

August 9, 2016

TO: Media

FROM: Dr. Kathy Goad, Tri-County School Corporation

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, August 8, 2016

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, August 8, 2016. The following topics were covered:

1. Under Visitor's Comments, Mrs. Mandy Taulman, representing the TCCTO, reported that during the White County Fair, all of the White County Schools had a booth together to promote Public Education. Tri-County gave away pencils and surveys were passed out and over 100 surveys were returned. This booth was manned by teachers from all four White County Schools, and Mrs. Taulman felt like it was well worth the time.
2. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the Technology Department is getting ready for the start of school. Only about 50% of the laptops were picked up during registration. A representative from Hi Tech-SMR Communications talked to Mrs. Kelly about the two way radio system, and he explained that the tests were okay, but there are a few dead spots. He did give Shannon a taller antenna to use on one of the busses to see if that helps and he reported that our main antenna could have been hit by lightning at one time or another. Mrs. Kelly also reported that the administrators have the security video on their computers for each of their buildings.
3. Under the Strategic Plan Report, Dr. Goad reported in regards to Increasing Enrollment that presently there are 42 new students enrolled at Tri-County, but not for sure yet how many students are leaving Tri-County. As of now the Kindergarten class have 12 more students than the 12th Grade. Dr. Goad announced in regards to Integrating Technology that the two Tech Specialists, Mrs. Kaitlin Flores and Mr. Eric Sharp, have now begun updating the website and will post on Facebook. Under Aligning Curriculum, teachers will receive information on Wednesday for PRIDE and will continue with the R.E.A.C.H. Higher theme.
4. The Board approved resignations from Mrs. Tina Spencer, TCI Special Education teacher, effective July 21, 2016, Mrs. Nichole Rance, TCP Instructional Assistant, effective July 25, 2016, and Mr. J.D. Hysong, Language Arts teacher, effective July 20, 2016.
5. Dr. Goad expressed her gratitude to the Board members for giving her permission to approve late hires and reported the following new employees:

Rhonda Smith – Instructional Assistant – TCP
Kristine Cain – Instructional Assistant – TCP
Marilyn Maxwell – Instructional Assistant – TCP
Ashley Hensler – 2nd Grade Teacher – TCP
Amanda Geheb – Language Arts Teacher – Jr/Sr High School
Kim Sterk – Instructional Assistant – Jr/Sr High School
Christine Samanas – Special Education Teacher – TCI
Lucinda Sichting – Cook – Jr/Sr High School
Jill Bahler – 6th Grade (Maternity Leave) – TCI

6. The Board approved no raises for the Support Staff for the 2016-17 school year.
7. Dr. Goad invited the Board members to attend the Staff Day on Wednesday, August 10. Dr. Goad updated the Board on the TCI Construction. The cafeteria has been renovated and is completed. The kitchen is ready to go, except for the dishwasher, which will arrive on August 16. The Gym will be ready by the 1st day of school and the rest of the work will be done this fall and will not affect the students on what has to be done. There will be a temporary wall put up to block off the rest of the building that will have construction going on.
8. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that this coming school year will be the best one yet, with all of the teacher hires and resignations being taken care of. The Primary SIT committee met one morning last week, and then at noon both school committees got together for lunch and then the afternoon was for the Intermediate SIT committee meeting. The theme for this year is Team TC for all three schools. A STEM Academy will be in both buildings and he felt the students would have a lot of project base learning. Mr. Hagan also announced that he and the 3 Kindergarten teachers visited each of the 55 kindergarten student's homes one day last week.
9. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that many great events are planned for the school year. All the staff members were invited to the Primary School for a day of team building and ice breakers. A scavenger hunt was held and it was a great day for all who attended. The Open House for TCP was held this evening and there was about 80-85% attendance. The Intermediate Open House will be held Tuesday evening.
10. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board members that he is excited about his new goals and his new role for the 2016-17 school year, and the new initiatives that he will introduce to the teachers. Camp Cavalier was held at the Junior High School last Thursday for the 7th graders and about 35 of the 57 attended. Mr. McCracken thanked Cathy James for organizing the camp. There was other staff there to help with the camp, including Mr. Hagan and 4 Core teachers were there to take the students on tours, with much team building done during the day.
11. Ms. Rowe passed out to the Board members a list of upcoming events scheduled for the Junior/Senior High School. Ms. Rowe is excited about the R.E.A.C.H. Higher theme and notices the support staff and teachers going that extra distance. In July and August she has been meeting with the junior high teachers in regards to the 7th graders and is working to have a High Ability Math class. Ms. Rowe introduced Ms. Amanda Geheb, Language Arts teacher, who attended Purdue University and is excited about being at Tri-County. Ms. Rowe introduced Mr. Graham Lyon, Chemistry teacher, who attended college in Buffalo, NY and grew up in New York and is also looking forward to teaching at Tri-County. Ms. Rowe has had School Improvement Team meetings and the Open House/Picnic is scheduled for August 16, from 5:30 – 7:00 p.m. at the Junior/Senior High School.