



**Tri-Village Local Schools**  
**School of Excellence**  
Regular Board News Release  
February 26, 2018

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 26, 2018 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Shane Coby, Amy Farmer, Tracy Frech and Tom Schlechty. Administrators attending were Josh Sagester (Superintendent), Kimberly Chowning (Treasurer), Lee Morris (High School Principal) and Shane Mead (Elementary Principal).

The minutes of the budget, organizational and regular meeting for January 8, 2018 were approved. The members also approved the January 2018 expenditures, current appropriation budget amendments and all financial reports as presented by the Treasurer. Mrs. Chowning distributed and reviewed the District's investment interest portfolio with the board members.

Elementary Principal's Report: Mr. Mead began his report with an update on AIR testing. He stated, "We believe we are ready." The elementary wing has enough chromebooks that will allow many grade levels to be tested in their classrooms rather than in the computer lab. Mr. Mead's goal is to have the second round of OTES evaluations completed by mid-March. Winter MAP testing is completed and Mr. Mead was pleased to report that nearly 80% of the elementary students met their year worth of growth on their RIT score. Spring MAP testing must be completed by April 19 as the SLO (Student Learning Objective) scores are due on April 20. An update was shared on the Third Grade Reading Guarantee in which the amount of retentions has reduced considerably from the possible fall retentions. Mr. Mead praised the third grade teachers for their efforts in this area. The Darke County Science Fair was held February 15 in Greenville. Calvin Fritz and Alexander Milliff received superior ratings and will move on to Districts at Edison Community College in Piqua. Lydia Aytte received an excellent rating. The January Patriot of the Month was Emma Hirsch, Kindergarten. There was great attendance once again at the Parent Teacher conferences in February.

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Morris informed those present that the Pre-Engineering class under the direction of Mrs. Malynda Davis would be visiting the Nutter Center on March 2 to learn about the First Robotics program. A calendar for end of course testing was shared which included subject areas and staff coverage. The junior high chorus members under the direction of Mrs. Hannah Smith will travel to Greenville on March 2 for the annual Darke County Choral Festival. Rehearsal will take place during the day and the performance will begin at 7:00 p.m. that evening. Mr. Morris gave an update on the College Commitment Reward Program for seniors. The District has been informed of 29 acceptances for students, 24 college sweatshirts have been awarded and 12 families have successfully completed the FAFSA process to date. The mid-year end of course results arrived at the District on February 26. Mr. Morris informed the board members that the Ohio Department of Education has approved alternative pathways for the Classes of 2019 and 2020. The junior class will be taking the ACT test on campus February 27. Mrs. Black, Guidance Counselor, will begin scheduling upper classmen in March for next years' classes. The District hosted a College Credit Plus night on February 20. There were representatives present from Edison Community College and Sinclair Community College and over 33 families in attendance. The District was notified that funding for the Community Connectors grant would terminate with the 2018-2019 school year. From this grant, the District was able to employ a part time Family Advocate, Mrs. Amanda Dyson. Mr. Morris praised Amanda's efforts. The FFA department will host an Agriculture Career Day on March 9 in the high school auditorium. Congratulations to Jeffrey Ketring for participating in the Darke County

Spelling Bee on January 23. A Fazoli's March Spaghetti Madness dinner will be held on March 16 as a fundraiser for this year's eighth grade Washington D.C. trip. A final and first D.C. trip meeting for the Class of 2022 and 2023 will take place on that evening as well. Mr. Mead will attend the Darke County ESC's Reality Fair on March 6 at Ansonia High School while Mr. Morris will be on site at the University of Dayton participating in a teacher's candidate day. The goal of the candidate day is to get Tri-Village's name out there to gain potential employees if needed. Chase Padgett was in the District on February 22 as part of the Darke County Center for the Arts program featuring a program called 6 Guitars. Delanee Gray was recognized as receiving a superior rating at the Darke County Science Fair and will move on to compete in Piqua at Edison Community College.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Sagester shared current open enrollment dollar amounts as of the first school foundation settlement in February; \$924,782 for students entering the District and \$303,033 for those leaving the District. Mr. Sagester and Mrs. Chowning met with the county auditor and other budget commission members on February 6 at the Darke County Courthouse to review the District's 2019 budget. The District received a substance abuse prevention education grant several weeks ago. These funds will cover the cost of a training program on March 8 from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. that will take place at the EUM church in Greenville. Officer Jermaine Galloway, "Tall Cop Says Stop," will host a program called High in Plain Sight: Substance Abuse Prevention Training. The adult community is invited to this event. Safety continues to be a top priority within the District. Mr. Sagester shared all the safety upgrades that the District has installed/instituted within the last school year as well as the safety drills that have already taken place thus far. Cell phones were recently replaced with bus radios in the transportation department. A considerable improvement in overall communication has already been noticed amongst the drivers. Mr. Sagester will attend the next Western Ohio Superintendent's Advocacy network on February 27. Third quarter interim reports were distributed on February 23. The District has used four calamity days thus far. Congratulations to Joanie Hollinger, Wee Patriots Preschool teacher, in receiving a \$2,500 grant from Monsanto. The second grade teachers also received an \$800 grant from Darke Rural Electric that will be used to support the reading program at the Brethren Retirement Community. Three elementary students and five junior high/high school students participated in the recent Darke County Science Fair. Pictures have been posted on the District's webpage. Mr. Sagester will attend a professional development event on February 28 sponsored by Learn to Earn Dayton who will be hosting speaker John Merrow. Mr. Merrow believes that schools in the United States are ill equipped to prepare young people for challenges in the 21<sup>st</sup> century. His goal is to provide a blue print so that every American child will receive a quality education. The administrative team has met to discuss upcoming technology needs. The desire to purchase an additional 290 chromebooks has been suggested along with a new phone system, intercom system and elementary projectors. Mr. Sagester has been invited to attend the 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Darke County Board of DD and March Disabilities Awareness breakfast on March 21 at Romer's Catering. The juniors and their advisors, Mrs. Christina Guterrez and Mrs. Samantha Bialowas, will be hosting the junior/senior prom at the Fort Piqua Plaza on April 7. A meal will be served beginning at 6:30. The 2<sup>nd</sup> annual Clayton Murphy 5K will be held on April 14 and will be sponsored by the District's FFA department. The Cross County Conference Board of Control has voted to begin all Friday night football games at 7:00 and all junior varsity boys' basketball games at 6:00. This will allow consistency amongst the schools in the league. Cross County Conference girls' basketball honors are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> team Lissa Siler and Maddie Downing, 2<sup>nd</sup> team Trisa Porter and Emma Printz and special mention to Andie Bietry. Jared Buckey received 1<sup>st</sup> team and Trey Frech special mention on behalf of the boys' basketball team. Both the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls basketball teams were tournament champions and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls basketball teams were tournament runner up. Lucie Morris and Edie Morris have both qualified for the State swimming qualifiers in Canton

The following motions were voted upon by the Board of Education members:

### **PERSONNEL**

- A. Issue a one year supplemental contract to Brittany Wagner, Marching Band Percussion Instructor for the 2017-2018 school year, retroactive to July 1, 2017.
- B. Issue a limited partial one year classified contract to Sharon Lipps, MD Aide for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, retroactive to January 29, 2018.
- C. Issue a limited partial one year classified contract to Heather Brown, Classroom Aide for the remainder of the 2017-2018 school year, retroactive to January 16, 2018.
- D. Employ the following as school nurse substitutes for the 2017-2018 school year.

Christina Locke – retroactive to 1/29/18	Justina Martin	Lorrie Loudy
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- E. Issue a one year (2017-2018) partial season limited supplemental contract to Tyler VanWinkle, 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys Basketball Coach, effective 1/15/2018, pending the issuance of a valid Ohio coaching certification/license, and all other requirements as set forth by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
- F. Approve Rhonda Rexrode as classified custodial substitute for the 2017-2018 school year.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Appoint Kimberly Chowning to attend public records training approved by the Attorney General (Ohio Revised Code Section (RC) 149.43 (E)).
- B. Recognize the following groups as an organization within the Tri-Village Local School District:
  - Tri-Village FFA Alumni
  - PAT's – Parents Assisting Teachers and Students
  - Tri-Village Music Boosters
- C. Accept the following donations.
  - 1. \$25.00 from Petey's Pizza to the Yearbook fund.
  - 2. \$100.00 from Dr. Douglas Gordon D.M.D. to Elementary Principals Fund.
  - 3. \$50.00 from Steve & Deb Scantland to HS Band fund.
  - 4. \$50.00 from Steven Moore to FFA in memory of Sam Stevens.
  - 5. \$15.00 from Greenville Federal to the Athletic Department.
- D. Approve the 2018-2019 school calendar.
- E. Approve an overnight fieldtrip for the high school varsity cheerleading squad to participate in the high school state OASSA competition held at St. John's arena in Columbus, Ohio from March 3-4, 2018, under the direction of Miss Kelsey Keen, Mrs. Danielle Bourne and Mrs. Darlene Ary.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The board of education adjourned to executive session for the following: 1) Pursuant to ORC Section 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official, 2) Pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(2) to consider the sale of property at competitive bidding and 3) Pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(6) details relative to the security arrangements and emergency response protocols for a public body or a public office. Time in 8:12 p.m. and time out 9:20 p.m.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

- F. Approve the sale of real property. The Superintendent and Treasurer are instructed and authorized to offer the real property for sale at public auction, consistent with R.C. 3313.41 and other applicable law, and the Superintendent and/or Treasurer are authorized to enter

into contracts which are reasonable and appropriate to accomplish this. The minimum price to be accepted at public auction is \$60,000. The property is located at 408 East Wayne Street, New Madison.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:24 p.m.