

August 15, 2017

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, August 14, 2017

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, August 14, 2017. The following topics were covered:

1. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that 300 laptops have been handed out in 4 hours' time the first two days of school at the Junior/Senior High School. This is an improvement in productivity for the technology department over years past, where we used to spend approximately 36 hours handing out laptops to the Junior/Senior High School alone. 220 Chromebooks were handed out today at TC Intermediate School, and 199 iPads were handed out at TC Primary School. Houston is coming this week to start placing the phone systems and phones in the classrooms, and August 23 is the go live date for the new phone system.
2. The Board approved the Teacher Appreciation Grant Policy.
3. The Board approved the following Support Staff resignations effective immediately:
 - Sandy Miller – TCI Media Center Assistant
 - Rosetta Rider – TCP/TCI Art Instructor
 - Rachel Harper – Jr/Sr HS Levels Instructional Assistant
4. The Board approved the following Certified Staff resignations:
 - Carly Dobin – Corporation SLP, effective July 18, 2017
 - Kyle Arney – Social Studies, effective July 13, 2017
 - Christina Samanas – 2nd Grade, effective July 18, 2017
 - Kaitlin Flores – Jr/Sr HS Instructional Technology Specialist, effective November 23, 2017
5. Dr. Goad announced the following Transfers, but no approval is needed for these transfers:
 - Lexi McClure – from TCI 6th Grade to TCP 2nd Grade
 - Amanda Alberts – from Corporation Nurse to TCP/TCI Art Instructor
 - JR Haskins – from Jr/Sr High School Math to TCI 6th Grade
 - Mark Gretencord – from Jr/Sr HS Business/Health to Jr/Sr HS Math
 - Justin Laffoon – from Maintenance to Groundskeeper
6. Dr. Goad expressed her gratitude to the Board members for giving her permission to approve late hires and reported the following new Support Staff employees, effective immediately and the Board approved the following:
 - Lisa Ewen – TCI Media Center Instructional Assistant
 - Michelle Rhoads – TCI After School Program
 - Tyler Smith – Jr/Sr HS Levels Instructional Assistant

Karen Bacon – Jr/Sr HS Life Skills Instructional Assistant
Laurie Miller – CTE Bus Driver
Katie Bise – Jr/Sr HS LD Instructional Assistant
Sadie Melendez – TCI Instructional Assistant

7. The Board approved the employments of the following Certified Staff for the 2017-18 school year:

T.J. Newton – Jr/Sr High School Business/Health teaching position
Matthew Quinn – Jr/ Sr High School Social Studies teaching position

8. The Board approved a Resolution to shift Contractual Bus Cost to Bus Replacement Fund, which is an annual resolution that needs to be approved. The resolution allows us to use up to \$140,000 annually from the Bus Replacement Fund to cover a portion of the contractual drivers cost.
9. The Board approved the following Overnight Field Trips:
 - October 6-8, 2017 to Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar, IN (SOAR Camp)
 - October 13-14, 2017 to Vincennes University, Vincennes, IN (State Soils Judging)
 - October 24-28, 2017 to Indianapolis Convention Center (National Convention)
 - November 17-19, 2017 to IN FFA Leadership Center, Indianapolis, IN (FIRE Camp)
10. Dr. Goad thanked the Board members for allowing two days before school for all staff to attend group meetings. Everyone took part in the Poverty Program which was held on the first day and our goal this year is to have more empathy for our families and students. The second day Teachers were in attendance in each of their buildings for Professional Development and meetings were held for all the Support Staff before returning to their buildings. Several Support Staff appreciated being included and felt as important as the teachers in learning new information. The total enrollment looks stronger presently, but we won't know for sure until Count Day, which is September 15, 2017. The New Employee Dinner is scheduled for August 30, 2017, at 6:30 p.m. Dr. Goad announced that the IDOE Regional Meetings are being done a different way this year and our meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, September 5, 2017, at Harrison High School, from 5:00 – 6:30 and if anyone is able to attend please contact her so that she can make reservations. The ISBA Fall Conference is scheduled for October 2-3, 2017, and if anyone is interested in attending, please contact her as soon as possible.
11. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that the 1st two days for staff was a great start of the school year and this helped everyone to be ready for the first day of school. Plans are being made this year for the 6th grade students to become involved in leadership clubs. The STEM Projects are up and running and there are six 6th grade students who are taking pre-algebra on Google and Mr. Hagan thanked Mrs. Kelly and Mr. Eric Sharp for their help in getting this started. Mr. Hagan, Ms. Hall and several teachers helped choose the 6 students to participate in this pre-algebra by reviewing test scores. Mr. Hagan thanked Mrs. Sara Arvin for all of her hard work in getting an Outdoor Learning Lab started at Tri-County Intermediate School. Mr. Hagan reported that their goals at Tri-County Intermediate this year is to target all students on their skills and help them grow.
12. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that all of the new hires are fitting in nicely and working out well. A Back to School Night was held last week and about 75% attendance in

each classroom was reported. Ms. Hall briefly talked about the Tri-County Primary having a No Homework Policy this year.

13. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board members that the school is off to a great start and tonight at the Junior/Senior High School was Open House, a Volleyball game and a Football game. Mr. McCracken felt that having the parking lot re-sealed and new lines painted on the parking lot, made the student drivers more appreciative and they are doing really well so far. The administrators have met with all 6 classes at the Junior/Senior High School, which finished up today and talked about the many things that makes Tri-County special. Mr. McCracken passed out August and September Activity Calendars that is shared on Google to each of the Board members.