

October 15, 2019

TO: Media

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

RE: Work Session, Executive Session & Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, October 14, 2019.

The Tri-County School Board met for a Work Session on Monday, October 14, 2019 for a Public Hearing of the 2020 Budget.

The Tri-County School Board met for an Executive Session on Monday, October 14, 2019, after the Work Session, for discussion of the assessment, design, and implementation of school safety and security measures, plans, and systems, and also for Collective Bargaining.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, October 14, 2019, after the Executive Session.

The following topics were covered:

1. Ms. Hall and Mrs. Kathy Ingram announced the Students of the Month:  
Marly Combs, Aiden Federer

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Holly Cook announced the Students of the Month:  
Emma Getz, Jack Hagan

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:  
High School – Brooklyn Miller  
Junior High School – Gwen Styck, Kaiden Schini  
  
Social Studies – Jasmine Culp  
E/LA – Carter Wilson  
PE/FACS/Health – Taylor Doty  
Fine Arts – Harmony Pirlot  
Math – Marissa Schini  
Science – Kayden Greeno

2. Under the Student Showcase, Mrs. Jill Bahler and 5 of her 6<sup>th</sup> grade students did a power point presentation on their overnight 6<sup>th</sup> Grade trip to Camp Tecumseh the 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of August, called the Foundation of Success. Students Zackery Bramlett, Mariah Anstett, Mason Hagan, Evalynn Ross, and Alyna Hrnicek talked about Problem Solving, Confidence, Trust, Communication, and Leadership. The trip helped our students to work together, encourage and trust each other and learned leadership.
3. Under the Student Showcase, Mr. J.R. Haskins introduced 6 junior high girls, Taylor VanMeter, Addison Sterk, Addison Ewen, Amalee Scheitlin, Ryleeane Sheldon, and Clara Wamsley, who are members of the Junior High Cross Country team and won the Midwest Conference.
4. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported to the Board that this week is National Digital Citizenship week, and a document was shared with the teachers to watch a short video on a topic and have some discussion points. There were

also some fun game type activities that they could participate in on certain days to help reinforce the day's topic. Mr. Sharp also posted family talking points each day in regards to daily topics of Media Balance and Well Being, privacy and security, digital footprint and identity, relationships and communication, cyber bullying, digital drama, and hate speech. This month is national Cyber Security Month, and Mrs. Kelly has been sharing Cyber Security tips with staff every other day to help increase awareness.

5. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber reported that he and Mr. Culp had attended the School Board Conference September 30-October 1, 2019 in Indianapolis. There were some good keynote speakers and many breakout sessions.
6. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber reported that there was an Ag Advisory meeting held on September 12, 2019. Class numbers are up and more extra credit will be received from the State per student, per course. The FFA National Convention will be in November.
7. Under Board Committee Reports, Dr. Schemerhorn announced that a Tri-County Educational Foundation meeting was held and the Fall Grant applications have been sent out to the teachers, and are due November 1, 2019.
8. The Board approved a quote from Larson Danielson for re-grouting the entrance vestibule for the pool, and will be done over fall break. Mr. Culp also announced that Spear Company will be conducting routine maintenance on the pool deck over fall break.
9. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that Grandparent's Night was held on October 3, and was very well attended and she thanked the PTO for all of their help to sponsor this evening. The students also enjoyed watching the murals being painted in Remington. Mrs. Amanda Alberts, Art instructor, has her student painting trash containers that will be placed in the Remington Park. Ms. Hall reported that the Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled for Tuesday, October 22, 2019, from 1:00 – 8:00 p.m. at the high school. Ms. Hall had shared some videos with the teachers in regards to school supplies and how they are used to protect yourselves.
10. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that Mrs. Alberts is having her art classes paint trash containers for the Wolcott Park. Mr. Hagan announced that Mariah Anstett and Lauren Bledsoe, TCI students, are performing in the PMO Christmas program this year. Mr. Hagan reported that the Hydroponics is working and a free salad bar was provided to the students with the lettuce that was grown with the hydroponics. Purdue representatives will meet with the 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> graders this fall in more training for the hydroponics and in the spring with the 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. The clubs have started at the Intermediate School. Mr. Hagan thanked the Wolcott Fire Department for coming to talk to the Intermediate students about fire safety and also thanked the PTO for helping with the Grandparent's night on October 3, 2019.
11. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that he may report on attendance at the Board meetings. His goal is to reach 96%, but very tough to do. Last year they did reach 95.8%, and will continue working with students to help improve the attendance. Mr. McCracken announced that the FFA Banquet was held at the high school this evening, and it was very impressive with speeches, and students all dressed so nice. Mr. McCracken also reported that all athletics and band along with FFA and other organizations present many positives at Tri-County.

12. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that senior students and parents traveled to Frontier for a Financial Aide meeting, and 11 out of 54 families attended. Mr. Haskins reported that the sophomores and juniors will be taking the PSAT test on Wednesday and the sophomores, juniors and seniors will take the ASVAB test in November given by the Military, which after taking this test, the students can fulfill another Pathway towards graduation. Mr. Haskins announced that 3 Tri-County seniors are in the finals for the Lilly Grant, and they are Sarah Walder, Keahi Kiliheleua-Zussman, and Zachary Gretencord. Mr. Haskins also announced that 5 FFA members left Sunday for Kansas for the National Meats Judging contest and these students have been working together for 4 years to qualify for this national contest, the members are Blake Peterson, Chase Stearns, Leah Schneider and Lane Cochran, and they will compete on Tuesday, October 15, 2019. Mr. Haskins also voiced his concern on students getting concussions and how they are expected to test, complete homework assignments, etc. while trying to recover from the concussion. Mr. Haskins would like to excuse them from their classwork until they are released from their doctor, giving the students the best opportunity to do their make-up work when they feel better. Mr. Haskins and Mr. McCracken will be meeting with the students on probation because of grades and will be working with them to catch up. Mr. Haskins also congratulated the Volleyball, Football, Cross Country, and Band for their accomplishments and victories over the last several weeks. Mr. Haskins also announced that they will begin a swim club beginning October 29, with Mrs. Kelly Pritts overseeing the club and will be contacting other schools to see if there might be some competition interest. This will also give some students something to be involved in if they have nothing else. Mr. Haskins acknowledged Mr. Shawn McCracken on his discipline and communication with all of the students and reported that he is doing an outstanding job.
13. Under Old Business, Mr. Culp thanked Officer Jim Herre and the Town of Wolcott for all of their help in regards to the School Resource Officer. Mr. Culp announced that Mr. Andy Lanoue will be the School Resource Officer at Tri-County with a tentative start date of November 1, 2019.
14. Mr. Culp reported that in regards to the WHIN Grant, the weather station has been installed at the high school. On Thursday, October 31, Tri-County High School will be hosting an informational meeting on digital agriculture and the partnership with WHIN. Breakfast will be served at 7:30 a.m. by the Tri-County culinary arts class.
15. Mr. Culp thanked Dr. Schemerhorn and Mrs. Cantrell for their help on the updating of the NEOLA Policies. Mr. Culp briefly covered each policy change or update being made.
16. Mr. Gerber announced that the TCEF will be sending out their mailings the 1<sup>st</sup> week of November.
17. Under New Business, Mr. Culp reported that he has proofs of publications for the Approval of the CPF Plan, School Bus Replacement, and the 2020 Budget. No action is needed for this.
18. Mr. Pampel announced that careful consideration will be put in the Budget as the Referendum is included, but is really just a 7 year band-aid and that we are in the 2<sup>nd</sup> year of the Referendum and the Board has to be very careful as to making sure the money lasts and is used for the appropriate expenses. Mr. Gerber also said that the referendum will have to be used as promised to the community since they supported the referendum.

19. The Board approved the adoption of the Capital Projects, Bus Replacement, and the 2020 Budget as presented.
20. The Board approved extending Mrs. Sara Arvin's weekly hours from 18 to 40 as student needs increase.
21. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Teresa Earney, for the school nurse position, as she will be working 14 hours/week, on Thursday and Friday of each week at the TCP School.
22. The Board approved the employment of Ms. Cassandra Wall for the Junior/Senior High School cook position effective October 14, 2019.
23. The Board approved the following field trip requests:
  - FFA National Meats Judging Contest, Kansas City, Missouri, October 13-16, 2019
  - Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar, IN, 11/15-17/19
24. The Board approved the School Improvement Plans for TCP, TCI, and TC Jr/Sr High School for 2019-20.
25. Mr. Gerber thanked Mrs. Cantrell and Dr. Schemerhorn for all of their work helping with the elementary schools plans and Mr. Melchi for helping with the high school.
26. The Board approved the Administrator Goals for the 2019-20 school year for Mr. Haskins, Mr. McCracken, Mr. Hagan, Ms. Hall and Mr. LeBeau.
27. The Board approved the maternity request from Mrs. Kailie Kaluf, Math teacher, from approximately January 6 through February 17, 2020.