

August 13, 2019

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, August 12, 2019.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, August 12, 2019.  
The following topics were covered:

1. Mr. Culp asked that Mrs. Kayaleen Henry please step forward as Mr. Pampel presented her with a Retirement Clock in honor of her 11 years of dedicated service to Tri-County, with much appreciation and gratitude.

Mr. Culp asked that Mr. Jack Mitchell please step forward as Mr. Gerber presented him with a Retirement Clock in honor of his 17 years of dedicated service to Tri-County, with much appreciation and gratitude.

Mr. Culp asked Mrs. Karla Buntin to step forward as Mr. Arvin presented her with a 30 year service pin.

Mr. Culp asked Mrs. Marsha Bell to step forward as Dr. Schemerhorn presented her with a 45 year service pin.

2. Under Visitor's Comments, Mrs. Mandy Taulman reported to the Board that there were teacher booths at both the White County and Jasper County fairs, with the 4 White County Schools being represented, and promoting public education. Mrs. Taulman also thanked Mr. Culp for his encouragement given to all of the teaching staff the day before school started. The teachers also appreciated the updates and open communication on the Active Shooter Activity held at the high school on Wednesday, August 7, 2019.
3. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported to the Board that the TCP devices were in the rooms as of last Thursday, and TCI Chromebooks were in the carts in the classrooms last week. 95% of Senior, Junior and 8<sup>th</sup> grade laptops were distributed today and tomorrow the 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will receive theirs.
4. Mr. Culp announced that he and Mrs. Kelly have had a meeting with Power School in regards to Online Registration and will have another meeting on Tuesday, August 13, 2019.
5. Under Board Committee Reports, Dr. Schemerhorn announced that the SIT (School Improvement Team) for TCI had met. Mrs. Cantrell announced that the SIT for TCP had met also.
6. Mr. Culp, updated the Board members on the renovation. The concrete work by Bryan Musser is complete, including the flagpole, pool entrance sidewalk (including around the corner), and stamped TC in front of Entrance #3. Pool doors are scheduled to arrive around August 12 and control work is being completed at the High School. Change orders are being finalized with Hamstra, Larson-Danielson and DA Dodd, and an additional door in the equipment room was installed at no cost to Tri-County.

7. Ms. Hall reported to the Board that it has been a really good start to school and their enrollment at TC Primary is up 13 students. Open House attendance was very good with about 80-85% attending.
8. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that it has been a great start of school at TC Intermediate. Their enrollment is down 2 students. Mr. Hagan reported that the Intermediate School has received a \$10,000 grant from Bayer/Monsanto for use towards the Hydroponics. Purdue University is still helping out with the Hydroponics. Mr. Hagan reported that the 6<sup>th</sup> grade will once again attend a field trip to Camp Tecumseh on August 26-27, 2019 to work on team building.
9. Mr. Haskins reported to the Board that the school year is off to a great start and he has 3 new teachers in his building and is very excited with all of them. Mr. Haskins reported that he has a great group of seniors and expects much leadership out of them. Mr. Haskins announced that Open House will be held at the high school on Tuesday, August 13, from 6:30 – 7:30 p.m. The SIT has met and is focusing on School Safety and Mr. Haskins complimented Mr. McCracken for having students in the classroom early and not roaming the halls each morning.
10. Under Old Business, Mr. Culp introduced Mrs. Patti Kem, Cooperative School Services. Mrs. Kem passed out to each Board member a prepared background information packet. The Cooperative School serves 9 school districts, about 2200 students in grades PK – 12<sup>th</sup>, who have IEP's. Mrs. Kem talked about the Life Skills classes and the Levels classes held at Tri-County. Mrs. Kem talked about schools hosting Levels and Life Skills between these 9 schools and are transported to the hosting schools. Mrs. Kem also reported that children 3 and older with special needs are the responsibility of the School Corporation by law. Mrs. Kem reported that much needed help from other schools to host or other ideas are needed to make this all work for our students, while taking in consideration bussing, what time schedule each school is on, and centrally located schools. After many questions and discussion, Mr. Culp thanked Mrs. Kem for coming to talk to Tri-County.
11. The Board approved the resignations of the following:
  - a. Rose Hare, TCI Custodian, effective July 19, 2019
  - b. Jerry Sanders, TC School Corporation Special Education Bus Driver, effective 7/25/19
  - c. Theresa Dye, preschool Bus Aide, effective July 28, 2019.
12. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Mathew Bowman for the Jr/Sr High School Social Studies teaching position effective for the 2019-20 school year.
13. The Board approved the employment of the following Support Staff effective immediately:

Mellissa Shank, Jr/Sr High School Cook  
Caitlyn Webb, Preschool Bus Aide  
Donna Jeffers, TCP 3 Hour Custodian  
Michele Bullington, TCI 3 Hour Custodian  
Tonya Carty, 9 Month – 5 Hour Custodian at the Jr/Sr High School

14. Mr. Culp reported the transfers of Mrs. Jenny Tressler from the Jr/Sr High School 5 Hour Custodial job to full time Custodian at TCI and Ms. Laurie Miller from the Jr/Sr High School Cook to the evening Custodial position at the Jr/Sr High School.
15. The Board approved the Administrators Salary Schedule for the School Year 2019-20, which is status quo.
16. The Board approved the APEX credit recovery program, which would include 20 seats, for \$150 per seat, and provide a program for both the 2019-20 and 2020-21 school year.
17. The Board approved a contract agreement between Tri-County and Mrs. Theresa Zarse – Corporation Test Coordinator.
18. The Board approved the change in wording in the School Meal Policy to reflect the current practice of the payment service.
19. Mr. Culp briefly reported on the Active Shooter Training which was held for all Staff on Wednesday, August 7, 2019, at the Jr/Sr High School. Mr. Culp said that it was a long day, but very worth doing. Mr. Culp wanted to thank the Clinton County Officers, Officer Jim Davis, and Henriott Insurance, for all of their help in putting the training together. Mr. Culp also thanked Mrs. Sara Arvin, for doing the Stop the Bleed presentation for all of the staff.