

Tri-Village Local Schools Board Meeting Minutes

August 26, 2013

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent started off the meeting stated that the open house had a great turn out and was again a huge success.

Mr. Sagester, Superintendent, reported that he performed the new employee orientation Thursday, August 22nd. The District filled several positions this year: Gifted teacher, 3rd grade teacher, 7-12 Science teacher, part-time English teacher, full time English teacher, Vocal Music Teacher, Instrumental Music Teacher, two Intervention Specialist, 7-12 Principal, K-6 Principal, five Title I Coaches.

The new teacher orientation went very well. Mr. Sagester publically thanked Mr. Jerry Hollinger for giving new employees a ride around the district to show the areas of where our students come from.

Mr. Sagester thanked Chris Pearson and the summer maintenance cleaning for getting the facilities in order for the start of the school year. He went on to thank the administration Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal and Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal for their eagerness to hit the ground running.

Mr. Sagester, Mr. Morris and Mr. Pearson attended the School Safety & Emergency Management Planning Conference on August 26th. The meeting was very informative and it is evident that we are doing many things correct according to the Ohio Safety Task Force regarding the safety of our school. Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine was the featured speaker.

The Elementary student numbers are as follows: K – 60, First – 55, Second – 48, Third – 73, Fourth – 75, Fifth – 58, and Sixth – 56. Currently we have 90 students attending TV via open enrollment and 44 students leaving the district to attend elsewhere.

Mr. Sagester created a District Twitter Account; if you're interested in following Mr. Sagester and the Tri-Village Local Schools, please visit our schools home page. We officially changed our district newsletter to the Patriot Pulse. Please watch out for our first edition in September.

There will be an annual public meeting regarding special education funding to discuss the use of the Federal Special Education IDEA Part B funds and Title I funds at 6:45 in the board office on Monday, September 23rd prior to the regularly scheduled board meeting.

Mr. Sagester passed around the District's new report card and explained the new letter grades the district received. There are several new components being measured and a different rating system being used. For the 2012-2013 school year, that state graded schools in nine categories and sub-categories, but did not release an overall grade. The overall grade will be released in 2015 when the new system is totally phased in. We received the ACT composite scores. Thirty-four students were tested in our district, and the district composite score was 22 which is above the 21.8 state average composite score.

Media Center – Mr. Sagester updated the board on the final touches of getting the facility ready for the start of the school year. The computer lab is finished and it will pay dividends here in the future. With the new lab the district will be able to assess faster and receive more classroom instruction.

The sensory room is complete, Mr. Sagester publically thanked Mr. Pearson for his hard work, and the room is a nice addition to the campus.

Back Pack Program: The first batch of food will be delivered to the Methodist Church on Wednesday, October 16th. There will be several organizations to help pack the bags each week. A big thank you goes to Mrs. Stephanie Benedict, Back Pack Program Volunteer. Other schools participating in this program are: Greenville, Ansonia, and Versailles.

Mr. Sagester commended Ms. Emily Venneman, Band Director and her band members for their performance at the Darke County Fair Band Show.

A brief updated on our fall sports teams was given.

Other board items:

PERSONNEL

- A. Employed the following as classified substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year.
- B. Employed the following as certified substitutes for the 2013-2014 school year.
- C. Employed Cliff Pearson, Substitute Classified for Facilities Operations Supervisor, at a rate of \$13.75 per hour, for the 2013-2014 school year.
- D. Approved the employment of substitute teachers for the 2013-2014 school year, as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
- E. Employed Nancy Jay, to provide crossing guard services for the 2013-2014 school year.
- F. Issued a one year (2013-2014) limited supplemental contract to Julian Grasso, Yearbook Advisor.
- G. Issued a one year (2013-2014) contract to Melanie Register, Title 1 Coach, retroactive to August 14, 2013. This position is excluded from the negotiated agreement.
- H. Issued a one year (2013-2014) contract to Wanda Roberts, Title 1 Coach, retroactive to August 14, 2013. This position is excluded from the negotiated agreement.
- I. Approved Joanie Hollinger's Wee Patriot Preschool annual salary at \$31,000 for the 2013-2014 school year.
- J. Hired Dottie Denniston as Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$10.75/hour for the 2013-2014 school year.
- K. Hired Stephanie McConachie, as Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$8.50/hour for the 2013-2014 school year.
- L. Hired Kasey Frech, as a Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$8.50/hour for the 2013-2014 school year.
- M. Hired Christy Sarver, as a Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$9.50/hour for the 2013-2014 school year.
- N. Issued a one year (2013-2014) limited certified contract to Brenda Miller, 7-12 Language Arts Teacher, placed on the salary schedule at the Bachelor 0 year experience salary step, effective September 3, 2013.
- O. Entered into a one year 2013-2014 agreement with Tim Blair for the Commodity Assistant position.
- P. Recognized Kathryn Pleiman as having obtained additional hours to place her on the Masters +15 step per the negotiated agreement.
- Q. Accepted the resignation of Rebecca Everhart, Food Services, effective May 31, 2013 for the purpose of retirement.
- R. Approved to issue a part-time classified contract to Deveda Sue Richards, Custodian, for the 2013-2014 school year. This employee is excluded from the negotiated agreement.
- S. Accepted Kelly Green's resignation effective August 14, 2013.
- T. Approved Dale Ary, Safety Coordinator at a rate of \$12.50/hour for the 2013-2014 school year. This position is outside the negotiated agreement.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approved fiscal year 2014 appropriations, as presented by the Treasurer.
- B. Agreed to pay Peggy Barge, parent of Dalton Barge \$200.00 per month to transport Dalton to Mississinawa Valley Local Schools for the 2013-2014 school year.
- C. Approved a transfer of \$15,000 from the General Fund to the Cafeteria Fund.
- D. Approved the 2013-2014 Athletic Handbook.
- E. Approved the 2013-2014 safety plan.