

August 14, 2018

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting & Executive Session, Monday, August 13, 2018.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, August 13, 2018.

The following topics were covered:

1. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that around 300 laptops have been handed out in about 3 hours' time the first two days of school at the Junior/Senior High School, about 95% of the laptops. 203 chrome books were handed out today at Tri-County Intermediate, and 2nd grade and PK iPads at Tri-County Primary have been handed out, with hopes of finishing up 1st grade and Kindergarten on Tuesday. Some of the apps failed to install, and it had to be run a second time. This takes around 3 hours to apply the profile to those two grade levels due to the volume of apps on the iPads. They were also slowed down due to having to replace some bad wires in the cart as well as the charging/synching hubs. They withstood much use and finally started to give out when we started working on the iPads. The high school bell system stopped working, and we had to find a company who works with old Dukane Systems. We were put in touch with ESCO Communications out of Indianapolis, who did a marvelous job of working us in for a service call on short notice, and they were also able to replace the blown amplifier that was stopping the bell system from working, and helped find a ground fault in the speakers connected to the system. We are not able to determine if the ground fault caused the amplifier to blow, or other power outages over the summer.
2. Dr. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, and Mr. Joe Biggs, Gibraltar, updated the Board members on the construction being done. Dr. Crimmins reported that the drainage in the Band Room is now fixed and complete, the cooler and freezer for the kitchen has been ordered and will be installed over fall break. The main entrance concrete work is being done by Bryan Musser and will be done over fall break. The lockers and bathroom stalls will be completed over fall break also, with the same company doing both. Precision Glass will work on the secure entry way. Dr. Crimmins, and Mr. Biggs met two weeks ago with Dr. Cathy Rowe, Ms. Elaine Hall, Mr. Travis Scherer, Ag teacher, and Mr. Sterk, Band Director, to go over final plans. Mr. Biggs reported that they met with staff members and scoped in on the projects. He also reported to the Board members that there will be a budget change in regards to the pool, since they ran into some additional work that is necessary as they got into the pool project on things that they couldn't physically see until they started working on the pool. The locker room budget may be moved or delayed, so that they can stay under budget. The Board will make the final decision on what can be added to the project. The HVAC in the kitchen, the girls and boys bathrooms, welding booths upgrade, and the band room storage areas for instruments will all be in the same bid as one big project. The secure entry way at the Primary School will still be done.
3. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Gerber announced that the RWCDC is still looking for a new Executive Director and will meet again in a week or two.

4. The Board approved the following salary increases and adjustments for the following administrators:
 1. A 3% salary increase for the 2018-19 school year for Elaine Hall, Brian Hagan, Jeffrey LeBeau and Shawn McCracken.
 2. No adjustment is made to Dr. Rowe's 2018-19 contract. At the time of her employment she understood she was being compensated at a higher rate than comparable positions and would not be receiving increases for a period of time.
 3. The Board completed Dr. Goad's evaluation and determined it was their intent to grant a salary increase and adjustment of six thousand dollars for the 2017-18 school year and communicated that commitment to Dr. Goad. Dr. Goad's salary was not increased nor adjusted at the time that other corporation personnel's compensation were adjusted. The Board feels bound to honor that verbal contract.

5. The Board approved to establish dates for a Work Session on the budget and a meeting to approve the advertisement of the budget (at least 10 days before the public hearing and before October 12), a date for the hearing on the budget and a date for the approval of the budget (at least ten days after the budget hearing and before the last possible date which is October 22nd). The administration would suggest the Work Session occur before the Regular Board meeting on September 10th, approval to advertise the budget be granted at the Regular Board meeting on that same date, conduct the budget hearing at a Special Meeting on September 24th, and adopt the budget at the Regular Board meeting on October 8th.

6. The Board approved the following resignations:

Nic Sampognaro, Instructional Assistant (Levels), effective July 11, 2018
Alyssa Bahler, TCI Instructional Assistant, effective August 24, 2018
Will Ellis, Instructional Assistant (Life Skills), effective August 8, 2018

7. The Board approved to employ the following for the 2018-19 school year:
 1. Jennifer Baer for the part-time Title I teacher at TCP effective August 6, 2018
Jennifer will be compensated based upon the terms of the Master Contract Negotiated by the Board of School Trustees with the TCCTO
 2. Jacob West, Instructional Assistant (Levels) at TC Jr/Sr HS effective for the 2018-19 school year for 7.17 hours/day for 183 days at an hourly rate of \$10.62 (which includes \$.25 for working in the Levels classroom)
 3. Jennifer Clark, Instructional Assistant at TCI effective for the 2018-19 school year for 7 hrs/day for 183 days at an hourly rate of \$10.37
 4. Nora Bodine, TCI Cook position, effective for the 2018-19 school year for 6 hrs/day for 185 days at an hourly rate of \$13.02
 5. Rhonda Smith, temporary Maternity leave teaching position for 2nd Grade, Lexi McClure's class effective from approximately August 8 through September 7, 2018.
 6. Kara Luck, temporary Maternity leave teaching position for 1st Grade, Laurel Sheets' class effective from approximately August 29 through November 23, 2018.

8. The Board approved a Memorandum of Understanding with Four County Counseling Center for the 2018-19 school year.

9. Dr. Eiler informed the Board that Tri-County was notified that Governor Holcomb's safe schools initiative was making a metal detector available to all school corporations in Indiana. The Indiana School Boards' Association has provided policy and procedure guidance which was provided to each Board member in their packet and the Board needs to discuss how it would like the administration to proceed. The detectors will not be used without the development of a policy regarding their possible use. After some discussion, it was decided to wait on NEOLA to see what kind of policy they will come up with and more will be discussed at the September Board meeting.
10. The Board approved a Declaration of Emergency, due to the chiller going out at the high school and anything else in the future that may come about. Dr. Eiler thanked Devin Bell and Gibraltar for getting the chiller in and working to cool down the high school.

Whereas the Department of local Governmental has set forth that for purposes of I.C. 20-40-8-2 and 50 IAC 9, "emergency" is defined as follows: 1. When used with respect to repair and replacement, a fire, flood, windstorm, mechanical failure of any part of a structure, or other unforeseen circumstances, and

Whereas IC 5-22-10-4 (a) sets forth that a purchasing agent may make a special purchase when there exists, under emergency conditions, a threat to public health, welfare, or safety, and

Whereas IC 5-22-10-9 sets forth that a purchasing agent may make a special purchase when purchase of the required supplies or services under another purchasing method under this article would seriously impair the functioning of the using agency, and

Whereas the Jr/Sr HS chilling unit has experienced a mechanical failure and the resultant indoor air quality may pose a threat to the health or welfare of some students, staff or patrons,

The Board of School Trustees hereby declares an emergency and authorized the administration to make a special purchase.

11. The Board approved the purchase of an IC/Collins bus to be delivered this coming November, 2018.
12. The Board approved an amendment that we no longer have two classes of Developmental Kindergarten but now have a Preparatory Kindergarten (Preschool). This will be submitted to the Office of Accountability showing approval of the amendment.
13. The Board approved an overnight field trip from Ms. Haley Verhaeghe, FFA Sponsor, to go to Indiana FFA Leadership Center, Trafalgar, Indiana, on August 25-26, 2018.
14. Dr. Eiler reported to the Board members that he wanted to thank the staff for a smooth start to the school year and appreciated them being flexible with the delay of school starting a day late. Dr. Eiler congratulated Ms. Elaine Hall for being awarded a \$1000 for school supplies for a grant she applied for from the White County Community Foundation.
15. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that it has been a great start to the school year and the Open House that was held last week was well attended. She also reported that there were about 30 families that participated in the Back to School Event, giving the

students free backpacks, free haircuts, dinner, a box of food to take home, school supplies and tennis shoes. Hopefully this can be open to everyone next year. It was a huge success.

16. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that the TCI Open House went well and thanked Chasity Sallee and the PTO for all of their help. Mr. Hagan reported that the ISTEP scores in Math went up 9% and he hopes to continue improved writing along with typing or keyboarding this school year. Plans are being made this year again for the 6th grade students to head up leadership clubs. Mrs. Mandy Taulman and Mrs. Jill Bahler, 6th grade teachers, are taking their two classes on an overnight field trip to Camp Tecumseh for team building.
17. Dr. Eiler asked that the Board members check out the other attachments in their packets, such as, Community Foundation of White County, Information regarding how to file for School Board, and also the TCP, TCI, and Jr/Sr High School ECA Risk Reports that were attached for them to look over.