

February 13, 2018

TO: Media

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

RE: Executive Session and Regular School Board Meeting, Monday, February 12, 2018.

The Tri-County School Board met for their Regular meeting on Monday, February 12, 2018.  
The following topics were covered:

1. Ms. Hall and Mrs. Heidi Getz announced the Students of the Month:  
Tri-County Primary School – Devyn Dahlenburg, Bronx Young

Tri-County Primary School – Ava Arvin, Ben Knochel

Mr. Hagan and Mr. J.R. Haskins announced the Students of the Month:  
Tri-County Intermediate School – Amalee Scheitlin, Christian Wallace

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:

Fine Arts – Casey Foster  
Social Studies – Thomas Dohner  
Math – Mason Moore  
PE/FACS/Health – Hunter Plant  
Science – Ethan Lanoue  
CTE- Sam Rance  
Language Arts – Alyssa Kirby

Tri-County High School – Mason Moore  
Tri-County Junior High School – Lilly Miller  
Logan Doty

2. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Ms. Elaine Hall introduced Mr. Mike Godlove to talk about the Mentor Program here at Tri-County. This program was started 3 years ago and goes along with our PRIDE Program, pulling people in from the community to be Mentors, “You can’t be what you can’t see!” Each school recommends students to be in the Mentor Program and a mentor is matched to a student. The program is needing more mentors, meeting one on one with the students and hoping this makes a difference with our students, with mentors giving values, friendship, visiting and just listening to our students. The Board thanked Mr. Godlove for all he does with the program.
3. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the bid process was finalized for the Category 1 E-Rate and ENA won the bid. After going through this process, we will still receive a monthly bill for our Internet & WAN services, and should see a price decrease in our monthly statement starting in July 2018, since the E-Rate Fiscal Calendar is July 1 – June 30. The SRT for ISTEP was held on February 7, with a few technical complications at TCI and these have already been addressed. There were 230,000 devices tested this day across the State of Indiana. The following staff will be going to the ISTE conference in Chicago this summer: Ms. Diane Smith, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Mr. Eric Sharp, Mrs. Holly Cook, Mrs. Natasha Demerly, Mrs. Kasey Buschman and Mrs. Chris Legler. Mr. Sharp and Ms. Smith have been

working with teachers at TCI and the High School to roll out DyKnow, a new classroom management tool.

4. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Kilmer attended an Ag Committee Meeting last week and all were concerned about defunding CTE. They have been working with Indian Trails, applying for a waiver since we live in a Rural Community, and are concerned about the cutting of Agricultural classes. Hydroponics has been set up in the greenhouse, which was purchased through a \$10,000 grant from Monsanto. They will be growing vegetable plants in water, which can be done year around and hope to have fresh vegetables for the hot lunch program and this provides education in teaching our students to learn and take care of the plants through the growing process. Mr. Arvin thanked Mr. Kilmer for cooking the pork chops for the FFA Dinner last Friday evening.
5. The Board approved the NEOLA Policy Updates.
6. The Board approved the resignation of Mrs. Heather Hollingsworth effective January 19, 2018.
7. The Board approved the employment of Mrs. Donna Jeffers for the After School Program position at TCI effective January 19, 2018.
8. The Board approved to pay nine month Support Staff when there is an eLearning Day, if the employee has the hours and chooses to use either illness days or personal days, only through the end of this 2017-18 school year, effective February 12, 2018.
9. The Board approved to use unlimited eLearning Days when deemed necessary, only through the end of this 2017-18 school year, but would still continue to follow 'only two consecutive days'.
10. The Board approved changing the April 9, 2018 School Board Meeting to Monday, April 16, 2018.
11. Dr. Goad reported to the Board members that she has been following Facebook on all of the great activities that have been happening at all of the schools. Dr. Goad will be attending a Legislative luncheon tomorrow in Indianapolis.
12. Ms. Hall reported to the Board members that last month Food Finders served 71 families, having Food Finders located at the Tri-County Primary School. The winter round of testing is completed and the Kindergarten teachers celebrated their 100<sup>th</sup> day of school last week. Ms. Hall thanked the PTO for the carnival held last Saturday and it had a really good turn out and the PTO did a fantastic job sponsoring and putting together the carnival. Friday, February 16 will be Hi-Five Friday at the Primary School and anyone is welcome to come join in greeting the students. Ms. Hall announced that Mr. Gerber will be meeting with parents in regards to the College Savings Program and Preschool Open House is scheduled for March 20 at the Tri-County Primary School.
13. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that as of January 20, the Robotics season is over and both Red and Blue team did a great job. Mr. Hagan thanked the PTO and the staff for the great carnival held this last weekend. On February 3, during ½ time of the Varsity Basketball game, the 6<sup>th</sup> grade performed STEM rap songs, making up their own words to different songs. On February 8, there was a STEM sight visit at the Intermediate School and will know by late March or early April if the school qualifies.

Mr. Hagan announced that ISTEP tests will be held February 26 through March 9 and the Daddy/Daughter Dance will be scheduled sometime in March.

14. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board members that Mrs. Siela put together another Career Café and there were 3 different stations for the students to visit. The people representing the careers did a fantastic job. Mr. McCracken mentioned that the Varsity Basketball game held last Saturday was very well attended along with the FFA Pork Chop Dinner and Hall of Fame. The draw for the Boy's Sectional will be held on Sunday and the Sectional will be at Tri-County on February 27-28, and March 2-3, 2018.
15. Dr. Rowe reported to the Board members that a CTE Fair was presented again this year and let the students know of the many courses that are offered at all of our county schools. Mrs. Siela held a mini career fair to do with Military Services for our students. Dr. Rowe announced that ISTEP starts on February 27 and that a Cyber Convocation is planned in the near future. Dr. Rowe reported that the Musical is scheduled for March 16 and March 18. Dr. Rowe announced that Tri-County student, Rathlin McFadden will be performing in Lion King in the Civic Theatre of Lafayette on February 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, and 25<sup>th</sup>.