

October 9, 2018

TO: Media

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

RE: Regular School Board Meeting & Executive Session, Monday, October 8, 2018.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, October 8, 2018.
The following topics were covered:

1. Ms. Hall and Mrs. Austen Hensler announced the Students of the Month:
Olivia Overbeck, Evan Blanding

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Cynthia McQuinn announced the Students of the Month:
Marianna Boles, Ayden Justice

Dr. Rowe announced the Students of the Month:
High School – Willa Wamsley
Junior High School – Haley Mathew, Connor Ross

Social Studies – Taylor Terwilliger
PE/FACS/Health – Olivia Emond
Math – Willa Wamsley
Fine Arts – Bobby Mahrling
ELA – Olivia Miller
CTE – Ava Masterson (Business)
Science – Ricky Forsythe

2. Under Visitor's Comments, Ms. Karen Lowry, CTO Vice-President, thanked the Board for letting her teach at Tri-County, thanked Dr. Eiler for him being at the discussion meetings and hoped that the teachers may continue to work on communication between them and the School Board.
3. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that next week is National Digital Citizenship week, and information/activities will be shared with students and staff to celebrate the week. Mr. Sharp and Ms. Smith are sharing with the Administration teams our Vision for a school Wide Technology goal. They would like to stay with the ISTE standards which were adopted back in 2017, thus it was chosen ISTE Standard 4 – Collaborator specifically focusing on Standard 4a: Dedicate planning time to collaborate with colleagues to create authentic learning experiences that leverage technology. This will be given to the SIT to decide how to authentically implement this goal and document building level progress. The technology department envisions growing upon this standard through the years. Category I (E-Rate) is in good shape, and we will embark on another round of Category II to finish updating the rest of the Wireless AP's in our schools to continue to look forward to the future.
4. Dr. Gib Crimmins, Clerk of the Works, updated the Board members on the renovation. Most of the work plans to be done over Fall Break. The portable high school freezer unit is scheduled to arrive on or before October 17th, with the permanent replacement scheduled for the week of October 22-26th. The pillars and brick replacement at the high school is expected to be completed prior to fall break with concrete replacement

scheduled during fall break along with the secure entrance at the high school. Locker/bathroom partitions at the high school will be completed over Christmas break. We will open bids for the renovation of the swimming pool on October 30th and for the replacement of the chiller on November 6th.

5. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Gerber reported that the RWDC is in the process of interviewing for a new director and hopes to announce a new director in the next week or two.
6. The Board approved the employment of Ms. Lyn-Ann Williamson, Instructional Assistant at Tri-County High School, effective from October 1, 2018 to May 23, 2019, and Darla Crabb, Junior High Counselor at Tri-County High School, effective starting November 12 through the end of the 2018-19 school year.
7. The Board approved the proofs of publication of the CPF Plan, School Bus Replacement Plan and 2019 Budget.
8. The Board approved the reduction of appropriation in the Debt Service Fund in the Amount of \$188,417 as set forth.
9. The Board approved the adoption of the 2019 CPF and Bus Replacement Plans and 2019 Budget and approved the Form 4 Budget Resolution, the CPF Adoption Resolution, the Bus Replacement Adoption Resolution, as well as the P.L. 191 Goals Statement and proceeding with the publication of the CPF Note of Adoption and other required notices.
10. Dr. Betsy Biederstedt, the consultant working with the board in completing the Superintendent search, announced the board was in the process of interviewing candidates. The hope remains to formally name a superintendent at the December Board meeting.
11. The administration discussed the date of high school graduation with the board. The only built in makeup day in the calendar is April 19th. That date has already been used by the need to make up for the day lost by delaying the start of school by a day. The school year is scheduled to end on May 23rd. This only leaves one weekday between the end of the school year and the following Sunday. If all enrolled students are not present for at least 180 full days of school, the school corporation loses state funding. At present the district has established a maximum of 5% of a semester that may be used as eLearning days. The planning required for additional eLearning days, the importance of direct instruction, the turnaround time needed to calculate class rank for certain honors to be awarded at graduation, the vagaries of Indiana weather and the need to inform families of a firm graduation date so they can plan for family and friends to attend are factors to be weighed in making a decision no later than October 30, 2018.
12. Dr. Eiler also reported that a past alumni, Mr. Steve Martin, made a generous donation to the Scholastic Book Fair, so that each Tri-County elementary student would be able to have a book of their own 3 times a year.
13. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that High Five is scheduled for this coming Friday and all are welcome to come and participate. Ms. Hall reported that October 4 was Grandparent's Evening and she felt that this was the best ever attendance and thanked the PTO for all of their help in making this happen. October 17 is Parent/Teacher Conferences at the high school. A meeting for personalized Learning has been held with

the Principals and several teachers and many visits are planned at other schools to gather ideas and more information. Ms. Hall reported that October 30, 2018 is Family Reading Night from 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.

14. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board that Club days are in full swing and wanted to thank the community and the 6th grade for all of their help. Mr. Hagan announced that he is working with Purdue and writing a grant for a Hydroponics System. Purdue is sending a speaker to the school on Wednesday to talk to the students. Mr. Hagan thanked Mr. Martin for his generous donation to help the students receive reading books and the Wolcott Fire Department will be coming to TCI this coming Thursday for Fire Prevention Week. Mr. Hagan announced that 4 Tri-County students will be participating in the Purdue Christmas Program this December.

15. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board that the Fall Play is scheduled for November 9 and hoped everyone will be able to attend the play. Dr. Rowe passed out October calendars to the Board members. Dr. Rowe, Mrs. Sally Siela, Mr. Travis Scherer, Mrs. Amy Woods, and Jim Stradling, Indian Trails, will be traveling to Greenwood and New Castle in the near future to check into a Vet Science Course, with hopes to offer it next year as a course for the students. A FAFSA training meeting is scheduled for October 29 for senior students and their parents. Dr. Rowe announced that the Bank of Wolcott is sitting up an endowment to help with student needs, such as the Back Pack Program, glasses, school supplies, etc. and hopes that any community member that would like to donate to it, could contact the Bank of Wolcott. Dr. Rowe talked briefly on the Workforce Development. Dr. Rowe announced that ISTEP will soon be leaving and ILearn (Pathways) will replace the ISTEP tests.

16. The Board congratulated the Band on their Gold placement that they received in a recent band contest.