

February 27, 2023

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, February 13, 2023

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, February 13, 2023.

The following topics were covered:

1. Students of the Month for Junior High are Junior High School – Ella Schneider 7th, Lizzie Schemerhorn 8th, High School - Fine Arts (Band): Emma Oilar, Math: Aidyn Froehling, English / Language Arts: Lilly Miller, CTE (Agriculture): Bryce Wireman, Science: Noah Oilar, FACS: Baylee Brooks and Jonetta Whitmire and Social Studies and EL Learner: Jefferson Morales
2. Students of the Month for TCI are Third Grade: Deanna Golz, Fourth Grade: Ben Knochel, Fifth Grade: Keegan Holder, Sixth Grade: Emily Bullington.
3. Students of the Month for TCP are Haedyn Garcia and Brooks Hensler in Mrs. Luck's 1st grade class.
4. Under Student Showcase, Mrs. Lexi McClure and Mrs. Austen Hensler presented Orton- Gillingham's approach to teaching reading.
5. Mr. Culp continued to discuss the 2023 Referendum renewal. He also presented data on the historical tax rate. No action is required at this time.
6. Under visitor comments, Mr. Haskins presented the Girls High School Basketball team who won their sectional. Mr. Sterk presented High School Band and Choir students who would be participating in the upcoming State Solo and Ensemble. Mr. McCracken presented former TC student Kyle Myers, his diploma. Jim Thompson, President of Gibraltar, presented Tri-County with checks in the honor of Don Pampel and Marsha Bell years serving Tri-County School. Mr. Pampel was honored for his 24 years serving Tri-County. Mrs. Bell was honored for her 49 years serving Tri- County.
7. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that the projector project is 100% complete. The DOE-ME report wraps up today in the Data Exchange. The Technology Committee met to discuss proposed changes to the RUP's for the next school year. Mostly it is some fine tuning of wording. These will be submitted next month. We have been providing support to the Corporation office for their move to the Cloud version of Komputrol.
8. Nothing to report from the Tri-County Police Department.
9. Under the Construction Report, Mr. Culp presented a bid proposal for the Track/ Concession Stand to the School Board. The Fire Alarm panel at Tri-County Primary is updated and now communicates with 911 dispatch. Mulhaupts has installed the key fob at Tri-County Intermediate. The next step is programming the fobs. The projector installation at the High school is complete and the next step is a training session on the proper use of the projector.
10. Ms. Hall reported that TCP this week is kindness week. There are spirit days and daily kindness challenges. PLC's for the next three weeks are focused on phonics instruction and how to best use the decodable texts. Instructional coach Melissa Gill will be coming back to meet with the staff. This Saturday from 5-6 pm TCP is hosting a family event for all of the English Learner Families K-12. We have several new families and we want to make sure they feel welcome and take an opportunity to share information and resources with them.
11. Mrs. Pearson reported to the Board that TCI has had some PLC's on STEM and how to integrate it into questions during daily lessons. STEM is not something that stands alone but is more about the questions we ask. TCI is also evaluating the data that has been collected. Questioning the data that was collected and is it something that is useful and can be passed on to help the next grade level. Finished

the WIDA testing and waiting on results. Sunshine is going to come on Thursday and read to each of the classes. Tomorrow the 6th grade students will be going to the Challenger Center. The 3rd grade students are getting ready to take the IREAD. The window opens on March 6th.

12. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report.
13. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board a congratulations to the girls basketball team sectional 52 championship. Congratulations to Kevin Martinez for semi-state appearance at East Chicago on Saturday. Only second wrestler in Tri-County history to reach the semi-state. Congratulations to our Jr High girls 7th/8th grade girls basketball team for being WCT champs. Best wishes to our students competing this weekend and next in choir and band. On February 18, 2023 Choir state solo and ensemble participants are Braylon Gretencord, Tessa Dewitt, Ryleigh Metzinger, Noah Oliver, Noah Johnson, Alexis Northup, Heather Cooper, Emily Gardner. On February 25, 2023 Band state solo and ensemble participant is Emma Oilar.
14. Mr. Haskins reported that we are halfway through our third quarter. Homecoming is this Friday night. This Saturday from 5-6 pm TCP is hosting a family event for all of the English Learner Families K-12. Next week is National FFA week. Boys Basketball sectionals start two weeks from tomorrow. Games at West Central on February 28, 2023. SAT testing for all juniors is Wednesday March 1, 2023. BPA state competition is Monday March 13, 2023. FFA is having a Blood Drive on Tuesday March 15, 2023. The Spring Musical is on Friday March 17, 2023 and Sunday March 19, 2023 along with an art show. NHS Induction on Tuesday March 21, 2023.
15. Under New Business, Mr. Culp reported the resignation of Officer Jamie Wirtz, TC Police Department Chief of Police. The recommendation to hire Ms. Sara Sweney as TC Police Department Chief of Police, Mr. Zachary Jeffers as the evening Custodian for TCP/TCI, a 12 month position. The resignation of Ms. Rose Hare, TCHS evening custodian and Mrs. Cassie Grimes, TCHS Cafeteria. The transfer of Mrs. Wendy Kleist from evening Custodian for TCP/TCI to TCHS evening custodian.
16. The Board approved of a contribution of \$7,500 from the Community Development Wind funds to the Remington- Wolcott Community Development Commission.
17. The Board approved for FFA to Travel out of state to Timber Ridge Ski Resort in Gobles, Michigan on February 25, 2023 and FFA to travel out of state and overnight to the National Soil Competition in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
18. The Board approved of the bids from G&G Bussing for routes #3 and #5 and Carl Dilling for routes #4, #7, and #8.
19. The Board rejected of the bid of Route # 1 from Adam Waibel and Route #7 from G&G Bussing. Route #1 will be re-bid for all to place a bid. There is also an opportunity of Route # 1 becoming a Corporation Route.
20. Mr. Culp did the first reading of the recommended addition to the Support Staff Vacation Policy.
21. Mr. Culp recommended the approval of the resolution as presented for Tri-County School Corporation to become a Purple Star School.
22. The Board approved of Mrs. Shannon Kelly to be paid for her time and efforts from the PEBT Administrative Stipend.
23. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp Mr. Culp reported that Mrs. Sarah Claton has accepted the Executive Director of Cooperative School Services, our special education cooperative. Mrs. Clayton will replace Mrs. Patti Kem, who is retiring June 30, 2023.