

March 14, 2022

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, March 14, 2022

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, March 14, 2022.

The following topics were covered:

1. Students of the Month for Junior High School were Anna Kilmer and Ava Woods; High School were Lilly Miller, Addison Sterk, Allista Taulman, Bradley Sargent, Brayden Lanoue, Haley DeVries, and Ethan Dreblow; TCI were Daymon Ramos, Leela Ward, Jack Hagan, and America Hurd; TCP were Sophie Albin and Zander Longfellow.
2. Under Student Showcase, Lisa Roed from Norway and Moritz Mettenleiter from Germany, two of our foreign exchange students, presented a very interesting and informative presentation on the comparison between schools in the United States and schools from their countries.
3. Ms. Mosier introduced the culinary students to the Board. The culinary students prepared a delicious dinner for the Board prior to the meeting. Ms. Mosier described how the students choose the menu and the recipes then they prepare a trial meal, in order to make any changes to the recipe they feel is necessary prior to preparing and serving the finished meal.
4. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that she is continuing to work with PowerSchool to update the online enrollment forms for the 2022-2023 school year. Mrs. Kelly reported that the major component that is being added to online enrollment is to get a full Spanish translation of the online enrollment forms. Mrs. Kelly reported that the outdoor AP's that were ordered with the funds from the WHIN (Wabash Heartland Innovation Network) grant arrived and the goal is to get them placed this next week during Spring Break. This will open the door to Wi-Fi Enabled outdoor learning spaces at each school. Mrs. Kelly reported that the online testing season has begun; the SAT and IRead are done and soon students will be taking the ILearn and Biology ILearn tests.
5. Chief Wirtz reported to the Board that he has completed School Safety Specialist training and has received his certification. Chief Wirtz reported that he is working on digital communications throughout the schools. Chief Wirts is working on spearheading an Anti-bullying team and has reached out to teachers and counselors at all three schools.
6. Mr. Culp gave an update on the construction at each school.
7. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Kilmer reported that the Ag Committee had a meeting and discussed new possible Ag classes. Mrs. Cantrell reported that the Remington Redevelopment Commission met and were very excited to hear how the TIFF Grant money was being used for Robotics and how the teams were doing. Mr. Pampel reported that the Wolcott Family Clinic got their generator installed and are repainting the interior.
8. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that the Primary School celebrated Read Across America. The week included Staff and Community members coming in and reading to classes, and a book character dress up day. Ms. Hall reported that Pre-K and Kindergarten Round-up will be held on April 7, 2022.
9. Mr. Hagan reported that third grade students have completed IRead. Mr. Hagan thanked Mrs. Sutherlin for her two years of service. Mr. Hagan welcomed Ms. Michelle Bowers and is excited about her experience working with students with special needs. Mr. Hagan thanked Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Cook, Mrs. Demerly, and Mrs. Clark for their leadership with CAVBOTS. Mr. Hagan thanked the student

council for organizing Riley Week and raising over \$1300. Mr. Hagan reported that Math Bowl and Battle of the Books both compete on Tuesday, April 12, 2022.

10. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that Guest Speaker, Tony Hoffman, from Dallas Texas would be at the Jr/Sr High School on Tuesday, March 15, to tell his story.
11. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that the Jr High Robotics Team did really well at State and may have a chance to go to the World competition in Dallas, Texas. Mr. Haskins reported that the National Honor Society will have their induction ceremony on Tuesday evening. Mr. Haskins reported that BPA students are in Indianapolis competing at State and will be returning on Tuesday. Mr. Haskins reported that Scholarship applications are on the rise, students are doing a great job getting them completed.
12. Mr. Culp gave his last updated report on Health and Safety.
13. The Board approved the Resignation of Mrs. Mandy Sutherlin.
14. The Board approved the Employment of Ms. Michelle Bowers.
15. Mr. Culp read the First Reading of half of the NEOLA Policies Vol. 34 No. 1 and will read the second half next month.
16. The Board approved the Food2School Agreement for the 2022-2023 School Year.
17. The Board approved the Updated Policy, to the Support Staff Handbook, with clarity of options when school is canceled for remote learning as presented.
18. Mr. Culp reported that the State Board of Account Audit has been completed and there were no findings.
19. Mr. Culp reported to the Board that the search for the TCI Principal is currently in process and interviews have started.
20. Mr. Culp discussed the Speech/Language Pathologist position with the Board. Currently, this position is contracted with Therapy Solutions and the contracted quote is going up. Mr. Culp reported that this position has been posted but haven't received any applications at this time.