

May 9, 2017

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, May 8, 2017

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, May 8, 2017.  
The following topics were covered:

1. Mr. Hagan announced the Students of the Month:

Tri-County Primary School – Zoey Barrett, Thomas Siegfred

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Lexi McClure announced the Students of the Month:

Tri-County Intermediate School – Emma Voors, Jacob Stoller

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:

Math – Grace Michal

PE/FACS/Health – Kaitlyn McGee

Language Arts – Sophie Getz

Social Studies – Ashley Peterson

Fine Arts – Madison Metzinger

Science – Reagan Wallace

CTE (Business) – Hunter Musser

Tri-County High School – Sophie Getz

Tri-County Junior High School – Brooklynn Miller, Shelby Schambach

2. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mrs. Sarah Padhye, presented to the Board members the Junior High School 20% Time. The Junior High students and teachers meet 1 hour and 10 minutes per week to work on a project for approximately 10 weeks. Mrs. Padhye presented a Power Point, some projects and posters.
3. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that ISTEP testing went well for TC Technology, with the biggest issue not having laptops charged. The Technology Department had their first meeting with Erica Cunningham from Huston Electric starting the process of updating our phone system. It was very productive and the implementation process is beginning. Mr. Sharp, Mrs. Flores, Mrs. Zarse and Mrs. Kelly did a demo with a Classroom Management Program call DyKnow. Mrs. Flores has a survey out now to see what the teacher response rate to the features of the program actually will be. The new devices for the 2017-18 school year will start arriving as early as tomorrow.
4. The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip request from Mr. Travis Scherer, for the FFA to travel to St. Louis, MO from July 28-30, 2017.
5. The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip request from Mr. Travis Scherer, for the FFA to travel to Pine Creek Camp, in Pine Village, Indiana on August 11-12, 2017.

6. The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip request from Mrs. Mandy Taulman and Mr. Eric Sharp for the TCI Student Council for May 12-13, 2017.
7. The Board approved the Junior High Washington DC trip for June 6-10, 2018.
8. The Board approved the following Summer School Teachers for 2017:
  - 2<sup>nd</sup>/3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading – Holly Cook
  - Jr High Math – Jeff LeBeau
  - Jr High ELA – Sarah Padhye
  - APEX Lab – J.R. Haskins
  - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Band – Jeremy Sterk
9. The Board approved a Leave of Absence for Mrs. Amanda Alberts effective April 25, 2017 through May 22, 2017.
10. The Board approved the Junior/Senior High School Handbook changes for the 2017-18 school year.
11. The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Mark McClure to the Wolcott Community Library Board to serve a term of three years.
12. The Board approved the resignation from Mr. Eric Davis, effective at the end of this 2016-17 school year.
13. The Board approved the resignation from Mrs. Kristen Brown, effective at the end of this 2016-17 school year.
14. The Board approved to restore the following positions:
  - Junior/Senior High School Guidance Counselor
  - Two elementary teachers
  - Extend part-time Jr/Sr HS Art position to full time
  - Elementary Principal
  - Full-time Transportation/Athletic Director (50% salary from Transportation Fund)
  - Instructional Assistants as needed based on student enrollment (3-4)
15. The Board approved to add the following positions of need:
  - Full-time Food Service Director (100% salary from Hot Lunch Fund)
  - Jr/Sr HS Targeted Academic Intervention Coordinator
16. Dr. Goad reported to the Board members that this is the first year that we will have graduates of the PRIDE program and a PRIDE breakfast is scheduled for May 17. Dr. Goad announced that J.R. Haskins, Travis and Rose Scherer, Cynthia McQuinn and Rachel Pilotte have turned in Summer Connection Grants for the 2017 summer. Dr. Goad reported that the old gym floor in the TCI gym was tore out last week and she would like to recommend to announce a date for people who would like a memento from the gym could pick up a limited amount and whatever is left could then be bid out. The new gym floor should be done by the end of June. In regards to Legislation changes, Tri-County will receive \$66 more per student and the State Teacher Performance Award has been changed to Teacher Appreciation Grant and will receive approximately \$30 per student. Change to ILearn from ISTEP, is that we must have access to courses outside of Tri-County online, but we have to pay the cost to do this. Another change is that the Education Fund & Operating Fund will take effect in 2019. In regards to teacher licenses, a criminal history check will be done on

20% of our employees by July 1, 2017, with the addition of Suicide training every two years for every employee, effective July 1, 2018. The schools can appeal DLGF to increase maximum levies. In regards to high school courses, Indiana Studies class must be taught, possibly teaching cursive writing, and an Ethnic and Racial Class must be taught. There will be Career & Technical Education changes in CTE Vocational Education funding from State Support.

17. Mr. Pampel questioned if changing to Operational and Education Fund would be a benefit and also questioned the Indiana Studies at high school level.
18. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that the community walk and the TC Spirit Day were both a success. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards program will be held at the High School Auditorium on May 19 from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m., and Mr. Hagan briefly talked about Summer School for the elementary schools.
19. Ms. Hall thanked all the volunteers that have helped at both Elementary Schools and a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast is scheduled for this week and a Mentor Appreciation Luncheon will be held two days next week.
20. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board members that he has spent a lot of time as Athletic Director working on the sports schedule for next year, and has had several rain outs for this year and has had a tough time getting officials when needed.
21. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board members that it was Teacher Appreciation Week last week, the FFA Soils team went to Oklahoma and placed 7<sup>th</sup>, Battle of the Books was held last week and the Tri-County team placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Junior High level. The teachers are continuing to work on the Data Dashboard and Dr. Rowe announced that the Summer Hot Lunch program will once again be offered this summer from June 5 – July 27, 2017. Dr. Rowe handed out a calendar to each of the Board members on the many end of the year activities for the Junior/Senior High School.