

June 13, 2017

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, June 12, 2017

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, June 12, 2017.
The following topics were covered:

1. Under Visitor's Comments, Mrs. Samantha Layton asked why no one can applaud for each student as they go through the diploma line. After some discussion among the Board members and two patrons in the audience, the strongest opinion was to keep it as formal as possible for the students receiving their diplomas.
2. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that 475 laptops have been packaged and picked up by TBF computing for recycling. We will be paid for the devices once they are inspected, and salvage components and metal from the devices for recycling. Next the iPads will be packaged and picked up by Classform who will inspect the devices and do a "cash for STEAM" Exchange. They partner with different STEAM companies and resell their items for recycled iPads. RUP updates include:
 - a. Freshened up the verbiage.
 - b. We had an epidemic of lost chargers this year, or the lack of bringing chargers. We will no longer hand out loaner chargers, but offer to charge devices in the tech office for a period of time. New chargers will be handed out after they have been paid for.
 - c. We updated a fee schedule to be flat rates for non-warranty repairs.
3. Under Board Committee Reports, Mr. Pampel hoped that the Purdue Family Health Clinic would continue to grow here in Wolcott.
4. The Board approved the resignation of Mrs. Sarah Padhye, Language Arts teacher, effective June 22, 2017.
5. The Board approved the resignation of Mrs. Ashley Steuer, Agriculture teacher, effective June 30, 2017.
6. The Board approved the resignations of the following Support Staff:

Rami Westphal – effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year
Lyn-Ann Williamson (cook position) – effective May 22, 2017
Lora Jordan – effective May 9, 2017
Sarah Terhaar – effective at the end of the 2016-17 school year
7. The Board approved the maternity leave request for Mrs. Rachel Neidlinger starting August 9, 2017 and lasting for a six to eight week period.

8. Dr. Goad reported the following volunteer transfers for the 2017-18 school year:
 - Mrs. Chrissy Samanas - TCI Special Education to TCP 2nd Grade
 - Mr. Mark Gretencord – TCP 1st Grade to Jr/Sr HS Business/Health
 - Mrs. Cheryl Beever – TCP Custodian to TCP Instructional Assistant
 - Ms. Cheryl Frantz – Jr/Sr HS Head Cook to Corporation Food Service Director
 - Mr. Brian Hagan – TCP/TCI Principal to TCI Principal
 - Mr. Shawn McCracken – Jr/Sr HS Assistant Principal/Athletic Director to Assistant Principal
9. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Austen Hensler for the 1st Grade teaching position at TCP effective for the 2017-18 school year.
10. The Board approved the employment of Ms. Laurel Clements for the 1st Grade teaching position at TCP effective for the 2017-18 school year.
11. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Natasha Demerly for the 5th Grade teaching position at TCI effective for the 2017-18 school year.
12. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Kasey Buschman for the Special Education teaching position at TCI effective for the 2017-18 school year.
13. The Board approved the employment of Ms. Lori Wittke for the Art teaching position at the Junior/Senior High School effective for the 2017-18 school year.
14. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Sam Zachery for the Social Studies teaching position at the Jr/Sr High School effective for the 2017-18 school year.
15. The Board approved the temporary employment of Mrs. Jill Bahler for the Life Skills Maternity Leave position at the Jr/Sr High School effective for the 2017-18 school year.
16. The Board approved the employment of Ms. Sally Siela for the Guidance Counselor position at the Jr/Sr High School effective for the 2017-18 school year.
17. The Board approved the employment of Ms. Elaine Hall for the Principal position at TCP effective for the 2017-18 school year, with a two year contract.
18. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Jeff LeBeau for the Transportation/Athletic Director position at the Jr/Sr High School effective for the 2017-18 school year, with a two year contract.
19. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Mark Gretencord for the Varsity Boys Basketball Coach effective for the 2017-18 school year.
20. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Sam Zachery for the Varsity Football Coach effective for the 2017-18 school year.
21. The Board extended the Administrative Contract for Mr. Brian Hagan, for one year with terms as listed.
22. The Board extended the Administrative Contract for Dr. Cathy Rowe, for one year with terms as listed.

23. The Board extended the Administrative Contract for Mr. Shawn McCracken, for two years with terms as listed.
24. The Board extended the Administrative Contract for Dr. Kathy Goad, for one year with current contract terms.
25. The Board approved the Intent to employ the Support Staff for the 2017-18 school year as presented on the list.
26. The Board approved a Support Staff 2017-18 Compensation for 12 month employees effective July 1 and all other Support Staff employees effective at the beginning of the 2017-18 school year, with a 4% increase, Cooks and Instructional Assistants base be \$10 per hour, and provide .25 per hour Hazard Pay for Life Skills and Levels Instructional Assistants.
27. The Board approved using a planned eLearning Day on Wednesday, October 18th which is Parent/Teacher Conference Day. On this day teachers will post their lessons for the eLearning Day and then arrive at school at noon-1:00 P.M. to start conferences which last until 8:00 P.M. In the past teachers were given an extra ½ Personal Leave Day for their extra time in the evenings, but will no longer receive this.
28. The Board approved an Out of State Field Trip request from Mr. J.R. Haskins for a Summer Connection Grant to take some students to Chicago, IL, on June 23, 2017.
29. The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip request from Mr. Jeff LeBeau to take the Baseball team to Bethel College on June 12-13, 2017.
30. The Board approved an Overnight Field Trip request from Mr. Jeremy Sterk to take the Band for a week of practice, usually to some college, the week of July 10-14, 2017.
31. The Board approved the appointment of Mr. Stan Cook to serve a term of four years on the Wolcott Community Library Board.
32. The Board tabled the approval of the Technology Responsible Use Policy Updates until the July Board meeting.
33. The Board granted permission to advertise for Milk and Bread bids for the 2017-18 school year.
34. Dr. Goad asked the Board members to read the proposed School Meal Policy which is required by law. There is a problem around the country with parents not paying for their child's meals. Some schools give students an alternative meal or do not feed them. We do not feel this is the right way to treat kids as it is the parents who are neglectful and not the student. This policy will help us collect from those type parents. This would be the first reading and approval would take place at the July meeting.
35. The Board approved a Resolution to transfer cash into the Rainy Day Fund from CPF, Bus Replacement and Transportation.
36. The Board approved to start a Sick Leave Bank for the Support Staff beginning with the 2017-18 school year.

37. The Board approved creating a new position, Groundskeeper Position for the Corporation. This position would cover mowing at all 3 schools, be a certified sprayer, shrub trimming, painting lines on the football field, taking care of grounds, etc. and would also do part-time maintenance work.
38. Dr. Goad reported to the Board members that the Administrators have been very busy with interviews trying to fill all of the positions needed for the 2017-18 school year. Dr. Goad congratulated Mrs. Rachel Cantrell for receiving her Level 4 School Board Master's pin. Dr. Goad announced that a Job Fair is scheduled for June 21, 2017, from 1:00 – 7:00 p.m. here at the Corporation Office. Candidates attending will learn about the positions, complete an application and have an immediate interview. The school has several positions open to be filled for the 2017-18 school year.
39. Mr. Hagan thanked the Board members for the confidence they had in him for running two Elementary buildings this past year and he thanked Ms. Elaine Hall for all of her help and their teamwork together. The Elementary schools finished off with awards days and field days.
40. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that a Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast and a Mentor Appreciation Luncheon was held at the end of the year and felt like the 2016-17 was a good year for both elementary schools. She thanked Brian for his help and thanked the Board for their support.
41. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board members that he has been busy with new hires and announced that the annual Golf outing is scheduled for June 24 and 20 teams have signed up as of now.