

December 18, 2017

TO: Media

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

RE: Executive Session and Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, December 11, 2017.

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

1. Ms. Hall and Mrs. Laurel Sheets announced the Students of the Month:
 Tri-County Primary School – Aubree Brooks, Owen Cleefman

 Mr. Hagan announced the Students of the Month:
 Tri-County Intermediate School – Katie Pinkerton, Connor Ross

 Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:
 Fine Arts – Kenzi Bahler
 Social Studies – Elijah Miller
 Math – Dylan Mathew
 PE/FACS/Health – Sarah Walder
 Science – Bobby Mahrling
 CTE- Bobby Mahrling
 Language Arts – Bobby Mahrling

 Tri-County High School – Bobby Mahrling
 Tri-County Junior High School – Alexis Schultz, Landon Cleefman
2. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Dr. Cathy Rowe introduced Mr. Dan Szombathy, Language Arts teacher, who introduced Mrs. Michele Buswell, Intervention Specialist. Mr. Szombathy talked about how Mrs. Buswell has helped the Junior High teachers to work well together for planning, and meeting student's needs. Mrs. Buswell meets in small groups weekly with students needing extra help or just reminding students to get homework turned in. Mrs. Buswell is constantly reinforcing and providing support with behavior problems in the classroom and building relationships and rapport with the students. Mrs. Buswell analyzes data to determine what students she needs to meet with and is in the classrooms watching students, and she is firm but kind and encouraging to the student.
3. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Dr. Cathy Rowe introduced Mrs. Rose Scherer, Biology teacher, to present to the Board on how she presents a project to her students. Mrs. Scherer passed out to each of the Board members a project she introduced to her students and talked about doing different ways of understanding the subject without being boring.
4. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, FFA Members, Ashley Peterson, Holly Lehe, Sydney Rust, and Brittany Gonzales, thanked the Board and the community for all of their support during the FFA National Convention. The members talked about the many contest winners for the FFA National Convention.

5. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that they are in the process of filling out and posting the form-470 for fiber ISP and fiber WAN services, since the state did not award a contract to any one vendor in the state. This could mean if ENA is not the bid winner, we might be doing a new fiber build to each school in order to prepare for a new ISP. December 27, 2017 we will have an onsite Technology Security Audit conducted on all four sites. The Tech department has set up a new digital signage software package to give quick announcements in the hallways for students to visually see at the Junior/Senior High School. Mrs. Kaitlin Flores welcomed a baby girl last week, Margaret Sofia. Mrs. Diane Smith has hit the ground running with helping middle school students and their math video challenge project since she has started on December 4. Shannon and Cheri Frantz has set through about 5 food service programs that will allow her to collect the data required by the DOE. The final decision was to go with Meals Plus. Mr. Eric Sharp, Mrs. Aimee Clark and Mrs. Holly Cook along with some students will attend the first Robotics Challenge this weekend.
6. The Board approved the Technology Policy and the Substitute Teacher Policy updates.
7. The Board approved the resignations of Mrs. Nora Bodine, Jr/Sr High School Cook, and Mrs. Karen Bacon, Instructional Assistant, Jr/Sr High School Life Skills class, effective December 21, 2017.
8. The Board approved the retirement of Mrs. Cathy James, Jr/Sr High School Intervention Specialist, effective December 21, 2017, with much gratitude.
9. The Board approved the employment of Diane Smith for the position of Instructional Technology Specialist, effective December 4, 2017.
10. The Board approved the employment of Mr. Carl Hickle for the position of Instructional Assistant in the Level's Program at the Junior/Senior High School, effective January 4, 2018.
11. The Board approved the transferring of funds within major accounts, which is an annual legal requirement because no line item is allowed to be in the negative at the end of the year, and does not involve transferring any money between accounts.
12. The Board approved the 2018 Board Meeting Dates as presented, as dates will remain on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 p.m.
13. The Board approved the appointment of Mrs. Chris Legler to the Remington Carpenter Township Public Library Board for a four year term.
14. Dr. Goad reported to the Board members that she attended her first Executive Board meeting with ESCRFT. The 2018 premium decreased by 2.5%. They have provided us with a free employee professional development training format which has over 200 trainings on health and safety, many which are required by the State. We have had a risk assessment at the Jr/Sr HS and the assessor will be back to do the same at both elementary schools. Dr. Goad announced that the State Board of Education approved the new graduation requirements starting with our current 7th grade students. There is much to learn, but she knows that IASP and IASSP lobbied hard against these new requirements. Across the state, schools were asked to plug in our 2017 graduates and see what the rate would be for those earning a diploma. The average across the state was a 30% drop in the graduation rate. Dr. Goad will attend a Winter Budget Seminar tomorrow as the budget will be changing next year, and

only having an Operating Fund and Educational Fund. Dr. Goad reported that the 2017 year has went very fast and is very thankful for the referendum and grateful to the community for their support.

15. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that the TCP held a Food Drive for the backpack program and collected 1400 items. High Five for the students was done by Farney's and Santa Claus this month. Ms. Hall announced that the Elementary Christmas program is scheduled for December 13, 2017, at 1:00 at the Junior/Senior High School.
16. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that the Spell Bowl teams competed in November and both teams received a first. Mr. Hagan announced that the following 4 TCI students will be in the Purdue Christmas Program this year, Clara Wamsley, Ryleigh Metzinger, Lauren Bledsoe, and Lily Hagan. Mr. Hagan announced that the Club Day is over for this semester and the program has been great for students to have leadership. Mr. Hagan announced that the 6th Grade Band and Choir Christmas program is scheduled for December 14th and Saturday, December 16th is a Robotics contest.
17. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board members that the High School Band & Choir concert is scheduled for December 12. Finals will begin on Monday, December 18. Dr. Rowe congratulated many students on the many activities that is going on at this time. The Student Council is conducting a Food Drive, with Mr. Jeremy Sterk in charge of the food drive.