April 27, 2023

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, April 10, 2023

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, April 10, 2023. The following topics were covered:

- Students of the Month for Junior High are Junior High School Brett Bowman 7th, Gracie Scheitlin 8th, High School - Fine Arts (Art): Sara Zarse, Math: Koby Bahler, English Language Arts: Christian Wallace, CTE (Agriculture): Anthony Kendall, Science: Brayden Batley, Social Studies: Landon Cleefman, PE: Zack Bramlett and Welding: Josh Delgado.
- 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. Students of the Month for TCI are Third Grade: Graham Baer, Fourth Grade: Isabella Robertson, Fifth Grade: Jaylynn Humphreys, Sixth Grade: Beau Brooks.
- 4. Students of the Month for TCP are Hailey Cain and Carlos Moran from Mrs. Hensler's Second grade class. Also Hatti-Mae Childs and Jeremiah St. John from Mrs. Hageman's Kindergarten class.
- 5. Under Student Showcase, Mr. Haskins presented a video from the Spanish and EL department. The video shows juniors who are taking Spanish 3. The students spoke to each other in Spanish. Mr. Haskins stated that these students have had three Spanish teachers in three years but were still able to learn the language. The students stated that speaking the language is the hardest challenge. Reading and writing has been easier. Also in the video an EL student was able to translate the first part of the video. This student came to Tri-County and was not able to speak English but with the help of the EL program is able to.
- 6. Mr. Culp presented to the Board the referendum voting locations of the Tri-County School Corporation.
- 7. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the Board the first go round with the updated online registration forms will be Friday, April 14th during Kindergarten Round-up. Technology has been working through training sessions with Cheri Frantz for the conversion to the online Meals Program. Technology is preparing their summer work list. Also working on end of year DOE reports.
- 8. Under Construction Report, Mr. Joe Briggs reported that they are working on a punch list in the kitchen. This list will still continue to be finished up this summer. The kitchen is working the way it is designed.
- 9. Sara Sweney reported to the Board for the Tri-County Police Department that her first day of work was March 20. Her first week was spent mostly with administrative duties and meeting with officers from Wolcott PD and Frontiers High school SRO. She has met with Pat Williamson, Sheriff of Jasper County, and his Chief Deputy. Jasper County loaned one of their police vehicles until the Explorer is repaired. She has continued to work on her ILEA requirements while waiting for the waiver, which will be presented before the Board April 17. Firearms, Defense Tactics and the Pre-Basic Course have been completed. Officer Sweney met with Mr. Frank Lane in regards to mental health protocols at the Tri-County High School and was given contacts to other mental health counselors at TCI and TCP. Officer Sweney spoke with White County prosecutor and juvenile probation in regards to jurisdictional questions, how they would like juvenile issues handled, seeing as how we are encompassed with three different counties and each one more than likely enforcing differently than the others. This also applies to traffic citations. Mr. Culp and her in regards to school safety. She is obtaining a body camera, a car camera system and how to go about contacting White County in order to have narcotics K-9's do a

sweep of the school. She has gone to TCP and TCI to get a better layout of the schools and also to build a relationship with the students. While at the high school Officer Sweney introduced herself and went over simple housekeeping topics as far as what they can expect from her and for what she expects from them. There have been no significant incidents to be reported from any of the schools.

- 10. There were no Board Committee Reports.
- 11. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that TCP would like to thank the high school's Sunshine Society for putting on an Easter egg hunt for students Friday afternoon. The students had a great time! This Friday we have our preschool and kindergarten round-up event from 8:30-5. Many families have already signed up for a time to come in and we are looking forward to meeting our future cavaliers.
- 12. Mrs. Pearson reported to the Board that TCI had an 85% pass rate compared to the state's pass rate of 69% for IREAD and an average score of 511 the passing score is 446. We have started remediation for those that didn't pass. We will set a date for retakes in May. We had an excellent turnout for Grandparents' Night and appreciated our teachers' and PTO members for their hard work in ensuring everything went smoothly. Sunshine Girls did an Easter egg hunt for us on Good Friday. 6th graders have started Middle School Track. Tomorrow we have a Math Bowl Competition. Battle of the Books teams have their competition on Wednesday at the Jr. Sr. High School. ILEARN window opens April 17th. Community Day is April 21st and on the 28th we will take part in the Arbor Day ceremony at the Wolcott House that is put on by the historical society. On May 2nd our 5th grade will be going to the Symphony in Indianapolis. On May 5th we will have a 6th-grade band and choir concert.
- 13. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report at this time.
- 14. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that Carroll White REMC Electric Safety Demo on Friday in the main gym. Prom is this Saturday on the Madam Carroll and After-prom is at the high school. Community Day is on Friday, 4/21. ASVAB testing was completed and the scores will get scores in a week. Spring sports have all started. ILEARN testing starts Tuesday, 4/18, for junior high students. Certifications to take place are Welding Stick, Precision Ag Drone, Engineering AutoCad / Solidworks. This will fill the 3rd bucket for the Graduation pathway. Finals to start Thursday, 5/18. Senior Celebration Night is Friday, 6/2. Graduation is Sunday, 6/4, at 2:00PM in the main gym.
- 15. There was nothing to report for Old Business.
- 16. Under New Business, the Board approved the retirement of Becky Streitmatter High School E/LA teacher.
- 1. The Board approved the Out of State Field Trip request for FFA to go to the University of Kentucky on April 20, 2023.
- 17. The Board approved letters to Support Staff for Intent to Rehire for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 18. The Board approved the Food2School Agreement for the 2023-2024 school year.
- 19. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp reported
- 20. Mr. Culp gave the first reading of the Nut Aware Policy and the School Meal Policy. No action is required at this time.
- 21. The Board approved the bid from Spencer Construction.
- 22. The Board approved the bid from FBI for the storage shed.
- 23. The Board approved the resolution for the Superintendent to sign IDOE contracts.
- 24. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp reported weather damage that occurred at the Jr/Sr high school. Also a reminder that the June Board meeting is now Tuesday, June 13, 2023.