



**Tri-Village Local Schools**  
*School of Excellence*

Public Hearing / Regular Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 6:00 in the board office.

Mrs. Elizabeth Roberts, Gifted Coordinator, presented a plaque to our spelling bee winners and runner-ups. Mrs. Roberts conducted our spelling bee back on December 17<sup>th</sup>. In the elementary spelling bee there were 18 participants from grades 3-5. The elementary spelling bee went eight rounds to determine the winner. Torie Richards was crowned the champion by spelling the word "science". Four additional rounds were completed to decide Matthew Holzapfel as the runner-up. There were 19 participants in the junior high spelling bee, grades 6-8. The students completed nine rounds with the winning word being "extinguish". Macy Schepis walked away with the top honor, while Darren Callihan was named runner-up. Both Macy and Torie competed in the County Spelling Bee held at Franklin Monroe on January 30<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal shared MAP data testing results with the board. "We are seeing growth in our students and we are doing great things to continue to improve our test scores", stated Mr. Mead.

The spring testing calendar is out, due to the calamity day make-ups, ODE has moved back testing a week for the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA). Second grade students will be taking the IOWA/CoGat test from April 21-25, 2014. OAA test dates are as follows: Reading - April 29<sup>th</sup>; Math - May 1<sup>st</sup>; Science - May 7<sup>th</sup>. There will be no homework given the weeks of the OAA.



Mr. Mead was happy to announce his second round of the Ohio's Teacher Evaluation System (OTES) walkthroughs is underway.

Kindergarten teachers participated in Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA) professional development on February 12<sup>th</sup>. This Assessment cannot be done until the 1<sup>st</sup> day on the school calendar and has to be reported in EMIS by Nov. 1<sup>st</sup>. Kindergarten staff and title coaches will receive KRA training in April or May through the ESC. Due to the new KRA we will be moving Kindergarten screening for the 2014-2015 school year to the week of June 9-13. Kindergarten registration for 2014-2015 will be on March 11<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m.

Mr. Mead informed the board of training for the writing curriculum for the upcoming school year. The kindergarten through second grade teachers will implement Handwriting Without Tears. This will teach handwriting, to the students. We will have two teachers going to a workshop for training.

The kindergarten through sixth grade teachers will implement Units of Study by Lucy Calkins. We will be implementing at least 30 minutes a day devoted to writing for the 2014-2015 school year. Mr. Mead believes that reading and writing go hand in hand, and he is excited to see the results. The elementary is looking into purchasing Best Learning Practices for grades 1-3 to help with Test Taking Skills. Schools who are using this software have seen an increase in their test scores.

Positive Behavior Intervention and Support (PBIS), "Focus on the positive behaviors and recognize it instead of only recognizing the negative behaviors." This is to help with the behavior of the students in the classroom.

- There will be signs hung in each classroom and four big signs in the hallways.

- Every month the students will have a chance to win a lunch with the principal. The first lunch will be held on Friday Feb. 28th.
- A Patriot of the Month (POM) will also be selected. The January POM was Josie Price.

On February 13<sup>th</sup>, The NED Show Assembly was held in the elementary gymnasium. The primary focus was on positive behaviors and never giving up. This was a free assembly as long as the district agreed to sell yo-yo's for five days after the assembly. The elementary school sold nearly \$1500.00 worth of yo-yos.

Parent/teacher conferences were held on February 20 & 24. Good participation among all grade levels.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal started out by commending our students for being in the Darke County Science Fair. Thank you to Mrs. Julia Bell, Karen Friar, and Christina Volk for being judges. Participants included Gage Berghoff, Emma Campbell (*received a superior rating*), Keenan Fraylick (*received a superior rating*), Katelyn Hanes (*received a superior rating*), Andrew Holsapple (received an excellent rating), and Casey Puckett. These students were nothing short of incredible. Sophomores Gage Berghoff and Casey Puckett received a superior rating for the evening and the Grand Prize for Best Overall Project. Tri-Village had six participants in five groups. Four of the students rated superior, and advanced to the District 10 Science Fair, Saturday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> at Central State University. The students were in the top of every category. The presentation our students were very impressive. Of the 33 projects, our five categories took home a total of \$350.00 of a possible \$725.00 in prize money. Mr. Morris publically thanked Mr. Derek Flatter, Miss Leesa Folkerth, and Mrs. Kim Puckett for their guidance and assistance they provided to our students.

Mr. Morris reported on the Blizzard Bags assignments and attendance. Technical issues were kept to a minimum and attendance issues are still being evaluated. This is a learning process, we as a district are very much ahead of the game. Mr. Morris is waiting on feedback from his staff regarding Blizzard Bags.

MAP Testing for high school students is being postponed until the completion of the Ohio Graduation Test (OGT). OGT's will be administrated from March 10 - 14, 2014. Junior high students finished up MAP testing on February 21<sup>st</sup>.

Flaig Lumber Company in New Madison has agreed to donate and deliver all the materials for the Full Throttle STEM Day at Eldora Speedway on Tuesday, May 13, 2014.

Congratulations to Colton Linkous (week 4) and the Varsity Boys Basketball team (week 6) for earning the JJ Huddle, Ohio National Guard Weekly Award.

Mr. Morris, Mr. Sagester and the safety committee attending a meeting for Safe Routes to Schools on Wednesday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, the primary focus was to discuss the creation and or construction of new sidewalks in New Madison to the school. The goal is to have a continuous sidewalk from the New Madison Mini Mart to the Snack Shop.

Parent-Teacher Conferences for junior high and high school students were held Thursday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, and Monday, February 24<sup>th</sup>, from 3:30 to 6:30pm.

A big thank you goes out the community for their support in the Chili Supper Fundraiser benefitting the Backpack program on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Stephanie Benedict organized the fundraiser and we are proud to report the community raised over \$1700.00.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent informed the board we received the school security and school communications grants from the OSFC in the amount of \$9,000 to improve our security entrances and communications with local law enforcement.

Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer was contacted by the CPA firm, Kennedy, Cottrell and Richards regarding additional information needed to close out the construction project.

Discussion was held on removing the one hour delays from the 2014-2015 school calendar. Teachers and administration feels its beneficial to have more instructional hours with their students during this hour time frame.

The 2014-2014 calendar's calamity days was discussed. Mr. Sagester attended a Dayton Area Superintendent's Meeting (DASA) meeting at the Montgomery County ESC on hours versus days. He will report back with his findings. Mr. Sagester will continue to keep the board updated as new discussion arises.

Mr. Sagester commended Mrs. Chowning, for a job well done for the 2013-2014 fiscal audit. The report was acceptable and no modifications were warranted.

Mr. Sagester discussed dual enrollment for Tri-Village high school students. The administrative team is working with our High School Science Department regarding offering dual enrollment courses for next school year. Thank you to Mr. Tommy Renfro for stepping out in a leadership role. Currently we are looking into IU East and Urbana University.

Mrs. Chowning received a notice stating we received additional monies in supplemental transportation for FY2014. This is above and beyond the capped school foundation formula. We used a portion of the monies to purchase HD cameras for the remainder of the bus fleet. These cameras will help the administration in disciplinary circumstances.

Mr. Sagester commended all the students on their creative and outstanding science fair projects. They represented Tri-Village well and we are proud of their accomplishments.

Mary Kay Binder from the Martha Holden Jennings Foundation visited from Cleveland to write an article on the STEM Program.

### Athletic Updates

Swimming: Congratulations to Casey Puckett on advancing to the district swim meet.

Bowling: Congratulations to Craig Swartz as he finished 5<sup>th</sup> in the District Tournament as an individual, he was only six pins away from advancing to the State Tournament.

Basketball: Congratulations to seniors Tyler Cook and Krystal Falknor for scoring their 1,000 points. This is quite an accomplishment and we are extremely proud of them.

Coach Sagester was happy to report they have been invited to attend the Flyin' to the Hoop Invitation for the 2014-2015 basketball season. This is a great opportunity for our boys to play on a National Stage.

### Other Items of Interest:

#### **PERSONNEL**

- A. Approved Brent Hollinger, volunteer Track Coach for the 2013-2014 season, pending completion of all state requirements.
- B. Accepted the resignation of Leesa Folkerth, Middle Childhood (4-9) Language Arts/Reading & Mathematics Teacher, effective July 1, 2014.
- C. Accepted the resignation of Mark Wheeler, Assistant Baseball Coach.
- D. Issued a one year (2013-2014) limited supplemental contract to Mike Fisherback, Assistant Baseball Coach.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Accepted the following donations as recommended by the Superintendent.
  1. \$300.00 from New Madison Kiwanis Club to the Athletic Department to benefit the Track team.
  2. \$100.00 from Kevin Flory Landscaping to the Athletic Department.
  3. \$100.00 from Harvest Land Co-Op, Inc ("Cultivating Communities – Mike Bennett) to the Elementary Principals Fund.
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  5. \$78.25 from All American Sports Posters to the Athletic Department.
  6. \$10.00 from Greenville Federal Bank to the Athletic Department.

7. \$100.00 from Steven Eadler to benefit the Back Pack Project.
  8. \$100.00 from Kevin Flory Landscaping to benefit the Back Pack Project.
  9. \$50.00 from Dan Oyler to benefit the Back Pack Project.
  10. \$25.00 from William Moore to benefit the Back Pack Project.
- B. Authorized a GASB 34 conversion and compilation contract based upon the modified cash basis of accounting with Carol Riggle, CPA for FY 2014, fee not to exceed \$1,375.00.
  - C. Adopted the school calendar for the 2014-2015 school year.
  - D. Agreed to pay Patty Jackson, grandparent of [REDACTED] \$200.00 per month to transport [REDACTED] to Mississinawa Valley Local Schools for the 2013-2014 school year, starting on Tuesday, February 18, 2014.
  - E. Adopted a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for FY 2015.

#### **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

#### **PERSONNEL**

- E. Issued a 5 year contract (August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2019) contract to Kimberly Chowning as district Treasurer.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- F. Appointed Kim Chowning, Treasurer and Josh Sagester, Superintendent to the TVEA negotiating team for the negotiating year beginning for FY2015, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- G. Nominations and Elections for the Tri-Village Education Association negotiating team for the negotiating year beginning FY2015 \* (Up to 2 board members.)
- H. Appointed Josh Sagester and Kim Chowning to the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Chapter #483, AFSCME, AFL-CIO negotiating team for the negotiating year beginning for FY2015.
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