

September 12, 2017

TO: Media

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

RE: Work Session, Project Hearing, and Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2017

The Tri-County School Board met for a Work Session on Monday, September 11, 2017 for the purpose of the Budget.

The Tri-County School Board met for a Project Hearing Meeting, Monday, September 11, 2017. The following topics were covered:

1. Dr. Goad briefly described the project General Obligation Bond, announcing that we have to hold this hearing if the project is in excess of \$1,000,000.00 and it will be less than \$2,000,000.00. This project will be used for vehicles, maintenance, technology and renovations at TCP, TCI, and TC Jr/Sr High School.
2. Public comments included Mrs. Mandy Taulman asked if this money was only going to be used on Vehicles, Technology and Renovations and Mr. Pampel replied that it would only be used for those purposes. Mr. Troy Furrer asked what projects are going to be done, and Mr. Pampel again said that the projects are ones that no one can see, but need to be done, for instance repair on chillers, air handlers, the pool and pool area, general upkeep and infrastructure. Mr. Don Furrer said that it would be nice to have a reduction, but assessment continues to climb. Mr. Pampel reminded the public that there is no tax rate increase, this bond would be paid back in 3 years, and that the referendum will not be used on any of these projects, which is why a bond is needed.
3. The Board Adopted the Project Resolution, which the bond is estimated to be \$1,580,000.00.
4. The Board Adopted the Preliminary Bond Resolution.
5. The Board Adopted the Reimbursement Resolution.
6. The Project Hearing meeting was adjourned at this time.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, September 11, 2017. The following topics were covered:

1. Under the Visitor's Comments, Mr. Don Furrer asked Dr. Goad how much the total cost of the Tri-County Intermediate gym floor cost. Dr. Goad replied that the removal of the old floor and installation of the new floor cost \$80,000-\$100,000. Mr. Furrer also asked if there is a State law telling us how long we need to keep our busses. Dr. Goad replied that the State law states that busses can be used for 12 years, so that is why they are kept for that long before we purchase a new bus. The contracted driver's contracts also states what year of bus they are required to have to transport our Tri-County students.

2. Ms. Hall and Mrs. Kathy Ingram announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Primary School – Ava Voors, Blaine Woods

Ms. Hall and Mrs. Tracy Zarse announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Primary School – Madalynn Iseminger, Jaxon Metzinger

Mr. Hagan announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Intermediate School - Alayna Hrnicek, Aiden Duniphan

Ms. Rowe announced the Students of the Month:
Language Arts – Holly Lehe
Fine Arts – Kaitlyn McGee
Social Studies – Sam Mueller
Science – Colleen Jones
CTE – Layton Randolph
PE/FACS/Health – Hunter Musser
Tri-County High School – Sam Rance
Tri-County Junior High School – Beth Turza, Jacob Nevitt

3. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Blayne Vandever, student and FFA member, recited the FFA Creed as practice for the National Convention. Blayne received 1st in the State and now gets to compete for the National Convention. Blayne did a great job and everyone wished him good luck.
4. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that Phase 1 of the phone implementation is complete. Today's internet outage showed our failover failed and John from Huston Electric will be onsite tomorrow to test again and see what went wrong. September 1, 2017, USAC released the Category 2 funding, which we applied for, and switches, access points, and UPS' have been ordered to complete our infrastructure upgrade. The DOE-ME count day is Friday, September 15, 2017, so we will know where we stand on enrollment at that time. We are beginning State-wide testing readiness. The first of November is our first trying of equipment and infrastructure.
5. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber reported on the Fall 2017 Regional IDOE meeting held on September 5, 2017, that Mr. Pampel, Dr. Goad and he attended at Harrison High School. Dr. Jennifer McCormick, the State Superintendent was the speaker and talked about the Federal laws and mandates that are coming in the near future and the 3 of them agreed that this was a positive meeting.
6. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Arvin reported on the Ag Advisory meeting that was held last Thursday evening. They went over the budget which is doing well with the auctions that they hold annually. Mr. Arvin reported that Mr. Travis Scherer was awarded a grant that he applied for and Dr. Goad reported that the student membership continues to be strong.
7. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Gerber asked Dr. Goad to speak briefly on the Commerce Park building. Dr. Goad reported that the county has received a letter of intent from a company that would like to have the building for their business and would develop the business in 3 stages and would employ 212 people. Dr. Goad met with the CEO of the business and they would like to possibly have a building across from the school to help train and prepare students for the work force. Dr. Goad is on the White County Economic Development Board.

8. Under Board Committee Reports, Mrs. Cantrell briefly talked about being an Ambassador in Remington for a Meet & Greet, encouraging neighborly visits and getting to meet and know your neighbors. This was done in Wolcott also.
9. The Board approved the following Support Staff resignations effective immediately:
Tyler Smith – Jr/Sr High School Levels Instructional Assistant
Brittney Heron – TCP Custodian
10. Dr. Goad announced the following Transfer:
Andrea Smith from TCP part-time custodian to full time custodian
11. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Sara Arvin for the part-time School Nurse position effective immediately.
12. The Board approved the employment of Nic Sampognaro for the Instructional Assistant at the Junior/Senior High School, effective immediately.
13. The Board approved the hiring of Nic Sampognaro for the Varsity Baseball Coach at the Jr/Sr High School effective for the 2017-18 school year.
14. Dr. Goad reported to the Board that she has contracted Elizabeth Morgan, Speech/Language Pathologist, for the 2017-18 school year and she will begin at the end of this week or first of next. This will be tele therapy, as she is from California.
15. The Board approved the Advertising of the Budget.
16. The Board approved the Resolution to Reduce 2017 Appropriations, which is necessary to reduce some current year appropriations in order to make next year's budget work. The Debt Service Fund will be reduced by \$200,000 and Emergency CPF by \$600,000.
17. The Board approved to use Public Surplus for disposal of property.
18. Dr. Goad asked the Board members to read over (first reading) the NEOLA policy changes and the approval of the changes will be done at the October Board meeting.
19. The Board approved Tri-County Primary, Tri-County Intermediate, and Tri-County Jr/Sr High School Improvement Plans.
20. The Board approved a Resolution in Support of Public Education, written by the American Association of School Administrators championing a campaign in support of public schools.
21. Dr. Goad reported to the Board members that Tri-County's goal is to educate every student that walks through our doors. She has been visiting all the schools and many activities, like FFA, Band Contests and different athletics and it is great to see all the students involved and doing so well.
22. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that on September 6, a Club Fair will be held with Mrs. Mandy Taulman, Mr. J.R. Haskins, and the 6th graders putting this together. The 6th grade students will have presentations of each of these clubs that will be presented to all of the Intermediate students. There will be 20 clubs available for students to join and a few of the choices are recycling, coding, robotics, comics, Junior FFA, small engines to name a

few. United Way has stepped in and will help with some of the clubs. Each semester the students can change clubs and try a different club. Mr. Hagan also announced that they have received a Robotics Grant and with public donators from Preferred Insurance, Fox Insurance and Omni Forge, they were able to purchase 4 robots and a practice field. They will have 2 teams of 8 and will compete in 2 of the 8 competitions this year. STEM Academy is doing well and Mr. Hagan has been in contact with Mr. Nick Flowers, DOE-STEM, on what is needed to become a STEM School. Mr. Hagan also announced that TCP and TCI are sponsoring Parkview Intermediate School in Houston, TX, who have been affected by the hurricane and have collected \$1600 in gift cards and money to send to them to help them out with things that are needed for their students.

23. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that she had talked to the Principal of the school in Texas that they are sponsoring and he was very upbeat and positive about everything and was so appreciative of everything that both elementary schools are doing for them. Ms. Hall announced that they are starting High Five Fridays and are trying to find community groups to come in on Fridays to greet and welcome the students. Farney Service Center will be there on Friday to greet the students. Ms. Hall has met with Mr. & Mrs. Mike Godlove to talk about the Mentor Program once again this year.
24. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board members that the Junior/Senior High School is sponsoring Cypress Woods School in Texas, and it has 3500 students, grades 9-12, and they started school today, September 11, 2017. The Jr/Sr High School is collecting gift cards and money for them also. Dr. Rowe passed out calendars to the Board members along with the ISTEP results for them to look over. In regards to Data Dashboards, Mrs. Darla Harrington and Dr. Rowe are working with the new teachers on block scheduling. The Counseling Department are holding days where the students may come in to learn how to apply to colleges, how to pay for college, for example, loans, scholarships, Pell grants, etc., find out about SAT tests, and this Spring, Jobs 101 will be held to learn how to write resumes and scholarship writing. Closer to the end of the school year, College 101 will be held to go over Campus Safety, and what the students will need to have for college. Also, each counselor will have Focus Field Trips, which will be 10 minute field trips and each will include 10-12 students per counselor. Dr. Goad reported that there are New Teacher Monthly meetings going on now and the first meeting included Mrs. Susan Rayburn and Mrs. Sarah Schambach teaching the new teachers how to write lesson plans with future meetings being on Literacy and Relationships, REACH Higher, Power School and Technology and Discipline to name a few. This coming weekend is Homecoming and many activities are planned for the week. College Go Week is the last week of this month. Counselor, Mrs. Sally Siela, has been having Junior High meetings with the students and Dr. Rowe announced that October 18, 2017 is the scheduled Parent/Teacher Conferences.
25. Mr. LeBeau reported to the Board members that he felt like Transportation has had a smooth start with the beginning of school. Each school has made adjustments on pick-up and deliveries of our students and there are new traffic signs at the schools for parents to know where to park, drop off, and pick-up. In regards to Athletics, there is a scheduled Invite meet for the Cross Country tomorrow evening, Volleyball got a 4th out of 8 teams, so they are making progress and the Football team is 3-1. Mr. LeBeau reported that he has talked to Mason Berenda, TC graduate, who went on to college and is playing on the special teams for the college football team as a freshman. Mr. LeBeau would like to showcase our athletes and is working with the News & Review and Wolcott Enterprise to have a student athlete of the week put in their newspapers.