

June 27, 2024

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, June 10, 2024

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, June 10, 2024.

The following topics were covered:

1. The board approved the agenda.
2. The board approved the minutes for the Regular Board Session and First Preliminary Hearing on Monday, May 13, 2024 and the Second Preliminary Hearing on May 20, 2024.
3. There were no visitor comments.
4. Under Technology, Mr. Culp reported to the board for Mrs. Shannon Kelly that Diane Smith and Shannon Jelly attended the Indiana CTO Clinic put on by CoSN in Indianapolis in May. They had a great number of sessions on UDL, CyberSecurity, and AI that they were able to attend. Mrs. Kelly attended some sessions on Responsible Use Policies for schools in Indiana. Mrs. Kelly learned that Tri-County is in line with a number of districts, and ahead of May with staff and guest RUP's already adopted. The Technology team is making good progress on our summer tasks to prepare for August. The New Student Registration forms were ready in April. Currently they are testing the returning student forms to be ready for early July. They are also repairing devices and changing out older technology. They learned that Tri-county got accepted into the second cohort for the SLCGP CrowdStrike program with the Indiana Office of Technology. This is a great opportunity that will allow us to install a more robust security software onto all of the staff devices providing another layer of security within our district. They just had our Pre-implementation call this past week and look forward to the next steps.
5. Under Board Committee Reports, Dr. Schemerhorn stated that the Tri-County Education Fund met in May and voted on nominations of the Crystal Apple award and grants. Mrs. Cantrell reported that the Town of Remington approved to help with paying for the sealing and coating for the Tri-County Primary parking lot. Mrs. Cantrell also reported that the Remington Park Board is discussing a new playground plan. There will be a meeting at the end of this month.
6. Ms. Hall reported to the board that last month she shared about several of our May activities. TCP had transition conferences for kindergarten and second-grade special education students. Ms. Hall stated that they went very well and were well-attended by staff and families as they discussed what their programming would look like in kindergarten and third grade. Staff from Remington and Wolcott libraries came to speak to our students about their summer library programs. TCP completed our final round of testing with NWEA and our phonics assessments. Field Day had to be rescheduled due to weather but ended up having great weather and the students had a wonderful day. Mrs. Tyler's students came over to lead the different activities and did a very nice job. Ms. Hall thanked Mrs. LeBeau for all of her work in preparing for that event. Ms. Hall also thanked the TCP staff for their hard work this year and hope they are enjoying their summer breaks already.

7. Mrs. Pearson reported to the board that TCI has received some of our student textbooks for next year and Mrs. Pearson thanked Mrs. Sterk for all of her hard work in getting those organized! Mrs. Pearson also thanked the custodial, maintenance, and technology staff for all of their hard work this summer, to help TCI prepare for next school year. Summer School/ Stem camp is underway. TCI had 54 students sign up. Mrs. Pearson thanked Mrs. Anderson for her work on the summer foods program. She has breakfast for STEM camp students every morning and then they are also able to get lunch on their way out. TCI appreciates Mrs. Conn and transportation for getting the students to and from Stem camp and allowing them to take the food on the bus. IREAD- with the makeup tests TCI had 51/52 students either pass or qualify for a good cause exemption. These are granted by a committee decision for students with disabilities (e.g., special education) based on Case Conference Committee decisions, English learners, and students who have been retained twice.
8. Mr. McCracken reported to the board about student attendance for the school year. He discussed ways to improve attendance and what the state focuses on. Mr. McCracken stated that there is not a chronic absentee problem for Tri-County. He reported some data that he had collected for the 9th-12th graders and for 7th and 8th graders in regards to absences and tardies. He will work with students and their families if an issue arises.
9. Mr. Haskins reported to the board that the Jr/Sr High School finished the 2nd semester strong. Report cards sent out virtually to parents and guardians. Mr. Haskins thanked the office staff for their help in catching students who were absent so that they could be caught up. Attendance was great the last week of school. Mr. Haskins thanked the seniors for being a really great class! They really focused on what they wanted to do next. They will be missed. During Senior Night there was \$130,000 worth of scholarships awarded. Mr. Haskins thanked NHS and Mrs. Schambach for their efforts with Curricular awards. Thank you to the business for their generosity as well. Graduation is on Sunday, 6/2. There are 45 seniors graduating. Businesses that paid for senior meals are Gerber Financial, Fox Insurance, Bank of Wolcott, Hageman Realty, Belle's Pizza King, The Homestead, Peoples Feed Mill, First Merchants Bank - Remington, Remington IGA. Mr. Haskins thanked the presenters on senior night. Ms. Mosier has 15 plus students for credit recovery, PE and Health classes. She is doing a great job helping them stay focused. Plans for next year scholarship meeting night with parents to discuss Jasper Newton and White County Foundations scholarships. There are a lot of scholarships not being used or accessed in the area and want to share this with parents. Reminder of no Planners for 24/25 school year. The Jr/Sr High School will be sending out an EventLink link to everyone to set up an account. Camp Cavalier will be on Friday, August 2, 2024. In Athletics, congrats to Koby Bahler on being North/South All Star in baseball. He is the 6th student in school history. First football game (Jamboree) - Friday, August 16. First volleyball game is Tuesday, August 13. First girl's golf match is Tuesday, August 6. First cross country meet is Saturday, August 24.
10. Mr. Culp reported that the FFA greenhouse received a Pampel grant and another grant to help with repairs. Admittedly the Corporation will pay for some of the repairs as well. Thanks to the grants the contributions of the school are less.
11. Under Old Business, the board approved the 2025-2026 school year calendar.
12. The board approved the Vol. 36, No. 1 NEOLA Policies as presented.
13. Mr. Culp informed the board of three recent NEOLA policies released last week. The three policies will be on the agenda for the July Board meeting.
14. Under New Business, the board approved Cynthia Underwood as the 6th- 12th grade Choir Director.
15. The board approved NEISC to serve as the Corporation Media Specialist and provide a mentor to Mrs. Megan Oiler until Mrs. Oiler has obtained her license.
16. Mr. Culp did the first reading of the 2025-2026 school calendar.
17. The board approved the TCHS Volleyball Overnight Field Trip to Dunes Event Center, LaPorte, IN on July 10-11.

18. The board approved the Cooperative School Services Joint Service Agreement as presented.
19. The board approved the 2024-2025 Breakfast and Lunch Prices.
20. The board approved the Food2School Purchasing Cooperative Contract Awards 2024-2025.
21. The board approved the Technology Responsible Use Policies.
22. The board approved the Support Staff and Administrator Pay Raises as presented.
23. Under the Superintendent's Report, Mr. Culp reported to the board that at the June 5th, SBOA board meeting, Dr. Jenner released additional information on the proposed new graduation plan. The idea for students to earn "seals" is proposed by the IDOE.
24. Mr. Culp wanted to thank the seniors and their families, Mr. Haskins, Mr. McCracken, Mr. Sterk and the custodians. It was fun to watch the seniors walk into the setup of graduation. A lot of hard work from Mr. Sterk, Mr. Garrett and staff, Mr. Bell and his staff for graduation. Thank you again to all of their hard work.
25. Under Visitors Comments on Agenda Items, Mrs. Tieke asked "Does the Food2School Purchasing Cooperative Contract give us a discount? Mr. Culp stated "They bid it out on our behalf to ensure better pricing."
26. Under Board comments, Mrs. Cantrell stated that she thought the student-led baccalaureate was great and so was the community support as well. Mr. Gerber heard a lot of positive comments as well from the community.
27. Next board meeting will be July 8, 2024.