May 10, 2021

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, May 10, 2021

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, May 10, 2021. The following topics were covered:

- 1. Under Visitor comments, Mr. Michel Marchard, from the New Wolcott Enterprise, expressed his gratitude to the Board and to all those present for making him feel welcome. Mr. Marchard is working on collecting information about the pre-consolidation of the Tri-County School Corporation and is going to write a series of events that took place prior to and during the consolidation.
- 2. Mr. Haskins recognized the Varsity Girls and Boys Track teams for their Midwest Conference wins at South Newton on Friday May 7, 2021. He thanked Mr. Harrington, Mr. Kochert, and Ms. Harper for their enthusiasm and encouragement to the athletes during the meets. Mr. Harrington reported that currently there are 15 girls and 17 boys on the Varsity teams. Mr. Harrington was extremely excited for these wins and reported that the last Midwest Conference wins were Boys Varsity in 2016 and Girls Varsity in 2012.
- 3. Ms. Hall reported to the Board her congratulations to the Students of the Month at TCP. Ms. Hall reported that the students raised just under \$2200 for the Kids Heart Challenge for the American Heart Association. Ms. Hall reported that Clark's Cutting Edge will be donating and installing a butterfly garden at TCP, this will be the second butterfly garden donated to the Primary School, and the first was donated by Bayer. Ms. Hall was proud to announce that TCP has once again been designated as a Family Friendly School. Ms. Hall reported that the 2nd grade will be visiting the Intermediate School to tour the building and meet their teachers for an easy transition in the fall. Ms. Hall thanked Mrs. LeBeau for her hard work with preparing all the events for the upcoming Field Day, May 19th. Ms. Hall reported that the PreK and Kindergarten Round-up was very successful and had a good turnout.
- 4. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board his appreciation for all the teachers and staff for all they do. He thanked the Churches, Community Members and PTO for their generosity during Teacher Appreciation Week and Roots Eatery & Pub for the meal donation. Mr. Hagan reported that the 3rd grade set up a room with placemats and tablecloths for a Book Tasting, the book was Lemonade Wars and they served lemonade and cookies. Mr. Hagan reported that the STEM and Art Show will be held on May 19th during the school day, this will not be open to the public. Mr. Hagan reported that Field Day will be held on May 20th and the 6th grade Completion Ceremony along with the Honor Roll and Awards will be held on May 26th.
- 5. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report.
- 6. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that Prom went well and thanked the Board for approving the use of the busses for After Prom the next day. Mr. Haskins reported that senior yard signs are picked up and being handed out, each senior gets two signs. Mr. Haskins reported that High School Curricular

Awards will be held Friday, May 14, 2021. Mr. Haskins reported that Graduation practice and senior night will be held on Friday, June 4, 2021; Graduation will be held Sunday, June 6, 2021, masks are required. The Spring Musical, James and the Giant Peach, will be held Sunday, May 16, 2021 at 4:30pm. Mr. Haskins reported that the High School Band and Choir Concert will be held on May 19th, in the auditorium and the Junior High Band and Choir Concert will be held on May 26th, in the main gym. Mr. Haskins reported that finals will be the last two days of the semester and will be assessments. Mr. Haskins reported that Riley Week has been planned for this week by Mr. Sterk and extends his appreciation to Mr. Sterk for planning it.

- 7. Mr. Hagan reported that Mr. Haskins has been named Principal of the Year and will be presented this award at the IASP (Indiana Association of School Principals) Conference in November 2021.
- 8. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that this summer student attendance will be reported via Data Exchange, which is a new method for reporting to the DOE. Mrs. Kelly has attended PowerSchool virtual meetings about the communication set up and started transferring the data. Data will automatically pull from PowerSchool and there will not be actual reporting periods like before, each year they will onboard more state reporting data via this portal. Mrs. Kelly reported that technology is planning for device intake at the end of the year for TCI and TC Jr/Sr High School and they are organizing the devices that will be replaced this summer.
- 9. The Board approved the Employment of Mrs. Pamela Schnelle, High School Cook.
- 10. The Board approved the Resolution to establish the Tri-County School Corporation Police Department.
- 11. The Board approved the Declaration of Public Surplus.
- 12. The Board approved the Intent to rehire Support Staff for the 2021-2022 School Year.
- 13. The Board approved the Maternity Leave of Mrs. McKenna Snyder.
- 11. The Board approved the Social Studies Textbook Adoption.
- 12. The Board approved the following Out of State/Overnight Field Trips, FFA, June 14-17: State FFA Convention @ State Fairgrounds and HSE; FFA, August 1-3: St. Louis, Missouri; and HS Physics, May 20: Funderstanding Physics @ Gurnee, IL (Thank you to the TC Education Fund for making this possible)
- 13. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that several law changes and new laws set for K-12 Education. Mr. Culp reported that there has been great feedback from parents regarding virtual or phone case conferences, the parents voiced that it is more convenient and comfortable for them.
- 14. Mr. Culp reported that a representative from Baker Tilly will be present at the June Board Meeting to go over the GO Bond and whether the plan will be for a 2 or 3 year bond.
- 15. Mr. Culp reported that the intention is to have Summer School June 1 through June 24th, Monday through Thursday, 8am to 12pm. Transportation between the schools will be provided and lunch will be available for pick up at both the Primary and Intermediate schools. The Summer Food Program will be open to all children age 18 and younger. Mr. Culp reported that Mrs. Tyler is offering Summer Swim Lessons and has over 100 children signed up.

16. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that the Jasper County Sheriff's Department has a used vehicle for sale that they are willing to sell at a reduced price, to be used by the Tri-County School Corporations Chief of Police Officer. A letter of intent is needed to purchase the vehicle.					