



**Tri-Village Local Schools**  
**School of Excellence**  
Regular Board News Release  
February 25, 2019

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 25, 2019 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, Kimberly Chowning, Lee Morris and Shane Mead. Brad Gray was present as well.

The minutes of the budget, organizational, special and regular meeting for January 7, 2019 were approved as well as the work session on January 31. The members also approved the January 2019 expenditures, current appropriation budget amendments and all financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.

**Elementary Principal's Report:** Mr. Mead began his report with an update on AIR testing. The AIR ELA will take place April 4 to 26 and AIR Math and Science will take place April 17 to May 9. The elementary wing has enough chromebooks to allow all grade levels to be tested in their classrooms if they choose. Mr. Mead's goal is to have the second round of OTES evaluations completed by April 1. Winter MAP testing is completed and Mr. Mead was pleased to report that nearly 80% of the elementary students met their years' worth of growth for the RIT score. Spring MAP testing will open April 1 and be completed by April 25 as the SLO (Student Learning Objective) scores are due on April 26. An update was shared on the Third Grade Reading Guarantee. On March 6, Mr. Mead and the adoption committee will be meeting with Fountas & Pinnell to discuss a new K-12 ELA curriculum. The January Patriot of the Month was Sammy Tharp, first grade. Once again, there was great attendance at the Parent Teacher conferences in February.

**High School Principal's Report:** Mr. Morris presented a calendar for end of course testing prepared by Mrs. Black 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 1 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 13 acceptances for students, nine college sweatshirts have been awarded and 14 families have successfully completed the FAFSA process to date. Mrs. Davis's zoology class visited the Newport Aquarium on February 25. Alternative pathways have been approved by the Ohio Department of Education for the Classes of 2019 and 2020. The junior class will be taking the ACT test on campus March 12 (rescheduled from February 20). Mr. Beard and several students (Cheyenn Hall, Zacharie Dowler, Harley Ketring, Carsen Munchel and Alisha Rismiller) will attend the Lincoln Day dinner at Romer's Catering on March 20. Representative Jim Jordan will be the keynote speaker for the night. Mrs. Black, Guidance Counselor, will begin scheduling upper classmen in March for next years' classes. Eight of thirteen safety drills have been completed for the 2018-2019 school year. The District will host a College Credit Plus night on February 26. Representatives from Edison Community College and Sinclair Community College will be present. Mr. Eric Everman, Medicine and More, will provide biometric screenings to interested staff members on March 15. The FFA department will host an Agriculture Career Day on March 15 in the high school auditorium. This event is being organized by Mr. Slone and Mr. Honeycutt. Alyssa Begoon and Lydia Alette will participate in the Darke County Spelling Bee on February 26. A Fazoli's March Spaghetti Madness dinner will be held on March 21 as a fundraiser for this years' eighth grade Washington D.C. trip. A final and first D.C. trip meeting for the Class of 2023 and 2024 will take place on that evening as well. The Darke County ESC's Reality Fair will be held in the Tri-Village auditorium on March 13 from 9 – 11:00 a.m. Mr. Morris will attend the University of Dayton "Candidates Day" on March 5. The goal of the candidate day is to get Tri-Village's name out there to gain potential employees if needed. Motivational speaker Chris Herren will visit the District on May 21 at 1:15 p.m. Mr. Herren is an ex-NBA player who speaks on preventing drug addiction.

**Superintendent Report:** Mr. Sagester shared current open enrollment dollar amounts; \$914,272 for students entering the District and \$359,148 for those leaving the District. Over the next two months, the superintendent will perform appraisals with staff members who are directly under his supervision. 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 2020 budget. Items of discussion included CAUV values, open enrollment numbers and the bond retirement fund. The District received a \$3,000 grant from the Coalition for a Healthy Darke County. Mrs. Black and Mrs. Dyson spearheaded the writing of the grant which will be used for substance abuse prevention education. These funds will help cover the cost of Chris Herren's assembly on May 21. Six architectural firms requested RFQ's (Request for Qualifications) and four returned the required documents. RFQ's were evaluated by Tom Schlechty, Shane Coby, the Superintendent and Treasurer. These individuals will meet with two of the firms to choose an architect of record. Mr. Tom Ash, advocate for superintendents and public education, announced his retirement after serving fourteen years as BASA's Director of Governmental Relations. Dr. Kevin Miller, currently superintendent of the Ottawa Hills schools, will replace Mr. Ash effective August 1. The District has exhausted all five calamity days and two of the three allowable blizzard bag days. Interim reports will be sent home on March 1. The District will put a team of staff members together to take part in a professional learning series that will guide them through a process of raising literacy achievement. The Darke County Science Fair will place on February 28 at Greenville High School. As the 1:1 initiative continues to evolve, the District will conduct a chromebook "take home" pilot program for the remainder of the school year with certain junior and seniors who are enrolled in a variety of courses taught by ELA instructor, Mrs. Johnna Raffel. The administration is currently exploring the idea of a therapy dog for the 2019-2020 school year. Members of the FFA continue to excel in competitions. Willow Moore took first place at both the Darke County and District 5 FFA Creed Speaking contest which qualified her for the state competition on March 2. Willow is the first FFA member in the Chapter's 90 year history to compete at the state level. Jonathon Crawford, Chapter vice-president, placed second at the Darke County Extemporaneous Speaking contest and the Agricultural Communications team placed in the top 15 out of 320 chapters in the state. The team members include Willow Moore, Madison Crawford, Kate Gross, Kylie Beisner and Logan Ashbaugh. Congratulations to all of these FFA members! Mr. Sagester congratulated the high school cheerleaders for winning another bid to state to participate in the OASSA cheer championship in Columbus on March 10. Congratulations to Lucie Morris for placing 7<sup>th</sup> in the State in the 50 free swim and 15<sup>th</sup> overall in the 100 back stroke. Cross County Conference girls' basketball honors are as follows: 1<sup>st</sup> team Meghan Downing, Maddie Downing, Emma Printz and Lissa Siler. Andi Bietry received special mention. Congratulations to Brad Gray for being selected as Coach of the Year and the varsity girls for winning the cross county conference. The girls' varsity team has been invited to play in two elite tournaments in the 2019-2020 season; one is in Canton, Ohio over Christmas break and the other is over Martin Luther King weekend in Berlin, Ohio. Derek Eyer received 2nd team and Gage Hileman special mention on behalf of the boys' basketball team. Both the 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys and girls basketball teams were tournament champions.

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

#### **PERSONNEL**

- A. Recognize Angela Everman for obtaining additional education and training that will place her on the Masters +30 step per the Negotiated Agreement.
- B. Recognize Cindy Munchel for obtaining additional education and training that will place her on the Masters step per the Negotiated Agreement.
- C. Approve Stacy Whaley Classified Substitute (Wee Patriot Preschool) for the 2018-2019 school year.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approve the 2019-2020 school calendar.
- B. Approve an overnight field trip 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 9-10, 2019, under the direction of Mrs. Danielle Bourne and Mrs. Darlene Ary.
- C. Approve an overnight field trip for the high school and junior high school MD students to visit Chenoweth Trails, Light Foundation, Greenville, Ohio, from May 16-17, 2019, under the direction of Mrs. Karyn Smith and Mr. Robert Burk.

- D. Approve a five year equipment lease financing option with Marlin Equipment Finance to purchase thirty (30) school owned instruments from Conn Selmer for the Band program. The district's share of the lease will not exceed \$2,500 per year.
- E. Accept the following donations, as recommended by the Treasurer.
  - 1. \$100.00 anonymous donation to Food Service
  - 2. \$99.00 from the American Legion Unit 245 to the PATS account to benefit the Tri-Village Backpack Program
  - 3. \$50.00 from Wayne & Terri Light to the Archery Fund
  - 4. \$15.00 from Greenville Federal Bank to the Athletic Department
  - 5. \$5,400.00 from New Madison Kiwanis to:
    - a. \$500.00 Elementary Principals Fund
    - b. \$300.00 HS Band
    - c. \$300.00 HS Choir
    - d. \$700.00 Destination Imagination
    - e. \$500.00 Key Club
    - f. \$500.00 Football
    - g. \$500.00 Archery
    - h. \$500.00 HS Cheerleaders
    - i. \$1,600.00 Backpack Program
  - 6. \$2,000.00 from the Tri-Village Athletic Boosters to the Archery Club
  - 7. \$50.00 from Gerald & Kathryn Osborne to the Archery Club
  - 8. \$750.00 from the Tri-Village Athletic Boosters to the Track Fund
- F. Accept the following donation to the Capital Projects Fund, as recommended by the Treasurer.
  - a. \$1,000.00 from Kevin Flory Landscaping
- G. Approve an overnight field trip for select FFA members to attend the State FFA Convention in Columbus, OH from May 2-3, 2019 under the direction of Mr. Justin Slone.
- H. Approve an overnight field trip for select FFA members to attend the State FFA Ag Communications in Columbus, OH retroactive to February 15-16, 2019 under the direction of Mr. Justin Slone.
- I. Approve the resolution approving leaving the Cross County Conference and pursuing a new conference.
- J. Approve the 403(b) Resolution.
- K. Approve an overnight field trip for select Band and Choir members to visit and perform in Nashville, TN from May 17-19, 2019 under the direction of Mr. Derek Bialowas and Mrs. Hannah Smith.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The board of education adjourned to executive session pursuant to ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, promotion, demotion or compensation of a public employee or official. Time in 7:00 p.m. and time out 8:35 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.