



Tri-Village Local Schools
School of Excellence
Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday, November 17, 2014 at 6:00 in the board office.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal and Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent attended the Real Success Luncheon in Greenville honoring students who receive special education services who scored "Advanced" or "Accelerated" on the state-mandated tests for the 2013-2014 school year. "This is a nice program to honor our students", stated Mr. Morris.

Mr. Morris reported that 46 students were on the Principal's Roll (all A's), 83 on the Honor Roll (3.5-3.99 GPA), 91 on the Merit Roll (3.0-3.49 GPA). Sixty-two percent of our students received accolades this quarter.

Staff received a professional development opportunity on November 5th via Joe VanVickle, Assistant to the Darke County Coroner. Mr. VanVickle shared some information regarding drug usage in Darke County.

The JH/HS semester exam window will be from Monday, December 15 to Thursday, January 15. This will allow staff and students to create flexibility in the scheduling, administration and evaluation of exams.

The Spelling Bee for grades 3-8 was held on November 20, 2014. Grades 3-6 will take place at 9:00 am and grades 7-8 will be held at 1:00 p.m.

Mr. Morris was excited to share the JH/HS band and choir having educational opportunities outside the classroom. The JH Choir traveled to Memorial Hall where they worked for the day on performance pieces with other Darke county school choirs for a performance that evening. High school students will be taking a trip to the Schuster Center for a live performance of "The Magic Flute". Mr. Morris thanked Mrs. Brinkman and Mrs. Price for organizing these events.

Mr. Morris will meet with Mr. Jarrod Brumbaugh, Principal at Northmont Middle School to discuss the block, modified block scheduling and options outside of block scheduling. Mr. Brumbaugh is investigating scheduling opportunities for the upcoming school year for his district.

Mr. Morris and the district is eagerly anticipating the upcoming winter sports season. We are excited to share the concession stand, scoreboard and hallway projects to the community. Mr. Morris publically thanked Mr. Dusty Reier for his amazing art work in hallway entrance of the high school gymnasium. The concession stand project has added a 55" television to display all the menu's for the evening and this will also create an advertising opportunity. Parents, students, businesses and the community will have the opportunity to advertise during the home games. More information will be disseminated regarding this opportunity.

Mrs. Annette Black, Guidance Counselor with the assistance of Mr. Jeff Judy, Miss Rebecca Steck and Mrs. Katy Pleiman have taken groups for career planning to MVCTC in the last month.

Indiana University East has invited representatives from TV to attend their Scholarship Breakfast, Mr. Morris is anticipating to bring back scholarship opportunities for our students.

Veterans Day was again a huge success. We honored approximately 35 Veterans by serving breakfast, along with a short program honoring their heroism. Thanks to the following staff and student organizations for assisting: Kindergarten students, FFA Officers, Mrs. Price and HS Choir, Mrs. Brinkman and the HS Band, Chris Pearson, 7th grade students, and Mrs. Sheryll Hedger and Kitchen Staff.

Mr. Morris reported on parent teacher conferences. We had multiple guests in the building. Mr. Morris appreciates the teachers hard work and dedication during conference time. He was also pleased to report that our teachers are putting forth the extra effort. Over 200 telephone calls were placed to parents during the first nine weeks.

The annual adopt-a-family campaign is underway. This event is being spearheaded by junior high and high school student council members.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent reported on the Ohio School Board Association (OSBA) Conference he along with Mr. Tom Schlechty and Mrs. Amy Farmer, School Board Members attended. He gave a brief synopsis of the sessions he attended.

Mr. Sagester publically thanked Mr. Morris, Mr. Mead, Mr. Judy, Mrs. Harris, Kindergarten students, Band & Choir, FFA, and Miss Steck's 7th grade class for their involvement with the veterans. Thank you to Mrs. Stump and the student council for spearheading red ribbon week along with Mr. Clark and Mr. Randall who were on campus to present drug education to our students.

Invitations have been sent out to all famers who nominated us for the American Farmers Grow Rural Education Grant to join us for the December 6th check presentation by Monsanto at the half time of the JV game around 6:30.

In addition we will recognize our outstanding scoreboard sponsors on November 28th at the half time of the TV game around 8:00 p.m. of the Bill Burkett Tournament.

Mr. Sagester distributed the MVCTC board meeting minutes.

Mr. Sagester briefly discussed House Bill 597 update on the common core repeal.

Value Added (VA) Teacher Level Reports were released last week. Teachers who teach reading and/or math receive VA reports. Over the next few years due to a grant Tri-Village received through Battelle For Kids, teachers in grades 1-3 will receive VA reports based on their MAP data for the first time this year. Based on the data, each teacher will be given a composite score which will be the growth measure used in this year's evaluation cycle.

Third grade reading guarantee, students who test below a 394 will taking it again if their score is above the 394 they will take the PARCC assessment. The students only have one chance to meet the indicator.

Mr. Jerry Hollinger and Mr. Sagester agreed to sell a bus of our fleet to Med Mark out of Indiana. It was a 1999 bus with approximately 200,000 miles on it. The bus was stripped of some parts before it was sold. Mr. Hollinger does a great job with our fleet and the fleet continue to be in great shape.

Energy Optimizers was on campus on November 19th to do a comprehensive facility and energy audit. This audit will be provided at no cost to the district. We will learn extensive details about our facility once this audit is complete. They will present areas of concern or problem areas that could arise in the near future. Mr. Sagester will provide more information as it arises.

The class of 1964 tree is in and has been planted and the plaque is in the ground.

Mr. Sagester commended Mrs. Geneva Price and Mrs. Emily Brinkman on doing a great job organizing the Dinner Theater. It is amazing how much talent we have here on campus. Mr. Sagester appreciated all the volunteers who helped make this a huge success.

The patriot head on the outside north wall fell off due to a heavy wind gust. Since it is down, it is going to be repainted. Marlin Reier will be freshening the colors and it will be hung once it is completed.

The boys baseball team will be playing at Fifth Third Field on April 20th at 4:30 versus Northridge. We will be receiving 250 tickets to sell for a Dayton Dragons game that will be held on Wednesday, May 27th beginning at 7:00. Tickets cost \$11.00 and the

athletic department will receive \$3.00 for each ticket we sell. Admission to our game at Fifth Third Field is free. This is a great opportunity for our baseball team.

Athletes in Action, coaches from 25 different countries was on campus November 18th, to watch the boys and girls basketball practices.

On November 29th, Mr. Sagester will be taking the high school boys basketball team to Knightstown, Indiana to practice at the gym where the movie "Hoosiers" was filmed. We will practice for two hours on the court. Family and community members will be invited to join them on their trip

Other items of interest:

PERSONNEL

- A. Approved the resignation of Steve Brewer 8th grade boys basketball coach, effective, October 27, 2014.
- B. Issued a one year supplemental contract to Mark Wheeler, 8th grade boys basketball coach.
- C. Issued a temporary Title I Coach position to Staci Singer while Michelle Groff is on maternity leave.
- D. Approved the following Title I Coaches to provide after school intervention services at a rate of \$9.60 / hour (Michelle Groff, Sarah Loxley, Stephanie Rowland, Josselyn Tobias).
- E. Accepted with thanks the resignation of James Stacy, Health Education (7-12) and PE (K-12) Teacher, for the purpose of retirement, effective May 29, 2015.
- F. Employed Holy Beam, as a classified substitute (WPP) for the 2014-2015 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accepted the following donations.
- B. Accepted the donation to the Capital Improvement Fund to benefit the Concession Stand upgrade.
- C. Recommended approval to participate in the "Believe in Ohio Entrepreneurship" Grant program hosted by the Ohio Board of Regents and the Ohio Academy of Science to help develop young entrepreneurs in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.
- D. Approved the revised board policies.
- E. Approved the following replacement board policy 8550.
- F. Approved the new board policies 5336, 8325 and 8550.
- G. Adopted a memorandum of understanding between Tri-Village Local School District and the Darke County Department of Health regarding Emergency Preparedness Agreement.