



**Tri-Village Local Schools**  
***School of Excellence***  
Public Hearing / Regular Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday January 5, 2015 starting with a Budget Hearing at 5:30 p.m. followed by an Organizational Meeting at 5:45 p.m. while the Regular Board Meeting began at 7:00 in the board office.

Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer, presented the budget hearing

Organizational Meeting:

Mr. Tim Bevins was elected Board President while Mr. Tom Schlechty was elected Vice-President.

- The Board members approved the 2015 regular meeting dates.
- Committee appointments were made, Tom Schlechty and Tim Bevins – Transportation Committee, Kevin Harrison and Darin Dubbs – Building & Grounds Committee, Darin Dubbs and Amy Farmer – MVCTC Advisory Committee, and Amy Farmer and Tom Schlechty – Legislative Liaison Committee.
- Kevin Harrison was elected as the Athletic Council Member.
- Tim Bevins was elected as the OSBA Student Liaison.

The Board adjourned and entered into a regular meeting.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal, reported Joan Smith the professional development coordinator for mathematics from teaching and learning collaborative out of Columbus will be on campus to teach a lesson while our teachers observe her on January 7<sup>th</sup>. All kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

Mr. Mead shared the 3rd Grade Reading Guarantee, all third grade students will now take the Reading OAA in the Spring. We are currently serving nearly 30 students during the reading and math after school intervention which started on January 5<sup>th</sup>.

Congratulations to Michaela Ashbaugh, she was the December Patriot of the Month.

The K-3 Christmas program was again a huge success. With standing room only, it was quite impressive. Thank you to Mrs. Price, Miss Venneman, staff and all the talented students we have here for an outstanding show.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal gave an update on the athletic programs update with their records to date. Mr. Morris is happy to report that there are a total of 124 athletes participating in winter athletic programs.

- Varsity Boys – 7-0                      Varsity Girls – 9-1
- Reserve Boys – 7-0                    Reserve Girls – 7-2
- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys – 5-1                8<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – 8-1
- 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Boys – 4-2                7<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls – 5-1

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent presented the 2015-2016 school calendar stating the only minor differences next year is that our kindergarten will start at the same time as the rest of our students, due to kindergarten screening being done at the end of the year.

Mr. Sagester was pleased to announce Tri-Village along with Jeff Vaughn-Gateway Youth Services Director and Miss. Valley Schools will be apply for the Community Connector Grant. Governor John R. Kasich outlined a new proposal to bring together families, community organizations, faith-based groups, 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 goal is to bring parents, schools, communities, faith-based groups and businesses together to help students reach their full potential. Mr. Sagester has a meeting scheduled with Mr. Jeff Vaughn, ACES/Gateway Program Coordinator and Mr. James Atchley, Superintendent to discuss the details. Mr. Sagester will continue to keep the board abreast of the details as they follow.

Mr. Sagester was pleased to report on December 19th Greg Smith, with Energy Optimizers met with Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Mr. Chris Pearson, Mr. Kevin Harrison, Mr. Darin Dubbs, and himself to give a synopsis of the energy savings that they could offer us based on the audit they conducted last month. Mr. Smith did a good job of outlining the audit and how we could implement an energy savings project via House Bill 264.

The Patriot Holiday Tournament was a success. Mr. Sagester publically thanked Mr. Morris, Mr. Brad Gray and Mr. Pearson for spearheading the tournament. We have received a lot of positive feedback. Mr. Sagester also publically thanked Red Front Inn for sponsoring the hospitality room during the tournament for the coaches and staff members.

We are pleased to report the baseball and softball scoreboard beams are up at our diamonds. The next step is to run the electric and mount the scoreboards. Without our sponsors this wouldn't be possible. Thanks again to following sponsors: *Flory Landscaping, The Farmers State Bank, First Rate Industries, Reid Orthopedics, Hollinger Excavating, Brumbaugh Fruit Farm, Tri-Village Athletics, Indiana University East, Red Front Inn, Coblentz Agency, Laux Seed Solutions LLC.*

Mr. Sagester also commended Mrs. Brinkman, Mrs. Price and Mrs. Hollinger on their outstanding holiday concerts.

The High School Student Council once again sponsored the Adopt-A-Family campaign. The student council sponsored several activities over the last few weeks to raise money for this worthy cause. The fundraising effort by the entire district paid dividends, as we were able to raise a whopping \$7,800. The money raised was used to buy gifts and food for each of the eleven families adopted. The High School Student Council would like to thank all those who participated and supported this event. A special thank you goes to Mrs. Fisherback and Mrs. Stump and the high school student council for organizing this event.

**Mr. Sagester, concluded by thanking the board members. January is school board appreciation month. Mr. Sagester wanted to share his thanks and appreciation to the board members for their past year of service, time and dedication to the district. "I know it's not always an easy job and I wanted to express my gratitude for your support throughout the years. I appreciate the fact that each of you give time and dedication to the school board. Even though we are making a special effort during January to show**

appreciation to our school board members, we recognize their contributions reflect a year-round commitment on their part”, stated Mr. Sagester. Certificates from OSBA were distributed to the members.

*Other items of interest:*

**PERSONNEL**

- A. Accepted the resignation of Emily McKenzie, Title 1 Coach, effective December 19, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- B. Accepted the resignation of Natalie Malott, Elementary Secretary, effective January 9, 2015, as recommended by the Superintendent.

**NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Approved the 2015-2016 tax year school district budget, as presented by the Treasurer.
- B. Approved the establishment of Fund 019 with a SPCC (special cost center) of 9015, a fund used to account for the proceeds of the "Believe in Ohio" grant, as recommended by the Treasurer.
- C. Accepted the following donations as recommended by the Superintendent.
  - 1. \$500.00 from Friendship Community Church to HS Student Council to benefit the Adopt-A-Family program.
  - 2. \$200.00 from United Methodist Church to HS Student Council to benefit the Adopt-A-Family program.
  - 3. \$150.00 from Tri-Village Key Club to HS Student Council to benefit the Adopt-A-Family program.
  - 4. \$225.00 from Darke County Township Association to HS Chorus.
  - 5. \$500.00 from New Madison Kiwanis to the Key Club.
  - 6. \$800.00 from Ohio Academy of Sciences to support the Believe In Ohio project.
- D. Approved the 2015-2016 school calendar, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- E. Approved Edison Community College letter of intent to work with their college credit plus program, as recommended by the Superintendent.

*Next board meeting is scheduled for February 23, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.*