



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

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday, November 18, 2013 at 7:00 in the board office.

On behalf of Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal, Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal distributed Mr. Mead's agenda. Items of interest: All elementary teachers with Value Added scores attended a Value Added-Data Analysis workshop hosted by the Darke County Educational Service Center. The after school intervention program started Monday, November 18, 2013; they had 20 students in attendance total receiving Reading and/or Math intervention. Mr. Mead is excited about this program. The Third Grade Fall Reading OAA (Ohio Achievement Assessments) have not been returned from the Ohio Department of Education.

Mr. Morris reported on the recent lockdown drill, it went very well and was successful. He would like to publically thank the Darke County Sheriff's Department for their assistance. The Mobile Dentist was here on Monday the 18<sup>th</sup> and served 22 students.

The administrators (Mr. Sagester, Mr. Mead and Mr. Morris) along with the safety committee completed active shooter training; this professional development was provided by the Office of Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. It focused on how to be aware, prepare, and be a first responder in crisis.

In grades K-3, there was nearly 100% attendance for the parent teacher conferences.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal, shared the Science Club has 20 students signed up and committed to participate in the Darke County Science Fair on February 19, 2014. There are a total of 112 students signed up for the Fair. Mr. Morris invited board members to be judges for the fair.

Teacher-level Value Added Reports were released by ODE on November 15<sup>th</sup>. Junior high teachers scored most effective in three of nine categories and above average in three of nine categories. Scores are ranged from most effective, above average, average, approaching average, and least effective.

Mr. Morris reported on the Blended Learning Academy: There are 27 courses being offered, 16 core courses and 11 elective courses. Currently there are 125 seats that we have filled, with 66 students.

Veterans Day was again a huge success. We honored approximately 33 Veterans by serving breakfast, along with a short program honoring their heroism. Thanks to the following staff and student organizations for assisting: HS Student Council Members, FFA Officers, Mrs. Price and HS Choir, Miss Venneman and the HS Band, Chris Pearson, Student Body President Alexis Nelson, Gage Berghoff, and Chris Brandenburg (Pre-Engineering Class), Mrs. Sheryll Hedger and Kitchen Staff and Mr. Shane Mead.

The New Madison Post of the American Legion will be administering a test on Americanism and Government on Monday, November 25, 2013 for students in grades 10-12. Buckeye Girls State Program is currently accepting applications. For more information on Buckeye Girls State, please see Mrs. Black in the Guidance Office.

Mr. Morris along with Mrs. Black and Mrs. Harris visited Indiana University East for a scholarship breakfast on Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>.

Mr. Morris reported on parent teacher conferences, so far the Junior High/High School staff met with 27 parents all have been in 30 minute increments. There are conferences going on this week and next, our staff is putting forth an extra 15-17 hours of work for these conferences. Their hard work and dedication is much appreciated.

The National Honor Society inductions were held on Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>. Inductees are: Senior: Michaela Hoening. Juniors: Trent Laux and Raya Mikesell. Sophomores: Zach Bevins, Riley Hollinger, Olivia Mt.Castle and Sarah Witmer.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent reported on the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) Conference he along with Mrs. Chowning, Treasurer and Mr. Tom Schlechty, School Board Member attended. He gave a brief synopsis of the sessions he attended.

Mr. Sagester reported he has completed one formal observation per building principal and one walk through observation. He has witnessed positive teacher/leader interactions on multiple levels. "I feel confident in both their leadership styles", commented Sagester.

Mr. Sagester distributed the November Patriot Pulse, MVCTC minutes, Ohio PreK-12 enrollment information and active shooter response materials. Mr. Sagester and Mrs. Chowning, Treasurer attended the monthly EPC meeting and the main focus was centered on the energy bid that was awarded. Currently we are paying 6.5 kWh and the bid came in at 4.725 kWh for the next three years. Being a part of the EPC does pay off for the district.

Mr. Sagester also personally thanked all the groups that were involved in making the Veteran's Day program a success. Groups were: Mr. Morris, Mr. Mead, FFA, student council members, band, choir, kindergarten and first grade classes. Mr. Sagester also commended Mrs. Stump and the student council for spearheading Red Ribbon Week.

Mr. Sagester briefly shared some updated policies and governances regarding open enrollment; he will stay proactive and will keep the board updated once information becomes available.

Value Added Teacher Level Reports were released. Teachers in grades 4-8 who teach reading and/or math received value added scores.

Mr. Sagester announced the cafeteria lunch prep software is up and running. There is a direct link located on the schools webpage [www.tri-village.k12.oh.us](http://www.tri-village.k12.oh.us) for parents to access and enter money on their students lunch account.

We have added six digital cameras to the transportation department. Mr. Jerry Hollinger received word that a school district recently purchased too many digital cameras for their busses so they had some for sale. We received 6 cameras for the price of 5. This will be a nice addition to the transportation department.

Mr. Sagester invited board members to tune in and listen to WTGR 97.5 The Tiger on Monday, November 25<sup>th</sup> for his radio debut at 11:15 a.m.

Mr. Sagester was happy to report that no illegal substances were found on campus during our recent lockdown. Due to the nature of this lockdown teaching was permitted inside the classrooms. Mr. Ary, Mr. Linkous and Mr. Clark spearheaded this event. Thank you to the Preble County Drug task force, all went well.

Thank you to the following organizations for their contributions in purchasing a new tree for the rotunda area: Building Principals Funds, PATS Organization, JH/HS Student Council Committees, and High School Cheerleaders.

Congratulations to Mrs. Kimberly Puckett for being a finalists in the Samsung Grant. She is one of five finalists in the state to receive a \$20,000 grant. Mrs. Puckett will submit a lesson plan and video for the committee to review.

Mr. Sagester publically thanked Kevin and Michelle Flory of Flory's Landscape and Design for donating seven blue spruce trees they planted behind the softball diamond.

Mr. Sagester received an email from the Ohio High School Athletic Association commissioner informing school districts about a petition that has been circulating for a separate public and nonpublic tournament issue to be placed on the OHSAA ballot in May. Mr. Sagester will keep the board updated once information becomes available.

Other items of interest:

#### **PERSONNEL**

- A.) Accepted the resignation of Melanie Register, Title I Coach effective November 1, 2013.
- B.) Accepted the resignation of Allen Howell, Bus Driver effective October 29, 2013.
- C.) Issued a 1 year contract to Kevin Denlinger, School Bus Driver, effective October 29, 2013.
- D.) Employed Janel Tumbusch, Title I Coach for the 2013-2014 school year.
- E.) Accepted the resignation of Olivia Aikman, Nurse effective December 2, 2013.
- F.) Issued a 2 year (2013-2014, 2014-2015) contract to Jodie Fritz, Nurse effective December 2, 2013.
- G.) Employed Olivia Aikman, certified substitute for the 2013-2014 school year.
- H.) Employed Allen Howell, classified substitute for the 2013-2014 school year, retro-active to November 13, 2013.
- I.) Employed Tracy Barhorst, Head Softball Coach, for the 2013-2014 school year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A.) Accepted the following donation as recommended by the Superintendent.
  - 1. \$ 300.00 from the Athletic Department to the Baseball Fund
  - 2. \$ 1,000.00 from the Book Fair fund to the PATS Organization
  - 3. \$ 60.00 from the Cindy Milliff Family to the Elementary Principal Fund.
  - 4. \$ 531.00 from Tri-Village Music Boosters to High School Band
  - 5. \$ 94.00 from Target to "Give with Target Campaign" Elementary Principal Fund.
  - 6. \$ 250.00 from Reid Hospital and Health Care Services to the Key Club to support the Neon Patriot 5K.
- B.) Adopted a memorandum of understanding between Tri-Village Local School District and the Darke County Department of Health regarding Emergency Preparedness Agreement.
- C.) Appointed Ed Koenig to a 7 year term as a Trustee of the New Madison Public Library Board.
- D.) Appointed Amy Hollinger to a 1 year term as a Trustee of the New Madison Public Library Board.
- E.) Approved the Legal Assistance Fund Consultant Service Contract pursuant to R.C. section 3313.171 (January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014).