



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

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday January 6, 2014 starting with an Organizational Meeting at 6:30 p.m. followed by a budget hearing at 6:45 p.m. while the Regular Board Meeting began at 7:00 in the board office.

Organizational Meeting:

Mr. Tim Bevins was elected Board President while Mr. Tom Schlechty was elected Vice-President.

- The Board members approved the 2014 regular meeting dates.
- Committee appointments were made, Tom Schlechty and Tim Bevins – Transportation Committee, Kevin Harrison and Darin Dubbs – Building & Grounds Committee, Darin Dubbs and Amy Farmer – MVCTC Advisory Committee, and Amy Farmer and Tom Schlechty – Legislative Liaison Committee.
- Kevin Harrison was elected as the Athletic Council Member.
- Tim Bevins was elected as the OSBA Student Liaison.

Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer, presented the budget hearing



The Board adjourned and entered into a regular meeting.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal reported the first round of OTES evaluations has been completed and the second round will start immediately. The second round of MAP testing will begin on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Mr. Mead is anxious to see the students' growth from the beginning of the school year. Once the results are received Mr. Mead will share the data with the Board. The Spelling Bee winner for grades 3-5 was Torie Richards and for grades 6-8 was Macy Schepis. They will both compete in county Spelling Bee on January 30<sup>th</sup> at 1:00 p.m. at Franklin Monroe.

Professional Development – Mr. Mead and a small group of teachers attended PBIS training (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support) at the Darke County ESC in December. The focus of the workshop was spending more time recognizing students' positive behaviors and teaching them those positive behaviors within the school day. The results from PBIS have increased schools test scores.

The K-3 Christmas program was again a huge success. With standing room only, it was quite impressive. Thank you to Mrs. Price, Miss Venneman, staff and all the talented students we have here for an outstanding show.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal gave an update on the athletic programs update with their records to date. Mr. Morris is happy to report that there are a total of 135 athletes participating in winter athletic programs. All basketball teams have at least a 500 record or better.

- Varsity Boys – 8-0
- Reserve Boys – 7-1
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys – 3-3
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys – 5-1
- Varsity Girls – 7-4
- Reserve Girls – 11-0
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – 4-2
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – 6-0

Mr. Morris invited the board and community to the 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Battle Bowl on February 1<sup>st</sup> at Arcanum Lanes at 2:00 p.m. Space is limited to the first 12 teams to sign up and pay, suggested team size is 5-7 members. To sign up for the Battle Bowl please contact Brent Fourman at 437-6220.

Congratulations to our power lifting team members. The boys placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at their home meet on Saturday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. The meet housed 165 athletes from 8 different schools.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent, started off by thanking the board members. January is school board appreciation month. Mr. Sagester wanted to share his thanks and appreciation to the board members for their past year of service, time and dedication to the district. “I know it’s not always an easy job and I wanted to express my gratitude for your support throughout the years. I appreciate the fact that each of you give time and dedication to the school board. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part”, stated Mr. Sagester. Certificates from OSBA were distributed to the members.

Mr. Sagester informed the board that the certified and administrative first cycle evaluations have been completed and he publically thanked Mr. Mead and Mr. Morris for their hard work and commitment for completing them promptly.

The 2014-2015 school district calendar has been distributed to the TVEA and building administrators, thus we should have a draft to recommend in February. The December Patriot Pulse was distributed to the board.

There is a new way to determine Kindergarten readiness coming fall 2014. Understanding a child’s learning and development is critical to both families and educators. In this and previous school years, children took the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment – Literacy (KRA-L) when entering school. Beginning in 2014, a new kindergarten readiness assessment called Start Strong is replacing the KRA-L. Start Strong will give kindergarten teachers a comprehensive picture of a child’s learning and development at kindergarten entry, pinpointing where each child is in physical well-being and motor development, language and literacy, mathematics, science, social studies and social skills.

Thank you to Florida Production Engineering (FPE) and their employees for organizing a hat and glove drive. They donated 18 hats and 48 pairs of gloves. We will see that these get dispersed to the appropriate students.

Mr. Sagester also commended Miss Venneman and Mrs. Price on their outstanding holiday concerts.

The High School Student Council once again sponsored the Adopt-A-Family campaign. The student council sponsored several activities over the last few weeks to raise money for this worthy cause. The fundraising effort by the entire district paid dividends, as we were able to raise a whopping \$4,116. The money raised will be used to buy gifts and food for each of the five families adopted. The High School Student Council would like to thank all those who participated and supported this event.

*Other items of interest:*

**PERSONNEL**

- A. Established extra help/summer pay to \$7.95 / hour to reflect State of Ohio minimum wage requirements, effective January 1, 2014, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- B. Employed Macy Fraylick, classified substitute for the 2013-2014 school year retro-active to December 19, 2013, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- C. Employed Shelley Miller, Volunteer Swimming Coach for the 2013-2014 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. (This program will operate without any expenses to the district.)
- D. Employed Joyce Vore, classified substitute for the 2013-2014 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approved the 2014-2015 fiscal year school district budget, as presented by the Treasurer.
- B. Accepted the following donations as recommended by the Superintendent.
  - 1. \$250.00 from Kiwanis Club of New Madison to HS Chorus
  - 2. \$60.00 donation to the Athletic Department from Kevin Flory Landscaping.
  - 3. \$75.00 from Cope Environmental Center to the General Fund.
  - 4. \$1,000 from Midmark Corporation to benefit the STEM Lab.
  - 5. \$50.00 from Beechwood Golf Course to the Athletic Department.
  - 6. \$400.00 from Kiwanis Club of New Madison to HS Student Council to benefit Adopt-A-Family program
  - 7. \$500.00 from Friendship Community Church to HS Student Council to benefit the Adopt-A-Family program.