

April 18, 2018

TO: Media

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

RE: Executive Session and Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, April 16, 2018.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, April 16, 2018.

The following topics were covered:

1. Ms. Hall announced the Students of the Month:

Tri-County Primary School – Lela Dreblow, Riley Balchunas

Ms. Sharon Foster announced the Students of the Month:

Tri-County Intermediate School – Hannah Alberts, Camden Letson

Dr. Rowe announced the Students of the Month:

Fine Arts – Sami Fields

Social Studies – Kylee Kochert

Math – Ashley Peterson

PE/FACS/Health – Harmony Pirlot

Science – Brittany Gonzales

CTE- Andrew Douglas

Language Arts – Blake Peterson

Tri-County High School – Brittany Gonzales

Tri-County Junior High School – Isabella Cochran, Jacob Stoller

2. Under Visitor Comments, Mrs. Tracy Cochran introduced herself as a NEP (Nutrition Education Program) Community Wellness Coordinator with Purdue University and she covers White, Newton, and Jasper Counties. Tracy works with schools, hospitals, and is a free resource to anyone who is willing to partner to help make the healthy choice. She collaborates with community partners on broader community changes that involves policy, systems and environmental changes. She just wanted the community and school to know that she is around to help to improve health in a community and the schools to make healthier choices a real option for people.
3. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mr. Eric Sharp, with the help of Mr. J.R. Haskins, sponsored a Math Bowl Team of 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> grade students. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> year of being entered into the Math Bowl Contest, and these students won Regional, and ended up being 3<sup>rd</sup> in the whole State of Indiana, out of about 430 teams. Mr. Sharp commented that this was a super group of students to work with. Dr. Goad presented a medal to each student as Mr. Sharp introduced them. The students that won the medals were Jackson Comer, Sara Zarse, Lucas Misch, Lily Hagan, Eric Zarse, Braylon Gretencord, Jasmine Durando, Addison Douglas, Katie Pinkerton, Amalee Scheitlin, Noah Oliver, and Xander Terwilliger, who couldn't attend the meeting. Congratulations to each of these students along with Mr. Sharp and Mr. Haskins.
4. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that they have started placing the new Access Points at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School after

studying traffic patterns. Mrs. Kelly announced that ISTEP Part 2 starts tomorrow and on May 29<sup>th</sup>, Vermillion systems will be onsite for about a week to install a few more security cameras at each school. Mr. Sharp, Ms. Smith, and Mrs. Kelly have been meeting with each buildings staff for the first hour of a PD day session to share with staff a presentation we put together on Digital Citizenship. We touch on the use of Common Sense Media for the classroom and personal use, Copyright, and social media for adults and the students.

5. Mrs. Cantrell announced that the Remington Redevelopment Board held a meeting last Monday and TIFF money in the amount of \$25,000 was given to Tri-County for use in their STEM Program.
6. Mrs. Cantrell, Mr. Gerber and Dr. Goad attended the NSBA Conference in San Antonio, Texas, April 13-16. Mrs. Cantrell reported that it was a great conference and each General Session was started off with entertainment, and the 1<sup>st</sup> day a Jazz Group coming from Texas performed and the 2<sup>nd</sup> day a girls Choir from Missouri performed and it was a great reminder on how great our young people are. Just a few sessions that Mrs. Cantrell attended were about Balanced Calendar and the effects it has on schools, for instance Special Education Students over the summer, Back Pack Kids, Absence of School for some students. Mrs. Cantrell also reminded everyone that we have to get rid of the negative thoughts about Summer School, and talked briefly about Digital Portfolio's, leaving a positive footprint and she attended sessions on College & Career Counseling and Board Professional Development. Mr. Gerber attended many of the sessions also and reported that Mr. Terry Bradshaw was a Keynote Speaker. Mr. Gerber attended these sessions, How to Deal with Negative People, Rural Education, Educational Foundations, Personalized Learning Model – Strategic Planning, just to name a few. Mr. Gerber had interaction with many people and many ideas were shared among them. Dr. Goad reported that she ended up in one session that she wasn't supposed to be in and it was Relationships with School Boards, and after listening to many in the session, she confirmed that our School Board works well together and always does what is best for our students.
7. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Pampel reported that we just completed another audit with the State Board of Accounts and everything went well. The RWCDC had a meeting last week and there is a Wine Run scheduled with Carpenter Creek Winery. Mr. Gerber reported on a Housing Forum that was scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Remington Wolcott Community Development Corporation. The meeting was a discussion and brainstorm on how the area can improve and increase housing availability.
8. The Board approved the retirement request from Mrs. Theresa Zarse, effective July 31, 2018.
9. The Board approved the resignation from Mr. T. J. Newton, effective at the end of this 2017-18 school year.
10. The Board approved the maternity leave request from Mrs. Alyssa Bahler effective April 28, 2018.
11. The Board approved to accept transfer students setting the date at May 1, 2019.

12. The Board approved a bid from Administrator Assistance to serve as Clerk of the Works for oversight on the projects of renovating the pool and other work at the high school and Tri-County Primary School not associated with a General Contractor.
13. The Board approved to move forward on the Common Sense School Certification. This is essentially setting a vision of digital citizenship and digital teaching in our schools.
14. The Board approved an overnight field trip for the TCI Student Council, sponsored by Mrs. Mandy Taulman and Mr. Eric Sharp, for members in 3<sup>rd</sup> through 6<sup>th</sup> grade for May 18. They will be staying at TCI after swimming at the Jr/Sr High School.
15. The Board approved an out of state field trip for the FFA Top 15 Awards Trip, sponsored by FFA Sponsors, Mr. Travis Scherer and Ms. Haley Verhaeghe, to Lansing, West Virginia on July 27-29, 2018.
16. The Board approved the Summer Athletic Opportunities for the 2018 summer camps.
17. Dr. Goad introduced Mr. Jim Stradling, Indian Trails Director, and Mr. Stradling presented awards for Outstanding CTE Teacher, Mr. Travis Scherer. Mrs. Darla Harrington and Mr. Lou Salvatore also received awards but could not make the meeting. Mr. Stradling also presented an award for IT Business Partner of the Year and it went to MH Realty, Matt and Heidi Getz.
18. Dr. Goad reported to the Board members that the Food Finders truck was at the Intermediate School later this afternoon and 124 families were provided with food. Many of the staff members, students, and community members helped with it. If anyone would like to donate or like to help in the future, please contact Mrs. Gina Anderson, at the Primary School. This past Wednesday, April 11, there was a PRIDE Senior Seminar held at Tri-County Jr/Sr High School for every White County senior student. There were breakout sessions for the students and a job fair. PRIDE is also doing a Work Ethic Certification where all the senior students can earn this certification and all White County employers will honor this certificate. There were 27 students who earned this certificate last year and there are 94 senior students trying for it this year. Dr. Goad announced that the Summer Connection Grants will be available for teachers again this summer. There are 4 grants awarded for this summer, Travis and Rose Scherer with 25 students in regards to nature study, Mrs. Rachel Pilotte, From Farm to Fork, including DK through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade students, Mr. J.R. Haskins and Mrs. Chris Legler, traveling to Chicago, and Mrs. Cynthia McQuinn, Mrs. Tammy Justice and Mrs. Sharon Foster, with them taking students to history close to home. Dr. Goad reported that Mr. Hagan is in North Carolina along with 6 teachers learning more about Personalized Learning and with them arriving back late tonight, there will be a group meeting tomorrow on what they learned and brought back with them to share with other teachers.
19. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that a Pre-K Open House was held and well attended with about 35 families. A Kindergarten Savings Account meeting was held and Ms. Hall thanked Mr. Gerber for helping with that. Kindergarten Round-Up will be held on Wednesday, April 18.
20. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board that State Police came to the Jr/Sr High School on March 8 and talked to the students about cautions on digital devices and the students were asked who wanted to bring their devices to the office for 1 school day and be in drawings for prizes. About 30 students took part in the Unplugged Devices, sponsored by McDonald's

who gave away several \$20 gift cards. Games were played too, so that students could be face to face instead of on devices all the time. There was a Windmill Information Day Professional Development that was attended by some of the staff members. Dr. Rowe reported that April 3 was a day for incoming 7<sup>th</sup> grade students with a parent meeting that evening, April 6, a Teachers CTE Open House was held at Twin Lakes, and April 24 there will be a parent meeting in the evening for incoming freshman students. Saturday, April 21 is the Junior/Senior Prom, and there has been English/Language Arts Curricular Mapping done and will include TCP and TCI real soon.

21. Mr. LeBeau reported to the Board that the spring season is off to a rough start with the weather we've been having. The golf team includes 4 golfers and Coach Mark Legler reported that the golfers are improving with each meet. Mr. LeBeau announced that there will be physicals at Tri-County on May 2, from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m., and the Baseball Sectional is scheduled for May 23, 24, 26, and 28<sup>th</sup>, here at Tri-County