

January 10, 2017

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, January 9, 2017

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017.
The following topics were covered:

1. The Oath of Office was given to Board members, Rachel Cantrell, Jason Kilmer, Brian Melchi, and Brandi Schemerhorn by Karla Buntin, Notary Public.
2. Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Jacque Hageman announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Primary School – Emma Getz, Dominic Garrett

Mr. Hagan announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Intermediate School – Channacy Harris, Clayton Atkinson

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:

Math – Danielle Musser
PE/FACS/Health – Savahana Williams
Language Arts – Isaac Lehman
Social Studies – Mason Moore
Fine Arts – Kaitlyn McGee
Science – Ethan Greer
CTE (Agriculture) – Carissa Reed

Tri-County High School – Danielle Musser
Tri-County Junior High School – Harmony Pirlot, Korbin Lawson

3. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mrs. Mandy Taulman and substitute Jill Bahler, who filled in a maternity leave for Mrs. Lexi McClure, started a “Dear Younger Me Program” for their 6th Grade classes to keep students going socially and academically. They invited high school seniors from Tri-County to come in once a week to meet with and visit with the students to tell them what they went through before entering the 7th grade. The older students encouraged the 6th graders to be kind and nice to everyone, stay organized and set a good example for the younger students as they may look up to them someday. Mrs. Taulman and Mrs. McClure are excited about this program and are anxious to see how the students handle second semester getting ready to move on to 7th grade.
4. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the technology department installed the SmoothWall Content filter over Christmas Break to test and compare against the current content filtering product. Today they completed Heat Mapping for our Wireless to see how the coverage is in our School’s to help troubleshoot any areas where there might be Wi-Fi issues. Pearson announced a new testing client update for ISTEP and will be released in 2 days, just 8 days prior to the State Wide Readiness test. The client was installed on our devices as of early December, and according to Pearson the update should install on all of our clients. Quotes are being gathered to look into an updated

Unified phone system for Tri-County School Corporation. Our current phone system is very dated, and repair work/parts is becoming harder to come across.

5. Under Monthly Reports, Mr. Gerber reported that in regards to RWCDC that the next meeting is scheduled for Monday, January 16.
6. Under Monthly Reports, Dr. Goad reported in regards to the Strategic Plan that the Math teachers are meeting on January 25, to continue work on Curriculum Alignment. The next count for enrollment is in February 2017.
7. Board Elections were held and approved with Mr. Donald Pampel as President, Mr. Robert Gerber as Vice-President, and Mr. Kyle Arvin as Secretary.
8. The Board approved Board salaries for \$1,800/year, a reduction from the \$2,000/year due to finances.
9. The Board approved the re-appointments of Marsha Bell as Treasurer and Karla Buntin as Assistant Treasurer.
10. The Board approved the Position Schedule Bonds for the Superintendent, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer at \$75,000, Junior/Senior High School Treasurer and Cafeteria Cashier at \$6,000, and building Secretaries at \$1,000.
11. The Board approved the following Out of State Field Trips and Overnight Field Trip submitted by Mr. Travis Scherer and Ms. Ashley Steuer, FFA Sponsors:

Gobles, MI – Annual FFA Week Ski Trip – February 25, 2017
Oklahoma City, OK – National Soil Judging Contest – May 1-5, 2017
12. The Board approved to transfer end of year funds from CPF to the Rainy Day Fund, and the amount will be \$300,000.
13. The Board approved the resignation from Mrs. Amber Allison, Junior/Senior High School Secretary, effective on January 20, 2017, with much appreciation for her service to Tri-County.
14. Dr. Goad passed out to the Board members a Financial Documentation Demonstrating Need for Taxpayer Support and explained to the Board members and the patrons in attendance where our finances are at the present time and why we are in the position we are in. Dr. Goad asked the Board members to review this documentation and be ready to make plans in the near future on the best way to help Tri-County. There will be a Special Session meeting yet in January to discuss these plans.
15. Dr. Goad reported to the Board that she had met with all of the staff about a year ago to explain our financial situation. The Task Force is meeting Wednesday evening, January 11, and there is a need to meet with the public in the next few months. Dr. Goad briefly told the Board members that she has been working with Mr. Tim Schultz from the IDOE on our request to realign our Board seats. The proposal will go to the State Board of Education on January 11th. Dr. Goad reported that the Budget Order was received today and she will be able to pass on to each Building Principal what their CPF budgets will be, which then can be passed on to each Department Head in each building. Dr. Goad announced that the New Board Member Orientation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, January 31, 2017 from 6:00 –

8:30 p.m. in Lafayette, Indiana. Dr. Goad reported that the Model School Conference will be held in Tennessee this coming June and announced that Mr. Jeremy Sterk will be presenting at the conference.

16. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that on Thursday, January 19, a parent meeting will be held in regards to the student's college savings program. Mr. Hagan announced the PTO Carnival is scheduled for Saturday, February 11. Mr. Hagan reported that two schools will be visiting our DK Program and one of those schools will visit on Wednesday, January 11. The PTO is helping plan the Daddy-Daughter Dance, Donuts for Dads and Muffins for Moms in the near future.
17. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that she would like to thank Chris Legler for another great Elementary Christmas Program. Ms. Hall announced that more testing will begin next week for the Elementary students.
18. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board members that this is Homecoming Week. Riley Week is scheduled for February 13-18 and Mr. Sterk and Ms. Cannady, Student Council sponsors, have many activities planned for that week. February 18 is a basketball game with Faith Christian and there are many members of the alumni that will be inducted into the Hall of Fame that same evening.
19. Ms. Rowe reported to the Board members that the 7th & 8th graders had a celebration recently for their Perfect Attendance and Honor Roll. The TC Reads program still continues with everyone reading for the first 15 minutes of everyday in increase the student's vocabulary. Ms. Rowe has a field trip planned on February 7, to take students to College & Career Fair at Frontier Jr/Sr High School. The CTE Fair is scheduled for January 20, 2016. Ms. Rowe, Mr. McCracken, Mrs. Judy Kochert and Mrs. Sally Siela will soon be meeting with every class to set up schedules for their 4 year plan. Ms. Rowe announced that this is the Science Adoption year, so those teachers will be attending textbook presentations. The 8th grade students will be taking a new test this year called the NAPE test and ISTEP tests will be at the end of February.