

September 10, 2019

TO: Media

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

RE: Work Session & Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, September 9, 2019.

The Tri-County School Board met for a Work Session on Monday, September 9, 2019 for a review of the 2020 Budget.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, September 9, 2019. The following topics were covered:

1. Ms. Hall and Mrs. Austen Hensler announced the Students of the Month:
Pyper Garner, Mattox Hensler

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Cynthia McQuinn announced the Students of the Month:
Layla Clark, Caden Sizemore

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:
High School – Keahi Keliiheleua-Zussman
Junior High School – Ephraim Boles, Charles Ingram

2. Under the Student Showcase, Ms. Hall introduced Mrs. Rachel Pilotte and they presented a Power Point presentation on the Kindergarten Summer Camp sponsored by United Way and community donations. Mrs. Pilotte had 15 students and mostly taught Math and Language Arts, with transportation provided for these students. Toward the end of the camp, Mrs. Pilotte took her class on a walking field trip to the Remington Post Office, where they got to go inside and experience how the mail is brought to the post office and how it all works, and then the Remington Pizza King where they got to watch how pizzas and salads were made and then ate the pizza for their lunch. Playtime was also a part of the camp and lunch was provided to the student's everyday through the summer hot lunch program and this gave Mrs. Pilotte and Mrs. Cheryl Beever, Aide, a chance to make sure the students tried something different and also made sure the kids ate their lunch. Toward the end of the camp t-shirts were provided to each student from United Way. Mrs. Pilotte thanked United Way and community donations for providing this service for these students.
3. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported to the Board that with the addition of Photography and Mass Media classes we were able to work with Camera Outfitters in Lafayette to purchase a total of 16 cameras to use between the two classes. 12 for Photography and 4 for Mass Media. Mrs. Kelly reached out to some resources to help create a camera usage document the teachers will use with their students. This is a standard procedure across school districts for specialized equipment like this. Mrs. Kelly is also preparing for all the mass of September/October state reports.
4. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Pampel announced that the RWCDC will be meeting Tuesday evening, September 10, 2019. Mr. Kilmer reported that there is an Ag Advisory meeting scheduled for Thursday evening, September 12, 2019.
5. Mr. Culp, updated the Board members on the construction project. The pool doors have been installed and a little more cleaning needs to be done at the bottom of the pool, where

there is a little rust and this will be done during fall break or Christmas break. Some regrouting of tiles will be done in the entryway. The flag pole is installed and new flags have been put on the pole.

6. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that 2 more students have been enrolled and that brings the enrollment at TC Primary to 215 students. The PTO fund raiser is going on at this time and Grandparent's Night is scheduled for October 3, 2019.
7. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that their enrollment is still at 187, and Spell Bowl practice is beginning. The 6th Grade went to Camp Tecumseh again this year and had a great experience. The Robotics Team begins practice on Wednesday and Thursday, Tri-County Intermediate is hosting the District IV Area Principals meeting. The students are starting up a Butterfly Garden, and still working with the Hydroponics in growing vegetables.
8. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that about 18 senior students painted their individual parking spots and he was real proud of how each of them did. Mr. McCracken hopes next year that they can do more projects involving more students.
9. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that 3 students begin Work Based Learning jobs tomorrow with different local businesses. Mr. Culp and Mr. Haskins have been talking about CTE and maybe getting two more classes started, Animal Science and Welding, if they can get teachers to cover these classes. There are students definitely interested in taking these classes. Mr. Haskins reported that there are about 46% of the students involved in ECA, 97 students out of 212, and he hopes that it will be higher next year. In Junior High there are about 56% of the students involved in ECA, and 68% of the 6th Graders. Mr. Haskins is still excited about the 3 new teachers there at the high school and each has a mentor and he feels that these teachers are a good fit with our students. Mr. Haskins announced that an alumni is interested in getting her counseling degree, so she will be working with our Counselors next semester to find out if this is something she wants to do or not. Mr. Haskins thanked the Board for use of our facility for community use. Mr. Haskins wanted to share Eventlink.com, for scheduling purposes and anyone may check it to see what is going on with this link.
10. Under Old Business, Mr. Culp introduced Officer Jim Herre, Town of Wolcott, to update in regards to the School Resource Officer. Mr. Culp reported that \$35,000 has been awarded from the Safety Grant. Officer Herre gave the Board members a Memorandum of Understanding for the School and the Town of Wolcott to fulfill the SRO for Tri-County. Officer Herre reported that this person would not be a cop to arrest anyone at school, but wants to find someone who would be a "people person" to go through the training, and would be a good fit with the students. Mr. Culp thanked Officer Herre for the update.
11. Mr. Culp reported that in regards to the WHIN Grant, the weather station has been installed at the high school. Tri-County will also be hosting an information session in the fall to provide further information with area farmers and agriculture businesses. The purpose of these meetings would be not only to educate individuals about the test project, but also to allow them the opportunity to become a part of the test with ground they own.
12. Mr. Culp passed out the first reading of the NEOLA Policies and will act on these at the October Board meeting.
13. The Board approved not taking the 20% of the Teacher Appreciation Grant to be set aside for the new teachers for their 1st 5 years, with remaining 80% be split amongst the rest of

the teachers.

14. The Board approved the 2020 Budget for advertisement and the posting of any required resolutions and notices of the 2020 Budget, which was discussed at the Work Session held before the Regular Session.
15. Mr. Culp asked all Board members to fill out the Conflict of Interest form.
16. The Board approved the employments of the following effective immediately:
Mrs. Ashley Brook for the Life Skills Instructional Assistant at the Jr/Sr High School
Mr. William Lock for the 10 month night custodian at the Jr/Sr High School
17. The Board approved the pay raise for Devin Bell, Maintenance Director, as listed on the document.
18. The Board approved Curriculum Development services from Administrator Assistance.
19. The Board approved the following overnight Field Trip requests:
Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar, October 11 (after school) until 10/13/19
FFA State Soils Judging Contest, Adams Central HS, 10/18-19/2019
National FFA Convention, Indianapolis Convention Center, Indianapolis,
10/30/19-11/2/19
6th Grade students to Camp Tecumseh, Brookston, 8/26-27/19
20. Mr. Culp reported for Tri-County School Corporation, the result of the Governor's reduction of Teacher Retirement Pension fund from 7.5% to 5.5% is approximately a one time savings of \$51,124. The funds will be used to maintain the overall operations and functions of the school corporation.