN
 - FFA – November 18-20, 2016 Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar
 - BPA – March 12-14, 2017 Indianapolis, State Leadership Conference
10. The Board approved an Out-of-State field trip request from Mrs. Darla Harrington, for BPA to travel to Orlando, Florida for the National Leadership Conference from May 10-14, 2017.
11. The Board approved to Advertise the Budget, which is an annual request for a required action to advertise the proposed budget to our taxpayers. Dr. Goad announced that the Budget Hearing is scheduled for September 27, 2016.
12. The Board approved a Resolution to Reduce 2016 Appropriations, which is necessary to reduce some current year appropriations in order to make next year's budget work. The Capital Projects Fund will be reduced by \$500,000, Rainy Day Fund by \$133,768, and the Debt Service Fund by \$50,000.
13. The Board approved Mrs. Molly Brown to use sick days from the Sick Bank, due to her illness.
14. The Board approved Ms. Erica John to use sick days from the Sick Bank, due to her illness.
15. Dr. Goad passed out to the School Board members the NEOLA Policy updates that Mr. Bernie Graser, NEOLA Representative, Mrs. Cantrell and Dr. Goad had updated recently.

Dr. Goad asked that the School Board members read them and the approval of the updates will be done at the October meeting.

16. The Board approved a Leave of Absence for Mrs. Tiffany Alberts for the 2016-17 school year.
17. Dr. Goad reminded the Board of the ISBA/IAPSS Fall Conference and asked that they let her know if they plan on attending or not. Dr. Goad announced that the Tri-County Educational Foundation Fund has done a great job raising funds for our students and the staff members for projects involving their students. This year there will not be a telethon, but a Go Fund Me page with a mission of raising \$30,000 in 30 days. This weekend is Homecoming and there are several fund raising events this weekend. You can send donations through the mail or donate online on the Go Fund Me page.
18. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that Ms. Hall and he has worked hard on making Tri-County Primary School a Family Friendly School and found out from the State of Indiana right before the start of this school year, that TCP has been titled as a Family Friendly School and they are now working on Tri-County Intermediate School to become a Family Friendly School. Mr. Hagan is excited about how the STEM Academy is working out at the Primary School and has been working with Mr. Sharp on the Tri-County Intermediate School Stem Academy with the students researching, planning, creating and mind crafting projects. Mr. Hagan announced that the Grandparent's night is scheduled for October 6, at TCP from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and at TCI from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.
19. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that she has been promoting PRIDE at both elementary schools and recognizing students who follow PRIDE. The PTO is even promoting this at their monthly meetings. Ms. Hall announced that the 9 week awards are being planned and that she is working with Mr. Mike Godlove on a Mentor program.
20. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board members that he wanted to acknowledge the seniors that are present here at this meeting, as they are leaders of the school and is proud of them for coming to the meeting tonight to meet their graduation requirements early in the year. Mr. McCracken congratulated the FFA students for winning many contests already this year and also the Band for their two competitions that they have participated in winning a Gold and a 1st Place rating. Homecoming is Friday night and many activities are being planned that evening along with the activities leading up to Friday evening.
21. Ms. Rowe reported to the Board members that this is the 4th week of school and she acknowledged the seniors present at the meeting along with Mr. McCracken. She is very proud of the upper classman who have been working with the 6th graders, and the 7th graders are meeting with their core teachers every day and she is anxious to see how their testing comes back after doing this. Another change is that Block 8 has every 7th and 8th grade student working on PRIDE. The Science Department has many great things happening and Ms. Rowe is working with Mrs. Shannon Kelly, and Mrs. Kaitlin Flores on getting a Maker's Space started at the Junior/Senior High School.

