

March 30, 2023

TO: Media

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

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

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

The following topics were covered:

1. Students of the Month for TCP are Josslyn Hendress and Vincenzo Berghela in Mrs Hensler's 1st grade class.
2. Students of the Month for TCI are Third Grade: Quinn Overbeck, Fourth Grade: Trevor Demerly, Fifth Grade: Wyatt Geib, Sixth Grade: Hayden Volker.
3. Mr. Sterk presented many cast members, Dorthy, Glenda and Munchkins from the Wizard of Oz. They performed a song from the Wizard of Oz when Dorthy arrives in Munchkinland to promote the musical. The Musical will be held at the Tri- County Jr./Sr. Auditorium Friday at 7 p.m. and Sunday at 4:30pm.
4. Students of the Month for Junior High are Junior High School – Brett Bowman 7th, Gracie Scheitlin 8th, High School - Fine Arts (Band): Clara Wamsley, Math: Emily Tressler, Language Arts/Spanish: Mariah Anstett, CTE (Agriculture): Aidyn Froehling, Science: Brianna Mullins, Social Studies: Brett Buschman and PE/Weights: Elyzabeth Bahler and Ella Culp.
5. Under Student Showcase, Mrs. Lisa Ewen discussed that there will be an Art Show Pre- K through 12th grade with a silent auction Friday 6:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and Sunday 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. before the High School Musical in the Cafeteria. Mrs. Ewen presented some of the art work completed by Tri-County Students K-12 that will be at the show.
6. Mr. Culp presented the question that will appear on the ballot on May 2, 2023 for the 2023 Referendum. This referendum will be for 8 years. There is information posted on the Tri-County website for the referendum; one item is the Tax calculator that can be used to give an estimated impact of the proposed continuation of the \$0.2737 School Operating Referendum. Also that the board members can host a meeting to discuss the referendum. The meeting can be in their home, business or barn.
7. There were no visitor comments.
8. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board that the technology department is continuing our support of the Corporation office Komputrol Migration. Technology is in the process of upgrading the KeyFob Control server. Also preparing for the April DOE-SE report, working with Cooperative School Services. Getting final tweaks completed for the online registration forms for the 2023-2024 School year for Pre-K and Kindergarten round up on April 14, 2023. Online testing season has begun and are supporting each school during their testing sessions.
9. Mr. Culp reported for the Tri-County Police Department that Sara Sweney is to start Monday, March 20, 2023. Also that the squad is having possible transmission issues, but waiting to get a diagnosis back.
10. Under the Construction Report, Mr.Culp reported that bids for the Track and Concession stand were sent out March 8, 2023. Bids are due March 29, 2023. No action is required at this time.
11. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber reported some information from our legislators. Mrs. Cantrell reported that FAC's is planning a trip to Chicago.
12. Mr. Culp reported for Ms. Hall that TCP Melissa Gill from Wabash Valley Education Center visited TCP on March 1st to further our conversations on literacy instruction. She joined during PLC time and then had coaching sessions with grade-level teams. TCP is continuing these conversations and discussing data collection in our PLC time. This week the 2nd and 3rd-grade teams will have an opportunity to

collaborate during PLCs as they discuss implementing the Orton-Gillingham phonics approach and sharing student data. TCP has been designated as a Family Friendly School by the DOE for the 2023-2024 school year. This is at least the fifth year that we have kept that status.

13. Mrs. Pearson reported to the Board that 2nd and 3rd grade teachers will meet to discuss data. 6th-grade and 7th-grade teachers are going to meet to discuss what data they would like to see collected to help our student's transition. TCI has come up with a standard data sheet that all of the teachers will use to track data to help us spot trends with our students and identify areas of extra practice to help drive our small groups. We have finished most of our IREAD tests. The window closes on the 17th. Right now there are just a few make-up tests to do. After all of the students have completed their tests, we should get the results in about 24 hours. Sunshine is going to come on Thursday before spring break for extra specials. The Robotics team has finished up their competitions for the year. Battle of the books teams have been practicing for their competition on April 12th. Jr. High track starts tonight. Scholastic book fair will be on April 3rd- 7th with grandparents night on the 6th from 5-7. This weekend we have our art show with the silent auction as well as the play on both Friday and Sunday. On Saturday the PTO is putting on a father-daughter painting and pizza party for K- 6th grade.
14. Mr. McCracken reported that during the Severe Weather Event that students responded well. All shelters are in interior locations. He would like to improve the communication during these times between buildings using the radios. Mr. LeBeau and Mr. McCracken are working on a solution.
15. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that last Thursday ended the third quarter. Report cards will be going out electronically on Tuesday or Wednesday of this week. Hard copies of report cards can be provided upon request. BPA is in Indianapolis - 31 students are competing in the state for a chance to go to the national in Anaheim, CA in April. High School Robotics advanced to the final round at Caston last Saturday. Junior High Robotics advanced to Lucas Oil on the first weekend of spring break. Boys Basketball competed in the regional on Saturday after winning the Sectional 52 championship at West Central. Boys were defeated by Marquette Catholic. Congratulations to our junior high wrestlers that won the MWC meet last Friday. The first junior high conference champion. FFA Blood Drive is this Wednesday, 3/15, at 8:00am. Freshman orientation meeting is this Thursday, 3/16, at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Scholarship information continues to be sent out through our school messenger. Spring Musical/Art Show is this Friday and Sunday in the auditorium. Friday starts at 7:00 pm and Sunday at 4:30pm. We have a lot of kids with tons of talent. NHS induction is Tuesday, 3/21, at 7:00PM in the auditorium. ASVAB will be given on Tuesday, 4/4, to sophomores, juniors and seniors who still have not passed it.
16. Under Old Business, the Board approved the addition to the Support Staff Vacation Policy as presented effective immediately.
17. The Board approved the revised bid of Route # 1 from Adam Waible.
18. Under New Business, the Board approved the recommendation to hire Shawn Garrett as at the Jr/Sr. High School and Mr. Jeff Misch as the Varsity Boys Golf Coach. Also the retirement of William Lock and Patricia Lock as evening Custodians at TC Jr/Sr High school, effective June 1, 2023.
 1. The Board approved of BPA State Competition in Indianapolis, IN, the Out of State, Overnight BPA National leader Conference in California and the Out of State Culinary Arts field trip to Chicago, IL.
19. Mr. Culp reported that the Board of Technology committee met to review the policies and gave recommendations to update some of the policies. The Board approved of the RUP as presented.
20. The Board approved of items presented from the Corporation office to be declared surplus goods to be recycled.
21. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp reported that the Nut Aware Policy is included for review. No official action is required at this time. Consideration and future discussion of an additional music teacher due to an addition of a 6th grade section and the music department's schedule.

22. Mr. Culp reported an update about the Athletic Trainer position. There was a candidate but they have since gone to another school. Possible future discussion of possibly using an EMT to help during games only.
23. Mr. Culp discussed with the school board a system called Kinnum. This program does collections of outstanding textbook fees and lunch balances. They would issue 4 letters in total for collection of outstanding student balances. The collections, letters, and updates would be monitored at the building level.
24. Mr. Culp asked that the Monday, June 12, 2023 Board Meeting be changed to Tuesday, June 13, 2023 due to family obligations. The Board mutually agreed to Tuesday, June 13, 2023.