



**Tri-Village Local Schools**  
**School of Excellence**  
Regular Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday, August 25, 2014 at 6:00 in the board office.

Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer, informed the Board that the State Auditors will be in the office starting on September 17th for the 2014 fiscal year audit. Confidential Material Company will be on site to shred old financial data.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal started the meeting off by formally introducing new staff members. Stephanie Rowland, Primary Title Coach, Stacy Jones - Kindergarten Title Coach, Michelle Groff - 2nd Grade Title Coach, Sarah Loxley - 4th Grade Title Coach, Emma McKenzie - 5th Grade Title Coach, Wanda Roberts - 4th Grade Science & Social Studies Teacher and Matt Harman - 5th Grade Math Teacher.

There are currently 444 students enrolled in grades K-6.

Mr. Mead stated his primary goal for the 2014-2015 school year was to close the achievement gaps.

Mrs. Lindsay Bergman 3rd grade teacher is now a certified Math/IMPACT trainer. This is math professional development for grades K-2.

Stephanie Rowland, primary title coach will be mainly working with the ELG (Early Literacy Groups) in grades K-2. This will allow for small reading groups in the primary levels.

On our upcoming Waiver Day on September 15th staff will be getting Gizmo training. This is an online computerized math and science based program in grades 3-8.

During the week of September 9-12, students will begin MAP testing with make-ups on September 16th.

Mr. Morris was pleased to say the staff meeting went well and we are all ready for the kids to enter the building. Once again the open house was packed and well attended.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal reported there are 357 students enrolled in grades 7-12. We have around 45-50 seat licenses in the Blended Learning Academy. One seat license equals one class a student takes.

Mr. Morris is happy to report that the new thirty seat junior high/high school computer lab is up and running. The lab will provide students with daily lab use, as well as provide platform for new online state-mandated testing. This brings our total number of operational computers for state testing to 105. We will be able to test up to two grade levels at a time if needed. This year's testing schedule is extensive with the state mandated tests, and this computer lab will be a great asset to the district.

New course offerings being offered this year include: Middle School Agriculture, dual enrollment courses through Sinclair in Accounting and American History, Music Appreciation for junior high students, and Agricultural Business.

Measures of Academic Progress (MAP) will be held on September 16th for junior high students.

Mr. Morris briefly discussed the American History classroom textbook adoption. Administration will discuss in the future the idea of when to switch to online textbooks. This is a topic we are treading lightly and the staff, students and community will need to be on board prior to any decisions being made.

Mr. Josh Sagester was very pleased with the organization and efficiency of all three professional development days. The staff seemed excited to be there and ready to get the 2014-2015 school year started. Mr. Sagester reported on the open enrollment numbers and blended learning academy.

Teachers teaching the dual enrollment courses are as follows: American History-Sinclair (Mrs. Harris), Accounting-Sinclair (Mr. Maples), Agriculture Business-Sinclair (Mr. Pohlman), ACP Stats-IU East (Mrs. Puckett), ACP Calculus-IU East (Mrs. Barnes) and ACP Composition and Literature-IU East (Mrs. Miller)

We are excited to offer these courses to the students and we are encouraging the students to be college and career ready once they graduate.

America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant - Mr. Sagester was pleased to announce that our grant application has been reviewed and we were selected as one of the nine winners in the state of Ohio. The district will receive a check for \$10,000. Thank you to Leesa Folkerth and Kim Puckett for spearheading this endeavor. Thank you to the 25 area farmers for taking the time to nominate the district for this grant.

Mr. Sagester encourages the board and the community to continue to check the Twitter account on the districts web page. Also, please periodically check the schools home page for school updates.

Per Senate Bill 210, Mr. Sagester informed the board of education that the district is meeting all the rules and regulations regarding food and beverages in school.

Administration is anxiously awaiting the value added data to arrive in late September per the Ohio Department of Education.

We received our high school college readiness letter regarding the district ACT scores. This report reflects the achievement of our graduates over time and an indication of the extent of which they are prepared for college work. Mr. Sagester distributed the letter to the board members. Beginning with this year's Freshman class, all students will be required to take the ACT due to the new graduation requirements.

The District Leadership Team met to construct a testing calendar for the 2014-2015 school year due to the enormous amount of testing occurring this year. The principals have instructed the teachers to maximize the amount of classroom instruction time due to all the state and local tests. Classroom time is the utmost important. Our margin for error is very slim.

The district now has 105 hard wired computers with the upgraded high school computer lab, along with the elementary and library lab. Mr. Sagester thanked his predecessor Mr. Thomas for initiating this plan.

Mr. Sagester was very thankful for the summer maintenance crew and summer janitorial crew. The new scoreboard statistical side panels are up in the high school gym. The advertisement designs are getting finalized this week. The merchants are in the final stages of approving their art work. Mr. Gray and Mr. Sagester are very thankful for the community support. The baseball and softball scoreboards have been ordered and should be installed in the next month or so. If you are interested in advertising on the scoreboard panels, please email Mr. Gray at [brad\\_gray@darke.k12.oh.us](mailto:brad_gray@darke.k12.oh.us) There are still two panels available.

The high school class advisors along with the administrative staff met last week regarding some ideas to improve our overall efficiency and appearance of the concession stand area in the commons area. We have come up with a plan and will put it in motion soon. We are trying to make our concession area more aesthetically pleasing.

Mr. Sagester publically thanked The Darke County United Way for their "Stuff a Bus" campaign and the New Madison Methodist Church for donating school supplies for our students.

*Other items of interest:*

**PERSONNEL**

- A. *Issued a school bus driver certificate to Diane McNew, for the 2014-2015 school year.*
- B. *Employed the following as classified substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year.*
- C. *Employed the following certified substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year.*
- D. *Approved the employment of substitute teachers for the 2014-2015 school year, as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.*
- E. *Employed Nancy Jay to provide crossing guard services for the 2014-2015 school year.*
- F. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) limited supplemental contract to Jackie Barnes, Volunteer Swimming Coach.*
- G. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) limited supplemental contract to George Kowalski, Freshman Class Advisor.*
- H. *Accept the resignation of Janel Tumbusch, Title I Coach, effective August 12, 2014.*
- I. *Accept the resignation of Eu-Det Crawford, Title I Coach/Data Coordinator, effective August 12, 2014.*
- J. *Accept the resignation of Julia Bell, Title I Coach/Data Coordinator/Project MORE Coordinator, effective July 23, 2014.*
- K. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) contract to Sarah Eley, Title I Coach/Data Coordinator, retroactive to August 13, 2014. This position is excluded from the negotiated agreement.  
(This resolution supersedes board resolution # 14-276).*
- L. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) contract to Emma Mckenzie, Title I Coach, retroactive to August 13, 2014, conditionally, pending passage of the BCII criminal records check, negative drug screen and the issuance of a valid Ohio teaching certification/license, where applicable for the 2014-2015 school year. This position is excluded from the negotiated agreement.*
- M. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) contract to Michelle Groff, Title I Coach*
- N. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) contract to Stacy Jones, Title I Coach*
- O. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) contract to Sarah Loxley, Title I Coach*
- P. *Approve Joanie Hollinger's Wee Patriot Preschool annual salary at \$35,000 for the 2014-2015 school year, retro-active to August 13, 2014.*
- Q. *Hired Dottie Denniston as a Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$11.50/hour for the 2014-2015 school year, retro-active to August 13, 2014.*
- R. *Hired Kasey Frech, as a Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$10.00/hour for the 2014-2015 school year, retro-active to August 13, 2014.*
- S. *Hired Christy Sarver, as a Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$10.50/hour for the 2014-2015 school year, retro-active to August 13, 2014.*
- T. *Hired Kathryn Osborne, as a Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$10.00/hour for the 2014-2015 school year, retro-active to August 13, 2014.*
- U. *Entered into a one year 2014-2015 agreement with Tim Blair for the Commodity Assistant position.*
- V. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) limited supplemental contract to Matt Harman, Assistant Cross Country Coach, retroactive to August 4, 2014.*
- W. *Accepted the resignation of Vickie Moore, food services for the purpose of retirement, effective September 19, 2014.*
- X. *Accepted the resignation of Mark Wheeler, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective immediately.*
- Y. *Accepted the resignation of Chelsea Halderman, 7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach, effective immediately.*
- Z. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) limited supplemental contract to David Barger, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.*
- AA. *Rescinded board resolution 15-09 (Wanda Roberts, NHS Advisor).*
- BB. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) limited supplemental split-pay contract to Wanda Roberts and Natalie Malott, Co-NHS Advisor.*

- CC. *Accepted the resignation of Lorraine Holzapfel, part-time custodial, effective September 5, 2014.*
- DD. *Employed Haedon Schlechty, Substitute Classified for Facilities Operations Supervisor, at a rate of \$13.75 per hour, for the 2014-2015 school year.*
- EE. *Employed Cliff Pearson, Substitute Classified for Facilities Operations Supervisor, at a rate of \$13.75 per hour, for the 2014-2015 school year.*
- FF. *Rescinded board resolution 13-191.*
- GG. *Issued a one year (2014-2015) limited supplemental contract to Kim Puckett, Blended Learning Coordinator – 12 month position.*

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. *Approved fiscal year 2015 appropriations, as presented by the Treasurer.*
- B. *Approved the 2014-2015 Athletic Handbook.*
- C. *Accepted donations.*
- D. *Approved a contract with Weswurd LLC, to assist the District in obtaining reimbursement for Medicaid eligible expenses incurred under the Ohio Medicaid School Program for claims of service from July 1, 2014 through June 30, 2017, as recommended by the Treasurer. (This resolution supersedes resolution #14-309.)*
- E. *Authorized an agreed upon procedure contract with Rea & Associates to audit the Medicaid School Program (MSP) procedures for report dates ending in June 30, 2013, 2014 and 2015 not to exceed \$1,100 annually as recommended by the Treasurer.*
- F. *Approved the revised 2014-2015 high school fee listing.*
- G. *Approved the 2014-2015 safety plan.*

The next Board meeting is scheduled for Monday, September 22nd at 6:00 p.m.