

April 28, 2025

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, April 14, 2025

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on April 14, 2025.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Regular Board Session on March 10, 2025.
3. Mr. McCracken presented the Jr/Sr High School Students of the Month- Junior High School- Alexa Morales 7th, Michael Umana 8th, English: Dory Provo, Special Mention: Autumn Hibdon, Math: Noah Scherer, Social Studies: Cale Nesius, Science: Autumn Houser, Fine Arts (Choir): Maddie Cleefman, CTE(Engineering and Technology): Zackery Bramlett, Culinary Arts: Tanner Warf
4. Students of the Month from Mrs. Holly Cook' 3rd grade class at TCI: Brecklynn Furrer and Aldren Brooks
5. Students of the Month from Mrs. Holly Hopkin's 5th grade class at TCI: Josslyn Lantz and Charlie Douglas
6. Students of the Month from Mrs. Hageman's Kindergarten class at TCP: Brooks Demerly and Isabella Zussman
7. Under Visitor Comments, Mrs. Megan Oilar, Tri-County Jr/Sr High School Media Specialist, presented to the board the upcoming visit from author Tricia Brown. She is the author of Bobbie the Wonder Dog, which is based on a true story of a dog who got lost in Wolcott, IN and was trying to get back home to Oregon. During Tricia's stay in Wolcott she will visit Tri-County Primary and Intermediate to share Bobbie's story as well as other books she's written. On May 6, 2025 at 6pm come to the Tri-County Jr./Sr. High School Library for your chance to meet author Tricia Brown, listen to a reading of Bobbie the Wonder Dog and take part in a questions and answers session. This event is open to the public!
8. Under Monthly Reports, Mr. Culp gave an update on the continued construction at the Primary and Intermediate schools. A meeting will be held on Wednesday to meet everyone involved in the upcoming construction occurring at the Jr/Sr High school. The construction is set to begin at the Jr/Sr High school following Labor Day.
9. Mrs. Shannon Kelly reported to the board that technology is currently working on the IDOE Technology Plan Survey that every school fills out each year. The DOE-SE reporting segment just wrapped up. Now they will have to check and make sure that all the data is going through for the July reports. Mrs. Kelly informed the board that there was a webinar just this past week discussing the changes to state reporting for the 2025-2026 school year. Technology just completed the Federal CRDC report in March. Mrs. Kelly informed the board that Tri-County is moving away from the traditional fax lines to electronic faxing due to poor customer service with BrightSpeed and continued service outages. TCP and the Corp office have been converted and Mrs. Kelly will be working with TCI and TCHS to convert the fax lines when it's convenient. Also, Technology has started their summer planning around construction.
10. Officer Aaron Page reported to the board that he continues to do a daily routine walk of interior and exterior perimeter, checking doors, windows looking for safety concerns. Documented security concerns as well as items needing attention by maintenance. Assisted with crossing guard duties in the Town of Wolcott. He continues to handle student related matters either during school or after school hours. He attended home sporting events. He attended the Jr/Sr Prom. Attended an adolescent mental health training. Coordinated officers from different agencies to speak with the 7th grade careers class students about positions and what they do. There was a K-9 sweep of the school and parking lots at the high school with no findings.

11. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber, Legislative Liaison, provided an update on Senate Bill 287. Mr. Gerber also informed the board that there is a Regional meeting in May.
12. Ms. Hall reported to the board that TCP had Preschool and Kindergarten Round-Up on April 4th. It was very well attended. Twenty-nine families attended for preschool and twenty-two families attended for kindergarten. There were a few families who reached out to TCP who were not able to attend Round-Up but are interested in our programs. There is a small wait list for Preschool at this time. Earlier this month TCP also had transition conferences for incoming preschool and kindergarten students who receive special education services; these conferences allow us to meet the families and learn about the students to know how TCP can best support them next year as they join our preschool and kindergarten programs. Spring parent-teacher conferences were held last week- each teacher chose select families to meet with to discuss student progress before the end of the school year. TCP would like to thank the Sunshine Girls for coming over last Friday to lead some fun spring activities with our students.
13. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that a couple of weeks ago it was Instructional Assistant Day and Librarians Day. TCI would like to thank all of them for all of their hard work and dedication to our students. Thank the Sunshine girls for coming to do some activities with our students for Easter. TCI's Battle of the Books teams competed on April 10th. The 6th grade came in 2nd, 5th grade came in 3rd and our 4th grade team came in first after a double tiebreaker. April 11th 4th graders participated in Ag Day at the White County Fairgrounds. Tomorrow night we will host a math bowl at the Jr/Sr High School for the 5th and 6th grade students, starting at 5:30pm in the auditorium. Wednesday the 16th student council will host a movie night from 3pm-5pm for TCI students. TCI will begin taking ILEARN tests next week on the 21st. The last test is scheduled for May 6th. The students will test for about an hour each day on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday over the next several weeks. May 8th the author of Bobbie the Wonder Dog, Tricia Brown, is coming to speak to the students. Each student will receive one of her books for free. May 9th is Community Day. The students will take some time and thank the community for all of their involvement and support that they show our schools. On May 12th TCI will have their first-ever transition day for 6th grade students, where they will get to visit the Jr. Sr. High School in the morning and see what it is like to be in 7th grade.
14. Mr. Haskins reported to the board a big thanks to the instructional aides and Mrs. Oilar, Media Specialist, for all that they do! They make a real difference with the students. The Jr/Sr students are fortunate to have Mrs. Oilar and thank you for all that you do! Prom Recap from Saturday, 4/5 students were great and all seemed to enjoy the evening. Thanks to Mrs. Iseminger and Mrs. Kauffman on their organization and efforts for making a memorable evening for our students. Also thank you to the Junior parents for their help! Thank you to the bus drivers that helped transport students to after prom. Next year's date is Saturday, 4/18. ILEARN is scheduled to start next Tuesday, 4/22. Mr. Sharp and Mrs. Demerly have planned the schedule out for both math and ELA. This Wednesday, 4/16, at the Tippecanoe County Fairgrounds there will be a HireMe Event. Mr. Haskins will be taking some students down for this event. There are businesses in the Greater Lafayette Area looking for summer internships and full-time employment. Spring sports are in full swing. Looking forward to nicer weather conditions. Good luck to our FFA students participating in the National Land and Range Judging Contest in Oklahoma on 4/28 through 5/2! Students who are representing Tri-County FFA are Peyton Demerly, Blaine Woods, Case Williams and Alex Morales. The next round of welding certification is on 4/30. Thanks to Chief Industry for coming in to evaluate students' work. The FFA Awards Banquet on Sunday, 5/4. The junior high band and choir spring concert is on 5/7 in the main gym and the high school is on 5/17 in the auditorium. The BPA National Leadership Convention 5/7 through 5/11. There are nine students making the trip. Mrs. Bahler and Shelby Schambach will be going as chaperones.
15. Mr. McCracken informed the board that Mr. Szombathy had reached out to the Pacers about sending their mascot Boomer up to help build up excitement for ILEARN testing and they let Mr. Szombathy know that he is able to make it up for a 45 minute convo.

16. The board approved the Personnel Report as presented.
17. The board approved the Overnight and Out of State Field Trip request for the BPA National Competition in Kissimmee, Florida May 7-11, 2025.
18. The board approved the 2025-2026 Support Staff Intent to Rehire as presented.
19. The board approved to Authorize the Superintendent as Designee to Sign Agreements for Alternative Services and Private Residential School Placements.
20. Mr. Culp did the first reading of the 2026-2027 school calendar.
21. The board approved the payroll ratification and claims docket.
22. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp informed the board of the "Experience Our School in Actions" tours that he gave to community members and parents that reserved an available date over the last few months.
23. Mr. Culp discussed the feedback from the Facilitated Board Workshop and presented the updated board goals for consideration.
24. Mr. Culp gave an update on the new Indiana diploma requirements.
25. Mrs. Tieke asked clarifying questions over agenda topics. Mr. Culp answered them.
26. Next board meeting will be April 14, 2025.