



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

**Public Hearing / Regular Board News Release**

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday September 22, 2014 at 5:45 in the board office.

Mrs. Kimberly Chowning opened the public hearing for discussion regarding the use of federal Special Education IDEA Part B funds and Title funds. She shared with the Board a document which summarized the various federal monies and their uses.

In regular session, Mrs. Chowning presented and answered questions pertaining to the five year forecast.

Mr. Lee Morris presented Senior, Jenna Cline with a certificate of achievement award for earning the title of Darke County Fair Queen. Jenna explained to the board what her process was for earning the title. Jenna stated she has been to a total of 12 county fairs thus far and will compete in the state fair to try to earn the title of All County Fair Queen. She has enjoyed being a positive female role model for Darke County and looks forward to the upcoming parades.



Mr. Morris was excited to announce our school has been chosen to receive the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education grant, which will be used to enhance our STEM education program. Many thanks to Mrs. Leesa Huntington and Mrs. Kim Puckett, who prepared the successful application, and to the local farmers who nominated us! Mr. Mead publically thanked all involved parties as well during his address.



Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal was pleased to acknowledge the great start to the school year. Mr. Mead began his address by informing the board members with a quick synopsis regarding current enrollment numbers.

Tri-Village Elementary received a value added score of a B. The overall district value added score was an A. Professional development will be addressed based on these scores. August 29th the Ohio Achievement Assessments (OAA) Improvement Team recognized every student who scored proficient on at least one OAA during the 2013-2014 Spring testing period.

Mr. Mead also acknowledged we have several teachers taking advantage of professional development opportunities. On our September 15th waiver day, teachers in grades 3-8 participated in Gizmo training. (This is an online computerized science and social studies based program in grades 3-8.) The Gizmo training was made possible by the American's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant. The staff felt the waiver day was beneficial and appreciated the opportunity to receive professional development and work on local and state initiatives.

On September 24th, Carl Jones from the Darke County Educational Service Center will be on site to provide professional development regarding the PARCC Assessments. (Partnership for Assessment of Readiness for College and Careers)

All kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade teachers will participate in IMPACT (primary math training) training this year. (Mathematics Professional Development) This training will assist us in gaining a better sense of geometry and measurements, all teachers will be attending.

OTES (Ohio Teacher Evaluation System) growth plans have been completed and entered in eTPES (electronic Teacher and Principal Evaluation System). Mr. Mead's walk through evaluations will begin in late September.

Third Grade Reading Guarantee: Comparing the Fall DIBELS scores and using the Fall MAP scores the teachers have identified students who will be placed on a RIMP (Reading Improvement Monitoring Plan).

DIBELS (Dynamic Indicators of Basic Early Literacy Skills) and DRA2 (Developing Reading Assessment) assessments will be completed by September 30th. This data is used to guide instruction within the classroom.

Mr. Mead along with the staff and students were very pleased with the Darke County Center for the Arts and Education assembly for students in grades K-3. This assembly focused on student life lessons through story telling.

The New Madison Fire Department will once again organize a visit promoting fire prevention for students, focusing on kitchen fires. They will have a fire engine on site for the students to go through. The elementary fundraiser has kicked off and will wrap up in the middle of October.

PBIS(Positive Behavior Interventions & Support) lunch with the principal and patriot of the month will start in October.

Mr. Mead was excited to inform the public the annual elementary fundraiser kicked off on September 12th.

Sign-ups for Watch DOGS was held on Wednesday, September 24th from 3:30-5:30. Cookies and punch was provided for the dads signing up. This year is a very tight schedule due to the number of new testing schedule of our students, therefore, we are limiting the amount of Watch Dogs on Fridays.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal, discussed operation cleanup phases. Phase one was the reorganization of storage space on the first floor as well as making the office area more useful for our staff. Phase II - the main hallway leading the junior high/high school wing, along with the main entrance to the high school gymnasium will be undergoing an "extreme makeover". More details will follow at a later date.

JH/HS staff also participated in the Gizmo's professional development on the Waiver Day.

The JH/HS building received a B while the district earned an A on the Value Added piece of the district report card.

MAP testing began the week of September 16<sup>th</sup> for students in grades 7 & 8. This will allow our staff to discover each child's baseline performance levels to ensure growth over the course of the school year.

Teachers participated in the PARCC training, for progress-based and end of course exams on the early release day on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Black finalized the schedule. All junior high students will have an OAA intervention class, based on how they scored on their previous years OAA. This is the first year for the organization of OAA Intervention courses. Currently, we have 42 students enrolled in blended learning, holding 80 licenses.

Miami Valley Career Technology Center, was here to meet with all Sophomores to discuss career options and how MVCTC could be a part of their future, special thanks to Mrs. Black for organizing.

Sinclair Community College dual enrollment classes began on September 8 and now runs through the end of our semester on January 15, 2015.

September 11, 2014 Ceremony - Mr. Morris would like to thank the first responders who represented the Tri-Village Rescue Squad, Liberty Township Fire Department, Hollansburg Fire Department, New Madison Fire Department, Darke County Sheriff's Office, New Madison Police Department. A special thanks to WHIO TV Channel 7, The Daily Advocate, Kevin Flory Landscaping, and TMT Apparel.

Tri-Village held a community blood drive on September 17. There was a total of 34 registered donors, 29 total donations given, with 12 being first time donors. Thanks to Mrs. Heather Stump and the high school student council, and Dana Puterbaugh and the Community Blood Center for organizing the event.

Upcoming school activities:

All-American Patriot Cheer Competition - September 28, beginning at 2:00 p.m.

School Fair - October 3 and runs through Saturday, October 4

1st Quarter Interim Reports will go home to students on Friday, October 3.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent was pleased to report we are in compliance with the 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Guarantee Law, which states we must use an Ohio approved vendor to assess our K-3 students by September 30<sup>th</sup>. A special thanks to Mr. Morris, Mr. Mead, and Cheryl Purdy. We feel that we are out front and ahead of the game.

Mr. Sagester was very pleased with the success of "Patriot Day". This event was very well organized by Mr. Morris and Mr. Chris Pearson. We had a great turnout from first responders. Students in grades 5-12 were invited to take part in the meaningful ceremony.

Saturday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a ceremony at approximately 6:30 in the high school gym for all farmers who nominated the district along with teachers who are directly benefiting from the America's Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant. The Monsanto team will be on campus to present the \$10,000 check to the district during halftime of the junior varsity basketball game. Mr. Sagester publically thanked Mrs. Huntington and Mrs. Puckett for writing the grant.

Thursday, October 9th from 6:00-7:30 the public is invited to stop in and speak to Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer and/or Mr. Sagester regarding school readiness, state and local initiatives, finances or anything else. We will organize a night at the office quarterly to bridge school and community.

Mr. Sagester encouraged the community to come out and celebrate the upcoming School Fair on October 30<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>. School fair candidates are as follows: Seniors: Raya Mikesell and Damion Cook, Juniors: Paige McAdams and Gage Berghoff, Sophomores: Destiney Hemmelgarn and Jordan Midlam, and Freshman: Kathryn Combs and Jackson Plush

Mr. Sagester discussed the districts report card. 17 out of 24 indicators were met. The districts most impressive grade is their Value Added score of an A. Overall, the district's performance index was 97.7, with the JH/HS building scoring a 100.5. This is the highest in the history of the school. WE have never had a PI score of 100 or better. This is something we are extremely proud of. The goal for the district is to be at or above 100. "I believe we are making steady progress", stated Mr. Sagester. We have done well in some categories and need to work on others. "This is a one day snapshot of what's occurring on campus. As the "target" continues to move, we will work diligently to hit it", stated Sagester.

Darke County Manufacturing Day, October 3<sup>rd</sup>, all Darke County sophomores will hear a presentation by Chad Foster at Memorial Hall in Greenville, author of Career Readiness of Teens and tour a local manufacturing facility (Greenville Technology Inc.). They will learn how manufacturing drives the local manufacturing facilities. Thank you to Lisa Wendell from the Darke County Economical Development for organizing the event.

Mr. Pearson, Facilities Operations Supervisor and Mr. Sagester plan to meet with Waible Energy Systemd to discuss an energy audit for the district. They will see what cost effective areas we can improve on moving forward.

Above the blue doors in the west wing of the building you will see a recycled electronic message board. It was previously on the bottom of the scoreboard in the high school gym that was not being used. With the new scoreboard project it needed to be taken down and has been moved to communicate daily updates with our student body and stakeholders.

Angela McMurray has invited both Gage Berghoff and Casey Puckett to speak at the science fair kick off meeting at the Darke County Educational Service Center regarding their science project from last year. "We have students doing some very good things, it's nice to see them being recognized", stated Sagester.

The new concession stand was installed on Tuesday, September 23<sup>rd</sup>. This will improve our overall efficiency and appearance of the concession stand area in the commons area, and make our concession area more aesthetically pleasing.

Congrats to Brett Boyter for winning the CCC golf tournament on September 18th. Brett led with his round of 81. The team finished 8th.

### ***Other Items of Interest:***

#### **PERSONNEL**

- A. Approved Cindy Fraylick, James Farmer and Bonnie Behee as classified substitutes for the 2014-2015 school year.

- B. Approved Becky Everhart, as a classified substitute for the 2014-2015 school year, retro-active to September 4, 2014.
- C. Accepted the resignation of Stacy Jones, Title I Coach, effective August 29, 2014.
- D. Issued a one year (2014-2015) contract to Josselyn Tobias, Title 1 Coach, retroactive to September 3, 2014.
- E. Issued a one year (2014-2015) limited supplemental contract to Jim Maples, Head Baseball Coach, Mike Fisherback, Assistant Baseball Coach, Scott Warren, Head Boys Track Coach, Christy Sarver, Head Girls Track Coach, Dawn Green, JH Girls Track Coach, Niles Richards, 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach, David Barger, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach.
- F. Approved to issue a part-time classified contract to Haedon Schlechty Custodian, for the 2014-2015 school year retro-active to September 8, 2014. This employee is excluded from the negotiated agreement.
- G. Accepted with thanks the resignation of Becky Middleton, Bookkeeping/Business (7-12) Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 29, 2015.
- H. Accepted with thanks the resignation of John Wise, Industrial Technology (7-12) Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 29, 2015.
- I. Hired Dottie Denniston as a Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$11.75/hour for the 2014-2015 school year, retro-active to August 13, 2014.
- J. Hired Stephanie Benedict as a Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$9.00/hour for the 2014-2015 school year, retro-active to September 9, 2014
- K. Approved Chris Pearson, site manager for FY2015 at a rate of \$50.00 per home baseball and softball games to be paid from the athletic fund.
- L. Approved a daily rate of \$72.00/day for substitute teachers for fiscal year 2014-2015.
- M. Issued a one year (2014-2015) limited supplemental contract to Sarah Eley, Sophomore Class Advisor.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approved the following donations as recommended by the Superintendent.
  - 1. \$275.00 from Darke County Fair Band Spectacular to High School Band.
  - 2. \$250.00 from Mercer County Ag Society to HS Band.
  - 3. \$230.00 from the Class of 1964 for the purchase of a tree.
  - 4. \$112.06 from Kroger to PATS to benefit the Backpack Program.
  - 5. \$100.00 from Marcia Doner to PATS to benefit the Backpack Program.
  - 6. \$56.40 from Target to HS Principal Fund.
  - 7. \$500.00 from Class of 2016 to benefit the concession stand upgrade
- B. Accepted the following donations to the Capital Improvement Fund to enhance and add to the Athletic program scoreboards.
  - 1. \$1500.00 from Brumbaugh Fruit Farm
  - 2. \$ 900.00 from Kevin Flory Landscaping
- C. Approved the FY2015 Five Year Forecast, as presented by the Treasurer.
- D. Appointed Amy Hollinger to an extended 7-year term as Trustee of the New Madison Public Library Board commencing on 1/1/14 - 12/31/21.
- E. Approved an overnight field trip for MD students to visit Chenoweth Trails, Matt Light Foundation, Greenville, Ohio from October 1-2, 2014, under the direction of Mrs. Karyn Smith and Mrs. Christy Cassel.
- F. Approved an overnight field trip for select FFA members to attend National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY from October 29-31 2014, under the direction of Mr. Brian Pohlman.
- G. Approved an overnight field trip for Freshman and Sophomores to visit Chicago, IL from March 30 - April 2, 2015, under the direction of Mrs. Annette Black.