



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

Public Hearing / Regular Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday March 16, 2015 at 6:00 in the board office.

Cargill donated \$10,000 to Tri-Village at the school's Board of Education meeting on Monday night for Tri-Village's efforts to begin a high school football program. Jason Brewer, a 2000 graduate of Tri-Village, 2005 graduate of UD with a degree in chemical engineering and an employee of Cargill, presented Superintendent Josh Sagester with the check during the meeting Monday evening. Cargill thrives on feeding the world and improving the communities in which they live. Cargill employs around 143,000 employees in 67 countries. Mr. Brewer believes the extracurricular activities he was involved in during high school helped prepare him for his successful career at Cargill. Not only did it help with his leadership skills on and off the field and court it also made him a leader on the job. "I am very honored and pleased to offer Tri-Village Local Schools \$10,000 towards the Outdoor Athletic Complex Quest. Thank you Superintendent Sagester, Mr. Gray, and Mr. Morris for being prompt and answering my questions regarding your quest", stated Mr. Brewer.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal was pleased to announce the elementary has completed the PARCC / AIR testing and his round two walk through observations are underway.

Kindergarten registration for the 2015-2016 school year has begun. If you have a student who is not yet registered for Kindergarten. Please stop in the elementary office between the hours of 8:00-3:30. If you have any questions please call Mrs. Harrington at 996-1511. Please check the elementary website for future details. You will need to bring your child's birth certificate and custody paperwork if it applies.

Teachers in grades PK-2 will take receive professional development training on FLIP-IT. FLIP IT is a strategy that offers a simple, kind, strength-based, commonsense and effective four step process to address children's day to day challenging behaviors. The four steps are embodied in the FLIP IT mnemonic which stands for F – Feelings, L – Limits, I – Inquiries, and P – Prompts. FLIP IT is nothing new, but transforms best practice into a strategy that is easy to remember, applicable in a variety of challenging situations and portable.

Mr. Mead was pleased to report 96% of elementary students completed their blizzard bags in February.

Congratulations to Tanya Benedict for being the February Patriot of the Month. Mr. Mead reminded the board that Sunday, May 31st at 2:00 is Tri-Village Elementary Day at Fifth Third Field for a Dayton Dragons Game. If you would like to get tickets please contact an elementary student or the elementary office.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal, was pleased to report an 81% and 83% completion rate in the junior and senior high school for the blizzard bag in February.

Mr. Lee Morris distributed a revised 2015-2016 master schedule. We are looking at ways to become more competitive with the schedule change. The 15-16 proposed course schedule creates 14 new offerings (nine are available to only juniors and seniors), creation of a junior high study hall with options for nine week "Rotating" enrichment courses for high achieving students, and six college credit plus offerings through Sinclair Community College and Edison Community College. The Blended Learning Academy will remain an on campus offering. Consistent daily scheduling will eliminate the red/blue day schedule and

the 90 minute block schedule. The eight period day schedule will reduce student absences by creating a schedule of consistency on a daily basis.

Mr. Morris is creating a junior high core staff (Mathematics, Language Arts, Science and Social Studies) to establish a group of four teachers who teach primarily 7th and 8th grade students for 75% of their schedule. This effort in collaboration with our Guidance Department and Elementary Administrative team will create new opportunities for our students and staff. The Elementary Tutor program will be replaced by a new "Peer Tutoring" program designed for juniors and seniors. This program would allow students in grades K-8 to receive special tutoring services from peers during their study hall or class time.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent stated in the upcoming Patriot Pulse he will be highlighting the energy savings project with Energy Optimizers. Mr. Jeff Vaughn submitted the Community Connectors Grant on behalf of the participating districts.

Mr. Sagester distributed Miami Valley CTC's board minutes.

Mr. Sagester and Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer will meet with our Neola Representative in the next few weeks to discuss current and new board policies. On March 24th, Mrs. Black, Guidance Counselor along with representatives from Sinclair and Edison held a College Credit Plus meeting.

This year 15 students competed in the Believe in Ohio STEM Competition. Eight of the projects received a superior rating and will move forward to the regional competition for the possibility of moving to the state competition. Students receiving a superior rating are: Mason McCabe, Trent Laux, Gage Berghoff, Paige Sloan, Casey Puckett, Tyler VanWinkle, Keenan Fraylick, Shelby Holzapple and Kaylor Pearson. The top three scores received a \$500.00 cash prize. Scoring in the top three are Trent Laux, team of Casey Puckett and Tyler VanWinkle and Keenan Fraylick. Congratulations to all the participants.

The district had great representation at the County Science Fair. Katelyn Hanes and Megan Smith received a superior rating, tip score medal, \$50.00 Amazon gift card and \$50.00 WalMart gift card for 3rd place overall. Lucie Morris received an excellent rating and won \$50.00. of County science fair - very good representation from TV

The Darke County Board of DD and Special Olympics partnered to celebrate the Special Olympics Basketball teams success as well to celebrate March being Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month in Ohio. Mr. Sagester was invited back to participate in a game and play with the players. "I'm looking forward to lacing up the shoes again and feel honored to be a part of such a great idea for the second year in a row" stated Mr. Sagester.

Other items of interest:

PERSONNEL

- A. Issued a two year (2015-2016, 2016-2017) contract to Noah Welbaum, IT Coordinator, as recommended by the Superintendent. This employee is excluded from the negotiated agreement.
- B. Issued a two year (2015-2016, 2016-2017) contract to Jodi Fritz, School Nurse, as recommended by the Superintendent. This employee is excluded from the negotiated agreement.
- C. Issued a two year (2015-2016, 2016-2017) limited certified contract to Matthew Harman, Middle Childhood 4-9 Mathematics/Reading/Social Studies Teacher.
- D. Issued a two year (2015-2016, 2016-2017) limited certified contract to Wanda Roberts, Early Childhood (P-3), Early Childhood Generalist (4-5) Teacher.
- E. Issued a five year (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020) limited certified contract to Heather Richards, Elementary (1 - 8) Teacher.
- F. Issued a five year (2015-2016, 2016-2017, 2017-2018, 2018-2019, 2019-2020) limited certified contract to Kara Graham, Early Childhood (P - 3) Teacher.

- G. 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.
- H. Issued a partial year (2014-2015) limited classified part time contract to Suzannah Haag, part-time secretary, effective March 16, 2015. This position is exempt for the Negotiated Agreement and is not eligible for benefits.
- I. Approved Suzannah Haag as a classified substitute for the 2014-2015 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accepted the following donations to the Capital Projects Fund to benefit the Outdoor Athletic Complex, as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - 1. \$5,799.50 from Adam Hollinger Farms.
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 - 3. \$1,000 from Tri-Village Youth Football.
 - 4. \$525 New Madison Community Center.
 - 5. \$1,000 from Brandenburg Family Farms
 - 6. \$100 from Ralph Ruse
 - 7. \$500.00 from James & Karen Chronister
 - 8. \$100.00 from Patricia Anderson
- B. Accepted the following donations as recommended by the Superintendent.
 - 1. \$135.29 from Kroger to PATS Fund to benefit the Backpack Program.
 - 2. \$30.00 from Jane Combs to the HS Band Fund.
 - 3. \$50.00 from Charles and Leona Mohrmeyer to the HS Boys Basketball Team Fund.
- C. Authorized a GASB 34 conversion and compilation contract based upon the modified cash basis of accounting with Carol Riggle, CPA for FY 2015, fee not to exceed \$1,375.00, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- D. Rescinded board motion 15-86 Chicago Class Trip, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- E. Accepted the following donation to the Capital Improvement Fund to enhance and add to the Athletic Program scoreboards, as recommended by the Superintendent
 - 1. \$2,000 from Reid Hospital Health Care Services
- F. Approved the revised 2015-2016 school calendar, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- G. Approved an overnight field trip for select FFA members to attend the State FFA Convention in Columbus, OH from April 30, 2015 - May 1, 2015 under the direction of Brian Pohlman, as recommended by the Superintendent.

Next Board meeting is scheduled for April 20, 2015 at 6:00 pm in the board office.