

October 11, 2017

TO: Media

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

RE: Executive Session, Budget Hearing and Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, October 9, 2017

The Tri-County School Board met for a Budget Hearing, Monday, October 9, 2017. The following topics were covered:

1. Dr. Goad briefly described the 2018 Budget and received no public comments. Dr. Goad announced that a meeting will be held on October 30, 2017, at 6:00 p.m. to approve the Budget.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, October 9, 2017. The following topics were covered:

1. Ms. Hall announced the Students of the Month:  
Tri-County Primary School – Sophie Martin, Trevor Demerly

Mr. Hagan and Cynthia McQuinn announced the Students of the Month:  
Tri-County Intermediate School – Avah Brooks, Levi Schambach

Dr. Rowe announced the Students of the Month:

Language Arts – Kiara Harris  
Fine Arts – Chloe Auxier  
Social Studies – Jordan Wasson  
Science – Zarah Marshall  
Math – Bryce Poindexter  
FACS – Luke Lehe

Tri-County High School – Seth Dyke  
Tri-County Junior High School – Berenize Del Real, Korbin Lawson

2. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mrs. Mandy Taulman, 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Teacher, asked her students Braylon Gretencord, Levi Schambach, Avah Brooks, Merek Taulman, Lily Hagan, Palani Zussman, Christian Wallace, Lucas Misch and Eric Zarse to present to the Board members about TCI Club Day, Lots of Bosses. The 6<sup>th</sup> grade students came up with different clubs that the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade students could choose to join. Clubs that are offered are Minecraft, Science Experiments, Board Games, News Team, Photography, Sewing, Performing, Jr. Ag, Vet Science, Baking, Meteorology, Community Service, Mindstorm, Comics, Small Engines, Art, Organized Sports/Fitness, Recycling, Running, and Rubik's Cube/Speed Stacks. These clubs have helped with teamwork, communication, following directions, and problem solving.
3. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the three oldest charging carts at Tri-County Intermediate School have been replaced. Ms. Cheri Frantz, Food Service Director, and Mrs. Kelly will be listening to at least 4 webinar

demonstrations with new updated food service programs to bring us more into compliance with expectations of the state for their data tracking. Mr. Eric Sharp, Mrs. Kaitlin Flores and Mrs. Kelly attended a Leadership Development Program seminar at Purdue, Revolutionizing Your Classroom with Technology. They brought back ideas to present to the Principals and teachers in each of the schools on ways to improve tech integration processes.

4. Under Board Committee Reports, Mrs. Cantrell and Dr. Goad attended the ISBA State Conference. Mrs. Cantrell reported that there was a different set up, but still very good sessions. One session Mrs. Cantrell attended was about Community Involvement and she felt like Dr. Goad was doing this by offering the bus tours to each school once every quarter. Mrs. Cantrell enjoyed watching Dr. Goad and other White County Superintendents talk about the Joint Career Counselor that their schools share and Mr. Chris Springer is working with about 20 students per school in helping them decide what they would like to do once they graduate. Mrs. Cantrell is reading a book written by Mr. Brad Balch, and will share it with the other Board members once she is through with it.
5. The Board approved the Policy Updates, and Mrs. Cantrell thanked the nurses for their medical input on the policy and also thanked Mrs. Kelly for her input in the policy changes in regards to technology.
6. The Board approved the resignation from Donna Jeffers, After School Program at TCP, effective October 9, 2017.
7. The Board approved the hiring of Ms. Taylor French for the part-time Custodial position at TCP effective immediately, and the hiring of Mrs. Heather Hollingsworth, for the After School Program at TCP effective October 9, 2017.
8. The Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Linda Nally to the Benton County Library Board for another four year term.
9. The Board approved the Trust Agreement and the appointing of the Tri-County Superintendent as the ESCRFT (Educational Service Centers Risk Funding Trust) Trustee.
10. The Board approved a Resolution for Additional Appropriations in the Rainy Day Fund for \$600,000.
11. Dr. Goad shared the good news that Tri-County was awarded \$100,000 from the Lilly Foundation Comprehensive Counseling Grant. The Grant was written by the 4 White County Schools as a joint effort. The 4 schools will receive \$500,000 total and plan to have a joint family service facilitator who will work with students and their families.
12. Dr. Goad reported to the Board that the School Letter Grades have been released and are as follows: TCP – A, TCI – A, Jr/Sr High School – B and Tri-County Corporation – B. October 18 is an eLearning Day with the Parent/Teacher Conference being held from 1 – 8 p.m. Dr. Goad said this eLearning Day will be a good practice day, and free up the Administrators to participate in the conferences. Dr. Goad held her first Community Tour with 10 community people attending. Their comments were “school is a fun place to learn”, “impressed with the students”, “education has changed a lot” and was amazed with the different variations of seating in the first grade classroom. After traveling to all 3 schools, one participant commented that they would like to see every taxpayer take one of these tours to see where their tax money went. Dr. Goad announced that the ISBA Regional Conference is coming up soon and asked if any of the Board members were free to attend.

13. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that the TCP Grandparents Night was held last week and was well attended. Last Friday was their first High Five Friday with employees from Farneys being there to welcome the students to school that morning. The next High Five Friday is scheduled for October 27 with the Tri-County Band Members, Football Players and Cheerleaders planning on being there to welcome the students. The Remington Fire Department is planning a visit this week to the Primary School.
14. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that a Safety Audit was done at the Junior/Senior High School for Emergency Preparedness and the State suggested that Ms. Hall be trained to become a Safety Specialist. The State is willing to pay for 5 people to be trained for Safety Specialists. The Department of Education is evaluating TCI for the STEM program. Mr. Hagan will visit a school that is considered a STEM Elementary in a couple of months. Mr. Hagan announced that the Wolcott Fire Department will be visiting this week and Grandparents Night was held last week and was well attended. Mr. Hagan reported that the Enrichment Sessions are going very well and the Club Day is doing well.
15. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board members that the FFA Banquet was going on at the high school this evening. Dr. Rowe reported that there are sessions being offered for junior and senior students, and a few of those are Applying for Colleges, Paying for College, Military Careers, and Trade School Careers. Mrs. Sally Siela has invited different Union's to come and talk to the students, has put together a Career Café, and planned a Focus Field Trip to Rensselaer for some students to visit businesses. Dr. Rowe announced that FAFSA Night is scheduled for November 7, Thursday evening is the High School Choral Concert and congratulated Sam Zachary, Football Coach who received Colt's Coach of the Week for Week 6.