

March 14, 2018

TO: Media

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

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

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

1. Mrs. Hageman announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Primary School – Jordyn Herron, Leelynd Bodine

Mr. Hagan and Mrs. Natasha Demerly announced the Students of the Month:
Tri-County Intermediate School – Addison Sterk, Riley Hughes

Mr. McCracken announced the Students of the Month:

Fine Arts – Olivia Miller
Social Studies – Gloria Reyes
Math – Alivia Runkle
PE/FACS/Health – Sam Getz
Science – Steven Conley
CTE- Ethan Masterson
Language Arts – Maddie Musser

Tri-County High School – Steven Conley
Tri-County Junior High School – Faith Chamberlain
Rory Stearns

2. Under the Reach Higher Showcase, Mrs. Sally Siela, Guidance Department, handed out papers to the Board members to let them know the many activities going on in the Guidance Department this 2017-18 school year. For the Junior High students, a Career Café has been initiated, classroom guidance lessons, parent meetings and career planning. For the High School students classroom guidance lessons, meeting with students to develop 4 years plans, field trips, FAFSA workshops, mini career fair, college fair, and Mrs. Siela has attended many professional development meetings and training.
3. Under the Technology Report, Mrs. Shannon Kelly, Technology Director, reported that the service Substitution for Category 2 E-Rate came through February 20, making it possible to move forward with the purchase of our updated Wireless Access Points. The ISTEP Part 1 testing was done the last week of February/March, and the technology department had minimal issues, and some of the delays we experience were reported on our technology listserv across the state, and only during certain tests. Mrs. Kelly filled out the Tech Plan for the IDOE Office of eLearning which is a survey of our Technology that keeps us eligible for Connectivity and Grant funds from the IDOE Office of eLearning. Mrs. Kelly helped Ms. Cheri Frantz with the setup and roll out of Meals Plus. We will continue to utilize E-Funds for direct deposits for the remainder of the school year, and transition over the summer to the program used by Meals Plus explicitly. More information will be available in the next Tri-County School Corporation Newsletter.

4. Under the Board Committee Report, Mr. Gerber reported on a Housing Forum scheduled for Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. hosted by Remington Wolcott Community Development Corporation. The meeting is a discussion and brainstorm on how the area can improve and increase housing availability. Mrs. Cantrell commented that the Remington Redevelopment in regards to TIF money, the town of Remington would like to give Tri-County some TIF money that they receive. Mr. Pampel and Dr. Goad had a meeting with a Professor from Purdue on what is done in rural schools.
5. The Board approved the use of Extended Sick Leave for Mr. Jack Mitchell, due to medical reasons.
6. The Board approved a Notice to Proceed to Gibraltar.
7. The Board approved the High School Course Description Guide for the 2018-19 school year.
8. The Board approved the change in the 2018-19 Development Kindergarten from full day classes to two ½ day sessions, each session would be capped at 18 students, and children must be 4 years old by August 1st to participate, beginning with the 2018-19 school year.
9. The Board approved the Annual Expenditure Category Goals for 2017-18 school year.
10. Dr. Goad presented a draft of the 2019-2020 School Calendar to the Board members to review.
11. The Board approved using Instructional Assistants as Substitute Teachers if they have a Substitute License, beginning with the 2018-19 school year.
12. The Board approved the retirement request from Mrs. Susan Mattocks effective at the end of the 2017-18 school year, with much gratitude for her many years of service.
13. The Board approved the retirement request from Mrs. Judy Kochert effective at the end of her 2017-18 contract, with much gratitude for her many years of service.
14. The Board approved the reinstating our financial support of RWDC of \$10,000 annually from a non-tax base fund.
15. Dr. Goad reminded the Board members that the April Board meeting scheduled for Monday, April 9th has been changed to Monday, April 16, 2018. Dr. Goad announced that on April 11, every White County senior will be at Tri-County for a Senior Seminar. A joint grant from Community Foundation Grant is being applied for and this is a grant for a training skills center for students and maybe some adults. Dr. Goad reported that the ISBA Regional Meetings are scheduled and asked the Board members if they would like to attend on April 30, at the Trails, or May 1, at Teibel's. Dr. Goad needs to know so that reservations can be made.
16. Mr. Hagan reported to the Board members that the Math Bowl Team placed 3rd in the State. The 6th grade students will be attending a STEM Academy and he wanted to thank Mr. Jeff Misch for helping build cabinets with the students. The ISTEP tests are completely finished and the 3rd grade IRead starts Tuesday, March 13. Mr. Hagan announced that the Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, March 14 at the Tri-County Primary School and April 9th begins TCI's first annual STEM week.

Students will engage in many experiences throughout the week, and will take a trip to Fair Oaks Farm and scheduled on April 19 in the evening, is a TCI STEM Fair. April 20 is Muffins for Moms, April 27 is Donuts for Dads and May 18 is Field Day at TCI.

17. Mr. McCracken reported to the Board members that he had spoken to the White County Sheriff department about doing a Lock Down and explained how he does it and asked for any suggestions on what is being done. The State Police came in and talked to the students about bullying, cyber bullying, and other things. Wednesday, March 14, there will be a speaker talking to the students about not being afraid to say something if they hear or know about something that is happening or going to happen. March 22 is the Junior High celebration recognizing students. ISTEP is completed and Friday, March 16, and Sunday March 18 is the Musical at the High School. Mr. McCracken announced that Mr. Mark Legler is the Boys Golf Coach.