

November 13, 2018

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, November 12, 2018.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, November 12, 2018. The following topics were covered:

1. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Dr. Rowe asked Mr. Travis Scherer, FFA Sponsor, and a few of his FFA student members to talk about the FFA contests that they have been participating in. FFA President Layton Randolph, talked about the Soils Team and how well they did in the State contests. FFA member, Andy Douglas, talked about the Parli teams and how they did in the Nationals. FFA member, Micah Lehe, placed 1<sup>st</sup> in the Nation for Extemporaneous Public Speaking and Micah briefly talked about his experience at the contest.

2. Ms. Hall and Mrs. Lexi McClure announced the Students of the Month:  
Emma Alberts, Bentley Johnson

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Aimee Clark announced the Students of the Month:  
Destiny Wilkerson, Orrin Blume

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:  
Junior High School – Amalee Scheitlin, Isaac Miller

Dr. Eiler complimented the student body for the Veteran's Day program that was put on at the Junior/Senior High School today. The program was very meaningful and the students were so respectful.

3. Under the Visitor's Comments, Dr. Eiler introduced Sharon Henderson, representing the White County Retired Teachers. Ms. Henderson awarded a \$500 check to Mrs. Becky Streitmatter and Mr. Dan Szombathy for an Active Teacher Grant which will go towards them expanding their classroom libraries. Dr. Rowe accepted the check for them.
4. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that quotes are being accepted for the Category II project until November 30, 2018. Mrs. Kelly announced that the Technology department is doing some Anti-Virus demos to find a replacement for Avast, since they no longer offer a free license to schools.
5. Dr. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, updated the Board members on the renovation. Many changes have been done at the high school, the kitchen freezer will be completed Tuesday, November 13. The pillars and brick replacement at the high school is complete with the secure entrance almost completed with the electrical work being done in the next week or two. The band area will be cleared by Thanksgiving break with work to begin in that area. Locker/bathroom partitions at the high school will be completed over Christmas break. The secure entrance at the Primary school will begin December 22 during Christmas break and the Ag/Welding area at the high school is scheduled for February, 2019. The high school kitchen HVAC will begin during Spring Break.

6. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Gerber reported that the RWDC has a new director and announced that it is Mrs. Sandy Miller. Mr. Pampel is on the Remington Town Board and there are 5 Tri-County students on a Junior Board, 3 seventh grade students and 2 sixth grade students. These students were given a budget and a project and Mr. Pampel is really impressed with what they have done so far.
7. Dr. Eiler briefly talked about fuel bids for 2019, and we received no bids, so we may purchase gas and diesel from whomever we choose.
8. The Board approved a one year contract extension and three percent salary increase for Dr. Cathy Rowe as was afforded to all other administrators, delay was caused due to clarification of duties and responsibilities. Dr. Eiler thanked Dr. Rowe for all of her help since he has been Interim Superintendent.
9. The Board accepted the resignation of Nicolas Sampognaro as head baseball coach effective October 6, 2018.
10. The Board approved the Budget Transfer. Changes in state law have created the Educational Fund and the Operational Fund. The Educational Fund replaces the General Fund. The Operational Fund replaces the CPF, Transportation and Bus Replacement Fund.
11. The Board approved a Resolution to Establish Initial Funding for the Education Fund.
12. The Board approved a Resolution to Establish Initial Funding for the Operations Fund.
13. The Board approved an Ongoing Resolution to Transfer Amounts from Education Fund to the Operations Fund.
14. Mr. Joe Briggs, Gibraltar representative, briefly talked about the Pool bids and no action is being taken on the bids because they all came in higher than the budget estimate and Gibraltar and Joe are working with the low bidder. More details will be presented at the Special meeting scheduled for Monday, November 19 and the Board will take action on the bids at that time.
15. The Board approved D.A. Dodd for the Tri-County Junior/Senior High School chiller replacement.
16. Dr. Eiler congratulated Mr. Pampel, Mr. Gerber and Mr. Arvin for being voted in for another term for School Board.
17. The Board approved the school corporation treasurer to transfer money from one major budget classification to another in order to ensure that at the end of the year each function has a positive balance as required by the State Board of Accounts.
18. The Board approved the adoption of the Resolution to appoint Ms. Cheri Frantz to represent the School Corporation in Small Claims court to try and collect unpaid balances in the hot lunch program.
19. The Board approved the following field trips:

FFA overnight field trip – Indiana FFA Leadership Center in Trafalgar, IN 11/16-18/18

FFA out of state field trip – Oklahoma City, April 29 to May 3, 2019

BPA overnight field trip – Indianapolis, IN 3/10-13/19

BPA out of state field trip – Anaheim, CA 5/1-5/19

20. Dr. Betsy Biederstedt, the consultant working with the board in completing the Superintendent search, announced that the proposed contract for the new superintendent is now on the website and a Public Hearing is scheduled for Monday, November 19 at 6:30 p.m. and a Special meeting is scheduled for Monday, November 26 at 7:00 to approve the final contract for the new Superintendent. Dr. Biederstedt thanked Dr. Eiler for all of his help and hard work in making this search go smoothly.
21. The Board approved to grant permission to advertise for a Public Hearing for the pool project and the date of the hearing is scheduled for December 10, 2018. There is no additional tax levy involved as the money being proposed for use already has been collected.
22. Dr. Eiler introduced Mr. Ray Seif, Jasper County Airport Manager, to present an Aviation Program for our students. Mr. Seif briefly talked about the courses that could be offered and that Ivy Tech is working with him to set the curriculum. This would be at no cost to the students or their families. After discussion with the Board members, this program will be considered after many factors and interest are studied.
23. Dr. Eiler reported that Dr. Schemerhorn and Mrs. Cantrell will meet with Mr. Bernie Graser, NEOLA Representative, and himself on Friday to work on more policies. One policy that they will work on will be the Wellness Policy that will need a couple of deletions.
24. Dr. Eiler announced that Mr. Shawn McCracken feels that the school needs a School Resource Officer and after doing research with other schools, Mr. McCracken will have a presentation at the December Board meeting.
25. Dr. Eiler also asked the Board members to review the approved the 2019-2020 School Calendar.
26. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that there was a 97% attendance of parents or guardians at the Parent/Teacher conference on October 17. The first eLearning Day went very well. A Veteran's Day Program was held for the students on Friday, November 9. Ms. Hall reported that a food drive is scheduled to help the backpack program and Mrs. Chris Legler is busy practicing with the students for the Christmas Program which is scheduled for December 12, at 1:00 p.m.
27. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that a Veteran's Day Program was held at the Wolcott House and he thanked the community for their participation. The Parent/Teacher Conference was well attended with about 94% and a Spell Bowl Competition is scheduled for this coming Thursday. Mr. Hagan thanked Mrs. Chris Legler and Mr. Jeff LeBeau for making it possible for all of the staff and students from Tri-County Intermediate to attend the Purdue Christmas Program.
28. Mr. McCracken had nothing to report.
29. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board that the Fall Play was this last weekend and it went very well and she was impressed with how the students did in the play. Dr. Rowe

thought the Parent/Teacher Conference went very well and was well attended. Dr. Rowe, Mrs. Sally Siela, Mr. Travis Scherer, Mrs. Jessica Schneider, Mrs. Amy Woods, and Mr. Jim Stradling, Indian Trails, traveled to Greenwood and New Castle to check into a Vet Science Course, with hopes to offer it next year as a course for the students. A FAFSA training meeting was held and about 10 senior families attended. Dr. Rowe briefly talked about the Aviation Program that was presented this evening and hopes that all area schools take advantage of this opportunity. Dr. Rowe reported that the Bank of Wolcott has set up an endowment to help with student needs, such as the Back Pack Program, glasses, school supplies, etc. and hopes that any community member that would like to donate to it, could contact the Bank of Wolcott. Dr. Rowe announced that ISTEP tests start this week and the School Improvement Team is working on targeting students with more mentoring. The FACS classes are starting a CAV Café for the staff starting this Friday and the students are very excited about this project.

30. The Board congratulated the Band on their high placement that they received in the State band contest.