

December 13, 2021

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, December 13, 2021

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, December 13, 2021.

The following topics were covered:

1. Students of the Month for Junior High School were Marianna Boles and Brianna Mullins; High School were Eli Miller, Lisa Roed, Raelyn Scott, Xavier Terwilliger, Willa Wamsley, Chayton Brewer, Emily Cleefman, and Kevin (Cameron) DeWitt; TCI were Aiden Federer, Cowen Stoller, Hanna Susek, and Abby Armstrong; TCP were Lucy Hall and Archer Demerly.
2. Under Student Showcase, Mr. Haskins introduced one of five exchange students, Tom Croe from Belgium. The question was asked, "What was one thing that surprised you?" Tom answered, "landing in the middle of nowhere," everyone laughed!
3. Mr. Culp presented Mrs. Marcia Waibel with her retirement gift. Mrs. Waibel has been with Tri-County for 34 years and will be greatly missed.
4. Under Visitor comments, Mr. Culp reviewed the school corporation policy on public comments at regular board meetings. There were no comments.
5. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that October DOE Reports were finished in late November. The DOE moved the December Special Education report to the STN app center because the data could successfully be reported there and the October reports took so long. Mrs. Kelly reported that security updates are being applied to products, as they are being made aware. Mrs. Kelly reported that the content filter is starting to make merges with the company that purchased them. Technology has seen changes in content classifications. Mrs. Kelly reported that she had pre-emailed all staff to be aware that content can be reclassified and to be sure and send the information of a blocked site to Helpdesk so that the technology department can get it whitelisted and sent to the content filter company to get it properly classified.
6. Chief Wirtz reported to the Board that he and the nurses worked on putting together field trip packs and they are finished and ready to be signed out for field trips. Chief Wirtz reported that he and the nurses have placed 26 new stop bleed kits in the classrooms. Chief Wirtz thanked the nurses for their help and reported that the AED's will be the next items to update. Chief Wirtz reported that he is working with the administration on reviewing our safety policies and procedures. Chief Wirtz will be bringing in some of his resources from different agencies to have a fresh set of eyes look things over and discuss where improvements can be made for safety at all three buildings. Chief Wirtz reported that there is a new member of the police department. Dallas is a 5-month-old German Shorthair pup that was donated by Brian and Missi Tyler. Dallas will be further trained once he reaches 1-1 ½ years of age.
7. Mr. Joe Briggs from Gibraltar updated the Board on the Construction at all three buildings.
8. The Board approved proceeding with the kitchen remodel by initiating the bid process.
9. The Board approved the bid from Direct Fitness Solutions for the purchase of new weight room equipment as presented.

10. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Arvin reported that the FACS Advisory met last Monday and met their quota. Mr. Gerber reported that the RWCDC meeting has been moved to next week.
11. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that TCP had a food drive to support the Backpack program and collected about 500 items. Ms. Hall thanked the PTO members for volunteering their time to help students make a Christmas craft for their families. Ms. Hall reported that the Elementary Christmas Program would be at the Jr/Sr High School Main Gym at 1pm on Wednesday, December 15, 2021. Ms. Hall thanked Mrs. Legler for her many hours of preparation she puts into this program.
12. Mr. Hagan thanked the TCI staff for coming together and covering for each other when needed. Mr. Hagan thanked Mrs. Legler for all her hard work pulling the Christmas Program together. Mr. Hagan thanked the PTO for providing Christmas crafts for all of the students to create. Mr. Hagan reported that Robotics is practicing and preparing for competitions in January. Mr. Hagan reported that the Spell Bowl had their virtual competition a couple weeks ago, although they did not place for State, he thanked Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Taylor for preparing them.
13. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report.
14. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that the Jr/Sr High Christmas Program would be at the Jr/Sr High School Main Gym at 6pm on Tuesday, December 14, 2021. Mr. Haskins reported the ASVAB results for the sophomores, juniors and seniors. Mr. Haskins reported that eight students have been signed up through Trine for an honors social study course, done virtually. Mr. Haskins reported that at the end of the first semester the students would be given assessments not finals due to many students being quarantined during the semester. Mr. Haskins congratulated the BPA (Business Professionals of America) students on a successful competition; several students are going on to compete at the State Competition in March. Mr. Haskins reported updates on Ms. Lowry and Addison Ewen. Mr. Haskins reminded everyone that on Friday, December 17, 2021, there will be a benefit dinner for the Whitcomb Family from 5-7pm. The dinner is a Free-Will donation with the following options, dine-in, carryout, or drive thru.
15. Mr. Culp reported to the Board the Health and Safety updates.
16. The Board approved the Resignations of Ms. Candace Kozik, Pre-K Bus Aide and Mrs. McKenna Snyder, Tri-County Intermediate Secretary.
17. Mr. Culp reported that Mrs. Kim Sterk would transfer from Tri-County Intermediate Aide to Tri-County Intermediate Secretary for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
18. The Board approved the Employment of Ms. Brittney Herron, Pre-K Bus Aide; Mr. Jeff Misch, Tri-County Jr/Sr High School Aide; Mr. Jeff LeBeau, Varsity Baseball Coach; Mrs. Tammy Seward, Corporation Treasurer; Ms. Sadie Melendez, Special Education Teacher at Tri-County Intermediate for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year; and Mrs. Kara Luck, First Grade Teacher at Tri-County Primary for the remainder of the 2021-2022 school year.
19. The Board approved the Request to Transfer to the Rainy Day Fund.
20. The Board approved the Teacher Appreciation Grant/Stipends for teachers that were not eligible for the TAG funds but are deserving. The funds will be paid out of the Wind Fund.
21. The Board approved the Purchase of a White Bus and a 72 passenger Yellow Bus.
22. The Board approved the pay increase for Substitute Teachers, Lifeguards, and Pool Supervisors.

23. Mr. Culp reported that Mrs. Doris Wagner Schuman and her husband George Schuman are donating a bench to Tri-County Intermediate in honor of the Class of 1951.
24. Mr. Culp thanked the Jasper-Newton Foundation for the generous donation to the Tri-County weight room.
25. Mr. Culp reported that the day missed on Wednesday, November 10, 2021, due to fog, will be made-up on Monday, January 17, 2022. The day missed on Friday, December 10, 2021, due to fog, will be made-up on Monday, February 21, 2021.