

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

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday, February 23, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the board.

Mr. Jeff Vaughn was on hand from Gateway Youth Program to present the Community Connector Grant proposal. In his 2014 State of the State address, Gov. John R. Kasich outlined a new proposal to bring together families, community organizations, faith-based organizations, businesses and others in support of our schools and to mentor students. Community Connectors provides \$10 million in 3-to-1 matching grants that will help give more Ohio students access to role models who can help motivate and inspire them, as well as help them develop skills that lead to success in school and the workplace. The funds are from the Ohio Lottery. From the \$10 million available \$500,000 is the maximum you can receive from the grant. The criteria for this grant is you must be economically disadvantaged, include a faith base and have business partners. Mr. Vaughn stated he has around eight businesses who are ready to partner for this grant. Students served will range from grades 5-12. The targeted student would be one who is not planning on attending college. The grant would offer to house a youth advocate in the school for around 29 hours a week. We would like to target all juniors and seniors to groom their soft skills for the workplace. In addition we would like to have all juniors job shadow a business partner for half a day and possibly do an internship. Outcomes of this initiative decrease behavioral problems, address truancy, improve GPA and graduation tests, improve resiliency in youth, increase involvement and extracurricular activities, enhance work readiness skills, build a stronger community and help reduce drug and alcohol use. Mr. Vaughn feels this is a great opportunity for the entire county, and was requesting the boards support and approval Monday evening. Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent is very excited about this program and gave Mr. Vaughn his full support, as well as the entire school board. Mr. Sagester believes Mr. Vaughn has the kids best interest at heart and I am really excited to give him my support.

Mr. Brad Gray, Athletic Director, was on hand to give a brief presentation regarding our future football schedule. There has currently only been one cross county conference meeting to discuss the football schedule. Mr. Gray feels confident we will operate on a CCC schedule in 2017. The conference will potentially be divided based on total team wins to decide which seeding and who you would play. Hypothetically, TV would be seeded 12 and would play the bottom half of the schedule which would consist of teams ranked 4-11. Week one and two would be non-league games. All conference games will be held in weeks 3-8. Mr. Gray passed around a sample junior high/high school football schedule, however, nothing is set in stone. Every two years the league will re-evaluate the schedule based off a four year record.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal and Mrs. Annette Black, Guidance Councilor distributed an examples of schedules for the upcoming school year. They are continuing to do research and see what is best for our students. "We are always looking to potentially improve our course offerings for all our students", stated Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morris was pleased to report on how well the online PARCC testing has gone. "Things are going really well, and I am pleased to see the outcomes of the online testing. Teachers feel more confident in the testing process and the districts technology has held up well", stated Mr. Morris.

Again this year the entire Freshman class will participate in the Rocket Project during OGT testing. All Juniors and Seniors who passed the areas of the OGT will operate on a two hour delay schedule. At the end of the week, the goal will be for the rockets to launch. This is an exciting research project for our Freshman.

Congratulations to Elijah Driver for being nominated for the national youth leader conference (STEM Leader) and for placing third in the county spelling bee.

In collaboration with Edison Community College, Sinclair Community College and Indiana University East, Tri-Village will offer college credit plus program for our students. The current PSEOP and dual enrollment classes are now called CCP (college credit plus) Students will have the opportunity to take courses from the colleges listed above either at their campus or on our campus. Please check Mrs. Black's webpage at <http://www.tri-village.k12.oh.us/Guidance.aspx> for any questions a student or parent may have.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal, introduced Mrs. Angie Harrington the newly hired Elementary Secretary. She is doing an outstanding job and has hit the ground running.

Mr. Mead distributed an updated testing calendar and newsletter to the board.

Mr. Mead was pleased to announce his first round of OTEs has been completed and round two walk through observations are underway.

Kindergarten registration for the 2015-2016 school year is scheduled for March 10th & 12th from 3:00-6:00 p.m. Please check the elementary website for future details. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate and custody paperwork if it applies.

Good luck to Katelyn Hanes, Megan Smith and Lucie Morris at the upcoming Science Fair on Thursday, February 26th.

Congratulations to Robin Hayes, she was the January Patriot of the Month.

Heater and Dayton Dragons employees put on an assembly in preparation for Tri-Village Elementary Day on Sunday, May 31st at 2:00 p.m. The kids were excited for the assembly and the chance to attend a Dayton Dragons Game. If you would like tickets please call the elementary office.

Parent Teacher Conferences were held February 24th and 26th. The 2nd graders once again visited the Brethrens Home to read to the residents on Wednesday, February 18th. It's great to see the collaboration between the residents and the students.

Mr. Sagester, Superintendent, congratulated Mr. Tom Schlechty for achieving his 30 year milestone in School Board Service and to Darin Dubbs for reaching his 10 year milestone. Mr. Sagester appreciates their service and dedication.

The district has used their five calamity days and two blizzard bags, there is one blizzard bag remaining.

Governor Kasich's new budget proposal has been launched and as of today shows a potential increase of 4%. This will to change several times between now and June, these are the early numbers for the budget. Mr. Sagester will keep the board abreast.

Dr. Ross recommends some of the following legislative changes: limit the amount of time a student takes state and district tests to 2 percent of the school year and limit the amount of time spent practicing for tests to 1 percent of the school year. Eliminate SLO's (student learning objectives), eliminate 3rd grade reading test. These are just a few of his potential changes.

Mr. Sagester commended the efforts of Mr. Morris, Mr. Mead, Mrs. Black, Mr. Noah Welbaum, IT Director and Mrs. Cheryl Purdy, EMIS Coordinator for their time and effort during the set up of the PARCC assessments.

Energy Optimizers engineers have been on site working with Mr. Pearson to gather necessary information for Ohio HB 264 program, which is an energy savings project for the district. This project will consist of: Improved Lighting, Improved Air Quality, Improved HVAC & Temperature Control and Reduce Utility Costs.

Mr. Sagester publically thanked the Civic Center for sponsoring the dinner last Friday and donating all the proceeds towards the outdoor athletic complex. Approximately \$600 was raised. Thank you to Tom Schlechty for organizing the event. Also a big thank you to Mr. Steve Scantland for writing an alumni letter being distributed in an effort to raise additional fundraising money for the complex.

In depth discussion was held in regards to the construction of the field house. The steering committee feels the field house is the most important piece to the athletic complex. With locker rooms, a concession stand, weight room, and restrooms we feel it's in our best interest to erect this first. The board decided to seed the materials of the field house.

Congratulations to Aubrey Morris and Casey Puckett for qualifying for the district swimming meet. We are pleased to announce Eaton will join us in the Patriot Holiday Tournament. We will have two Division II teams and two Division IV teams .

Congratulations to following winter athletes on their accomplishments:

#### **CCC Girls Basketball Honors**

Player of the Year - Ecko Brown

1st Team - Allie Downing

2nd Team - Danika Mann & Raya Mikesell

Special Mentioned - Rachel Miller

#### **CCC Boys Basketball Honors**

Co-Player of the Year - Damion Cook and Colton Linkous

1st Team - Tyler VanWinkle

2nd Team - Mason McCabe

Special Mentioned - Gavin Richards

#### **District 9 Media Team Honors**

1st Team - Ecko Brown, Allie Downing & Raya Mikesell

1st Team - Damion Cook, Colton Linkous & Tyler VanWinkle

All Star Game - Ecko Brown & Raya Mikesell

All Star Game - Damion Cook & Colton Linkous

Coach Brad Gray - District 9 Coach of the Year

Coach Josh Sagester - District 9 & CCC Coach of the Year

#### **Other items of interest:**

- A. Accepted with thanks the resignation of Deveda Sue Richards, Part-Time Custodian, effective February 13, 2015, for the purpose of retirement, .
- B. Accepted with thanks the resignation of Kathy Kutter, Library Aide, effective June 30, 2015, for the purpose of retirement, .
- C. Approved Staci Singer, Long-Term Substitute Title I Coach, to provide after school intervention services at a rate of \$9.60 / hour, retro-active to January 5, 2015.

- D. Approved to hire Angelia Harrington, Elementary Secretary, retro-active to February 5, 2015.
- E. Approved Amber Camacho, WPP substitute, retro-active to January 21, 2015.
- F. Issued a one year (2014-2015) contract to John Miller, Title 1 Coach, retroactive to January 22, 2015, conditionally, pending passage of the BCII criminal records check, negative drug screen and the issuance of a valid Ohio teaching certification/license, where applicable for the 2014-2015 school year, . This position is excluded from the negotiated agreement.
- G. Issued a one year (2015-2016) limited certified contract to Jason Schondelmyer, K-12 Health and Physical Education Teacher, conditionally, pending passage of the BCII criminal records check, negative drug screen and the issuance of a valid Ohio teaching certification/license, where applicable for the 2015-2016 school year.
- H. Issued one year 2015-2016 limited supplemental contract to Jason Schondelmyer, Head Football Coach.
- I. Issued one year 2014-2015 limited supplemental contract to Cindy Fraylick, Junior High Boys Track Coach.
- J. Approved to pay a stipend to Kimberly Puckett in the amount of \$866.00 from the Believe in Ohio Grant.
- K. Approved to pay a stipend to Jacqueline Barnes in the amount of \$866.00 from the Believe in Ohio Grant.

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Accepted the following donations to the Capital Improvement Fund to enhance and add to the Athletic Program scoreboards: 1. \$4,000 from Coblenz Agency, Inc. 2. \$4,000 from Famers State Bank.
- B. Approved an overnight field trip for choir and band students to visit Boston, Massachusetts, from October 30-November 3, 2015, under the direction of Mrs. Emily Brinkman and Mrs. Geneva Price.
- C. Accepted donations.
- D. Approved the HB 264 project overview proposed by Energy Optimizers, USA pending OFCC review and approval and to waive the competitive bidding process of Ohio Revised Code Section 3313.46.
- E. Approved the establishment of Fund 070, Capital Project Fund, a fund used to account for the revenues and expenditures of the Outdoor Athletic Complex.
- F. Adopted a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for FY 2016.
- G. Approved to offer FFA Basketball as a club sport at Tri-Village. (This program will operate without any expenses to the district.)
- H. Approved the Ratification Of The Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council Natural Gas Sales Agreement.
- I. Approved Sinclair Community College letter of intent to work with their college credit plus program.

*Next Board meeting is scheduled for March 16, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the board office.*