

September 11, 2018

TO: Media

FROM: Dr. Ed Eiler, Tri-County School Corporation

RE: Work Session, Monday, September 10, 2018 – Review of the 2019 Budget  
Regular School Board Meeting & Executive Session, Monday, September 10, 2018.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, September 10, 2018.  
The following topics were covered:

1. Ms. Hall and Mrs. Ashley Hensler announced the Students of the Month:  
Sophia Stone, Cristian Pacheco

Ms. Hall and Mrs. Holly Cook announced the Students of the Month:  
Adalynn Demerly, Preston Kaeb

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:  
High School – Kenzie Davenport  
Junior High School – Lillian Bopp, Ana-Lynn Wilken

Social Studies – Stephen Bunjan  
PE/FACS/Health – Korbin Lawson  
Math – Jasmine Southard  
Fine Arts – Kaitlyn McGee  
ELA – Kenzie Davenport  
CTE – Avery Dawson  
Science – Makayla Wynstra

2. Under the Student Showcase, Ms. Hall and Mrs. Rachel Pilotte, presented a Power Point presentation on their TCP Back to School Bash, which was held on August 6. There were 25 students from 14 families invited to the event. Free haircuts, given free of charge by Steph Hensler, Tara Garner, and Sharon Brooks, free tennis shoes, provided by grant money, free school supplies provided by Remington Methodist Church, free hygiene kits, provided by Remington Family Dentistry, Rachel Cantrell, and grant money, free breakfast pantry items provided by Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Remington, and a pizza dinner, cookies and drinks were provided for each student, along with a free book giveaway. Ms. Hall is already working on this for next year.
3. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the DOE-ME count day is Friday, September 14, 2018. Mrs. Kelly announced that the schools are beginning State-wide testing readiness, with local infrastructure trial for ISTEP+ and Technology readiness for ILearn – the client is downloaded and will be pushed out this week to the student devices. Mr. Sharp and Ms. Smith are busy meeting with teachers to help with technology related projects and the technology department has talked about planning for the National Digital Citizenship Week in each of our schools.
4. Dr. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, and Mr. Joe Biggs, Gibraltar, updated the Board members on the pool renovation. Bids on the pool and other renovation work including, but not limited to the secure entrance to the TCP, HS restrooms, kitchen HVAC, welding booths, main entry and concession repair, HVAC controls, and band interior/storage will

be opened on September 20. Bids will be awarded at the board meeting on September 24. One of the specifications of the bid is that construction is to be scheduled to minimize disruptions during the instructional day.

5. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Arvin reported on the Ag Advisory meeting held last week. A very interesting meeting. Mr. Gerber added that the Ag student numbers were very similar to last year. Mr. Gerber also announced that he attended the Business Advisory Board meeting and he felt everything is going well in the Business classes and that Mr. Lou Salvadore made a brief visit from ITE.
6. Under Old Business, the Board held the first reading of the School Board Policy on the use of metal detectors. The policy would provide guidance to school administrators on the use of metal detectors when conducting minimally-intrusive non-discriminatory group searches and searches of a student's person and personal effects where the administrator has reasonable suspicion to conduct a search. The Board will act on this Policy at the September 24, 2018 Special meeting.
7. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Theresa Dye as a preschool bus aide for 6 hours per day at the rate of \$10.37 per hour for the period from August 20, 2018 to May 23, 2019.
8. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Dalton Justice as an instructional assistant at TCI for 7 hours per day at the rate of \$10.37 per hour for the period from August 27, 2018 to May 23, 2019.
9. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Rick Prater as an instructional assistant at TCI for 7 hours per day at the rate of \$10.37 per hour for the period from September 17, 2018 to May 23, 2019.
10. The Board approved the employment of Mr. John Letson as a Bus Driver/Groundskeeper/Maintenance for 8 hours per day at the rate of \$78.07 for bus driving and \$13.97 per hour for grounds, maintenance work for the period from September 10, 2018 to June 30, 2019.
11. The Board approved the resignation from Justin Laffoon, Bus Driver/Groundskeeper/Maintenance effective September 7, 2018, being his last day.
12. The Board approved the Maternity Request from Mrs. McKenna Snyder beginning on or about November 7, 2018, and continuing through the following twelve weeks.
13. The Board approved the Expenditure Category Goals for 2018-19.
14. The Board approved the advertising of the 2019 Budget.
15. The Board approved the School Improvement Plans for Tri-County Primary, Tri-County Intermediate, and Tri-County Junior/Senior High School as submitted.
16. The Board approved the 2018-19 Administrator Goals as submitted.
17. The Board approved the change of wording in the Board Policy 6320 regarding the people authorized to open bids for the school corporation which now reads "The committee must include at least two of the following: Board member, corporation

employee or designated Clerk of the Works.”

18. The Board approved the following overnight Field Trips:
  - Travis Scherer – IN FFA Soar Camp, Trafalgar, IN 10/12-14/18
  - Travis Scherer & Haley Verhaeghe – Soils Judging, Morgan County 10/19-20/18
  - Travis Scherer & H. Verhaeghe–National FFA Contests, Indianapolis 10/23-27/18
19. The Board accepted the Conflict of Interest forms for Mr. Pampel, Mr. Arvin, and Mr. Gerber.
20. The Board approved the agreement to employ Administrator Assistance as the Project Manager/Clerk of the Works for the construction project(s) specified in the agreement.
21. Dr. Betsy Biederstedt reported to the Board on the status of the Superintendent search. The position has been posted and applications have been received. While the position is open until filled applicants are advised to submit applications no later than September 17 to ensure their application receives initial consideration. Dr. Biederstedt will communicate with Board President, Mr. Pampel.
22. Dr. Eiler reported to the Board that a bus purchase will be necessary to transport students to and from daycare for preschool. Much discussion was done on what type of bus would be needed. No action was done at this time on the bus purchase.
23. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that it is half way through the first 9 weeks and the NWEA testing is complete. Teachers are working hard and 6 more mentors have been added to the Mentoring Program. Ms. Hall reported that October 4 will be Grandparent’s Evening from 4:00 – 6:00 p.m. and October 17 is Parent/Teacher Conferences. High Five will be done this Friday, September 14, at TCP and all are welcome to participate. Ms. Hall thanked Jeff LeBeau for his help in getting all the transportation problems fixed.
24. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that he wanted to thank Mrs. Mandy Taulman and Mrs. Jill Bahler, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers, for coming up with an Overnight Field Trip to Camp Tecumseh for the 6<sup>th</sup> Grade to work on team building. Mr. Hagan announced that the Club Fair will begin on September 19 and there are a little over 20 clubs that will begin to meet on September 26. Mrs. Susie Flickner talked to Mr. Hagan about having students on the Remington Town Park Advisory Board and there will be 2-6<sup>th</sup> Grade students, and 2-7<sup>th</sup> Grade students. Mr. Hagan announced that STEM Academy is going very well and thanked Meredith Vandever and Lisa Ewen for all of their help. The vegetable garden was a big success and the students made salsa for all of the staff from the produce. CAVbots is starting this week and there will be 4 teams of 6, ½ boys and ½ girls.
25. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board that his Student Leaders met and he would like to give them more responsibilities. There are 4 girls and 4 boys on the team presently and these students can help plan convocations for 2<sup>nd</sup> semester, school safety, and offer suggestions. The students have shown some interest in personalizing their parking spots. Mr. McCracken is looking into this.
26. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board that the Senior Breakfast was held on August 24. Dr. Rowe passed out September calendars to the Board members. The School Improvement Team have been meeting and their goal is to have every student involved in something at the Junior/Senior High School and are planning a Club Fair, so that students

can get engaged. Mrs. Sally Siela and Dr. Rowe are checking into a Vet Science Course, with the help of Amy Woods. Dr. Rowe announced that every other Wednesday, there is more time built in CAV time for reading and now the Math Department came up with reasoning challenges to be offered to the students to help them read more and also practice up on their math skills. Dr. Rowe thanked Mr. LeBeau for all of his help in making the transportation challenges all go smoothly.

27. Dr. Eiler asked that the Board members check out the other attachments in their packets, such as, a list of the ECA coaches, and also a letter from Gibraltar.
28. Mr. Gerber talked briefly about attending the ISBA conference on Monday, September 10, 2018.

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