

January 11, 2021

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, January 11, 2021

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, January 11, 2021.

The following topics were covered:

1. Board Elections were held and officers are as follows: Dr. Brandi Schemerhorn, Board President; Mr. Robert Gerber, Board Vice President; and Mr. Jason Kilmer, Board Secretary.
2. The Board approved the re-appointments of Marsha Bell, Treasurer and Kristin Dreblow, Assistant Treasurer.
3. The Board approved keeping Lewis-Kappes as the corporation attorney.
4. Under Visitor comments, Tri-County Cheerleaders expressed their concerns about not being able to cheer at home games while the county is in red because of COVID-19. The School Board asked follow up questions and a decision will be made at a later date.
5. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the board that the web page went live last month and she thanked Mrs. Smith for her hard work and dedication with gathering and updating the information on the web page. Technology is currently working on upcoming state reports. Mrs. Kelly reported that she and Mr. Culp have been working on the 10 million project via T-Mobile and Sprint, which will provide a hotspot for free/reduced families in our school district.
6. Mr. Jeff LeBeau reported to the Board that transportation is running smooth and with the one stop policy, there is a lot less confusion on where students are being transported. Mr. LeBeau thanked Mrs. Kim Hensler for her help with keeping things running smoothly, and he thanked Mr. Bob Shallenberger for his help in keeping the buses running. Mr. LeBeau thanked the bus drivers and substitute drivers for their dedication in keeping the kids safe and the buses clean. Mr. LeBeau reported that all athletic teams are up and running and all winter sports Seniors have been recognized. Mr. LeBeau thanked the coaches for their hard work and dedication, this season. Mr. LeBeau reported that games are being broadcast through Facebook Live.
7. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber reported that RWCDC didn't have a meeting in December, but will be meeting virtual tomorrow night. Dr. Schemerhorn reported that the Education Foundation had a verbal evaluation of the grant applications sent by teachers.
8. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that Cavbots is meeting twice a week, 4th grade meets on Tuesdays, and 5th and 6th grade meet on Wednesdays. Mr. Hagan reported that Moola Mall, a 5th grade economy system, will be taking place on Wednesday, this week. Mr. Hagan congratulated the January Students of the Month.
9. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that the students are responding well to the cafeteria seating charts and getting back in the swing of things. Mr. McCracken reported on school safety and that the academy is being done virtual this year to keep safety staff certified.

10. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that semester grades are finished and report cards will be going out this week. Mr. Haskins reported that the first week after break was rough on our students but they are getting back on schedule this week. Mr. Haskins reported that the counselors are working with seniors on getting scholarships in. Mr. Haskins reported that the ASVAB assessment reports are in and on a positive note, 28 out of 41 sophomores passed. The AVAB will be given again this spring. Mr. Haskins thanked Mr. Rodgers, Mrs. Redstone, Ms. Williamson, and Mr. Shallenberger for their hard work and dedication to the backpack program, your service has not gone unnoticed. Mr. Haskins also thanked the community for their generous donations towards the backpack program. Mr. Haskins reported that the Jr/Sr High School Robotics team will travel to Rochester this Saturday for their first in-person competition.
11. Under Old Business, there was nothing to be discussed.
12. The Board approved the Employment of Mr. Rick Prater as Varsity Softball Coach.
13. The Board approved the Out of State FFA Field Trip to Timber Ridge Ski Resort, Gobles, Michigan.
14. The Board approved the BPA Overnight Field Trip to Business Professionals of America State Leadership Conference.
15. The Board approved a 3% raise for support staff and a one-time loyalty stipends for designated support staff.
16. The Board approved the Resignation of Mr. Ernie Kuhnke, Jr/Sr High School Business Teacher.
17. The Board approved the Emergency Paid Sick Leave Resolution.
18. Mr. Culp presented to the Board a short review of the 1st semester. The topics Mr. Culp presented were:
 1. Relationships are a priority
 2. Proper Work vs. life balance is critical
 3. Everyone has learned new tricks
 - a. Remote Learning will never replace the quality of in-person instruction.
 - b. Improving Remote Learning
 - c. Implementing Google Classroom
 4. Remote Learning students- 12 students are participating in full-time remote learning due to COVID-19.
 - a. 2 Junior High
 - b. 2 High School
 - c. 7 Intermediate
 - d. 1 Primary
 5. Learning is not a one-size fits all experience.
19. The Board of Finance officer elections are as follows, Mr. Kyle Arvin, Board of Finance President and Mrs. Rachel Cantrell, Board of Finance Secretary.

