

October 14, 2016

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, October 10, 2016

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, October 10, 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. Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Kathy Ingram announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Primary School – Makenzie Schwartz, Peyton Demerly

Mr. Hagan announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Intermediate School – Elyzabeth Bahler, Mayson Balchunas

Mr. McCracken and Ms. Rowe announced the Students of the Month:

Math – Keaton Kyburz
PE/FACS/Health – McKenna Schuh
English Language Arts – Bryce Siegle
CTE – Will McFadden
Fine Arts – Andrew Layton
Science – Zachery Powell

Tri-County High School – Bennie Patterson
Tri-County Junior High School – Savannah Brantley, Lially Kendall

3. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, teachers Mrs. Aimee Clark, Mrs. Holly Cook, and Mrs. Jill Bahler, showed us projects that they are doing with their students in Science, under See Saw. Mrs. Clark presented gummy bears in cups of water to see if they shrink, expand or dissolve. Each student shared their results. Mrs. Cook had her students make 3 paper airplanes using copy paper, construction paper and tissue paper and then tried to guess which would fly further and then the students shared their guesses and results with other students. Mrs. Cook also did a project for Social Studies about Indians and Mound Builders. Mrs. Bahler had her students do Math problems and had the students explain how they came up with the answer. Mrs. Bahler also had each of her students take a picture of one of their grandparents and then had the student interview the grandparent.
4. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that Kaitlin Flores and Eric Sharp are working to incorporate new technology tools to supplement curriculums such as, Google Card Board (Corporation Wide), Sphero Robots (TCI & TCP), Makey (Corporation Wide), and Cubelets (Jr/Sr High School). Speak Up 2016 is a National Survey on behalf of Project Tomorrow, and this survey will begin October 12. As a continuation of data tracking, we will again be taking part in this survey. It includes surveys for staff, students and parents.

5. Under the Strategic Plan Report, Dr. Goad announced in regards to Integrating Technology that just listening to tonight's presentations shows what is being done with technology at Tri-County schools. Under Increasing Enrollment, after count day on September 16, 2016, Tri-County is down 13 students from last year. Under Aligning Curriculum, teachers will begin to work on their curriculum and alignment to go along with the State Standards in the near future.
6. The Board approved the NEOLA policy updates as stated in the book.
7. The Board approved the resignation of Mrs. Lucinda Sichting, Junior/Senior High School cook, effective October 6, 2016.
8. Dr. Goad announced that a part-time custodian is needed to split 3 hours between Tri-County Primary and Tri-County Intermediate schools. This is due to a resignation, but no letter has been received as of the October 10, 2016 Board meeting.
9. The Board approved a Resolution to Adopt Year 2017-2028 Bus Replacement Plan.
10. The Board approved a Resolution to Adopt Year 2017-2019 Capital Projects Fund.
11. The Board approved a Resolution to adopt the 2017 Budget.
12. The Board approved the insurance renewal with Liberty Mutual under Heiny Insurance (MBAH) for the Property Insurance, and Accident Fund Insurance Company for Workman's Compensation.
13. Dr. Goad reported to the Board that over the last couple of years Tri-County have had requests from coaches to use our elementary gyms for coaching clinics where they charge children for their services. Our current policy would allow for this but Dr. Goad recommended changing this policy as it puts us in a situation with insurance liability. Dr. Goad ask the Board to review the Use of Facilities Policy changes and this change will be voted on at the November Board meeting.
14. The Board approved a maternity leave request from Mrs. Becky Luebcke, Elementary Counselor, starting approximately December 12, 2016 and returning to school on April 3, 2017.
15. Dr. Goad reported to the Board that construction at Tri-County Intermediate is moving right along and the Board members toured the Intermediate before Executive Session this evening. The construction project will be completed by the end of May, 2017. In the past every Wednesday morning during the school year, some sort of Professional Development was presented for the Certified Staff. This year the administrators are trying something different by having the teachers do the Professional Development every other Wednesday morning, calling this Ed Camp. 6 teachers will have a ½ hour presentation instructing other certified staff. Each teacher may attend 2 of these presentations. The first one will be held Wednesday, October 12, at the Junior/Senior High School and will alternate with the Tri-County Primary and Tri-County Intermediate Schools, and this camp will be done once each quarter. Dr. Goad reported that eLearning discussion has begun and the waiver is in the process of being approved. Dr. Goad announced that the General Election will be in a few weeks, and that she hopes everyone has reviewed the best candidate that promotes Education.

16. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that the Stem Teams have met at Tri-County Primary and also at Tri-County Intermediate. Mr. Hagan is following the Rubric by the State and has to evaluate each school with hopes of Tri-County Primary becoming a Stem School. Mr. Hagan thanked Mrs. Ingram, Ms. Hall, Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Pilotte, Mrs. Pearson, and Mrs. Hensler for being on the Stem Team Committee and they have even asked if they could meet on every other Wednesday morning that PD does not meet. Mr. Hagan is excited about all of the students being engaged in STEM. Grandparent's night was held on October 6, and thanked the PTO for all of their help making this a success. Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held on October 19, 2016.
17. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that an Animal Rescue Program will have a presentation for the students from both Elementary schools during the Parent/Teacher Conferences on October 19. The schools are still working towards a Mentor Program and Ms. Hall was told that out of all White County Schools that Tri-County is the only school fully embraced in PRIDE. The first REACH Higher Awards at the end of this 1st nine weeks will be a picnic lunch outside for the students.
18. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board members that the FFA Greenhand Banquet was being held at the Junior/Senior High School this evening and the FFA National Convention will be held next week and the FFA members have received many awards already this school year from previous contests. The Choir Concert will be Thursday, October 13, at 6:30 p.m. and Senior Night will be Friday night, October 14, with the football game. Mrs. Brown from the Art Department along with some of her students would like to paint a mural in Wolcott or Remington community. Mr. McCracken announced that Red Ribbon Week is coming up and Mrs. Lynette Michal and her class have plans for this week.
19. Ms. Rowe reported to the Board members that the Parent/Teacher Conference is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19 at the Junior/Senior High School, with different activities planned for the students during the conferences. One presenter will be Mr. Don Carter, 'Know Before You Go', information for Junior and Senior class students going on to college. There will be information about SAT tests and other preparation that is needed before college. A presentation will be about online safety and also online bullying. October 18th and 25th, the 7th & 8th grade students who have been meeting Block 8 will do some community service in both communities. Ms. Rowe announced that November 11th is the Fall Play at 7:00 p.m. and there will also be a Veteran's Day Program at the Junior/Senior High School for the local veterans.