



## Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on August 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech, Tom Schlechty, and Justin Spencer. Administrators Josh Sagester, Kim Chowning, Shane Mead, and Lee Morris were present along with Heather Brown, a community member.

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on July 17, 2023.

**Elementary Principal's Report:** Mr. Mead shared the names and positions of his new staff members which include Anya Bauman (6<sup>th</sup> grade science and social studies), Tara Ford (3<sup>rd</sup> grade math), and Mallory Weaver (elementary art). Darke County ESC teachers will be on site this year working with elementary MD and SBU students. These individuals include Brandon Fisher (SBU), Samantha Bialowas (MD), and Jessie Smith (MD). There are 416 students currently enrolled in elementary school, grades K – 6 and 63 enrolled for preschool. Mr. Mead shared his building goals (achievement, growth, and special education) for the 2023-2024 school year. He also would like to organize an after-school intervention this year as in the past with the help of Title Coaches. Mead will begin OTES evaluations as soon as possible as he has quite the caseload. The elementary teachers will continue to use daily informal assessments and fall MAP testing will take place within the first two weeks of school. There will be two open houses: one on August 16 from 5:30 to 6:30 for grades K-2 and one on August 28 for grades 3-12. Watch Dog signups will take place in September. Mr. Mead concluded his report by stating that staff have been working in their classrooms since the beginning of August. He said the staff are very appreciative of the new flooring in the first-floor classrooms.

**High School Principal's Report:** New hires Taylor Rawlings (JH/HS math/varsity volleyball coach) and Melissa Davies (JH/HS secretary) join grades 7-12 staff this year. Professional development and team building days are scheduled for August 15 and 16. Mr. Morris has set his building goals for the 2023-2024 school year. The district is working diligently to purchase instructional materials and curriculum for staff and students. Morris shared that Mr. Honeycutt (business teacher) is working on his dissertation study at the University of Dayton. Honeycutt's study is on "The Implementation of Technology in Rural School Districts." Key Club and New Madison Kiwanis were recognized for meeting community needs by providing services beyond school services. Mr. Morris stated that he received a very nice email from the PATS organization providing an organizational update. PATS will be sponsoring an event called "Starting the School Year in Style" on August 28 from 4:30 to 7:30 as part of the grades 3-12 open house. Free haircuts, hygiene items, and school supplies will be given to students who attend the event. Food trucks will be set up during the event as well. Morris concluded his report with a listing of upcoming events including golf, volleyball, and football schedules amidst other important dates.

**Superintendent's Report:** Mr. Sagester began his report by sharing student enrollment numbers by grade. Also, he shared a history of open enrolled students from 2016 (113 students) to 2023 (200 students). The district continues to see a strong enrollment of students via open enrollment. A report of completed projects was shared including the outside football pavilion and storage unit, the renovated SBU/MD building which will be known as the "South Building," staff lounge, elementary first flooring project, junior high gym bleacher installation, football field clock repaired, the sealing of the south parking lot is in process, and football fieldhouse doors have been painted. Outstanding projects include cabinetry and desk delivery in the clinic, backstops for the baseball and softball complex (will begin on August 28), installing of brick for the Patriot Activity Center dumpster area to begin in the next few weeks, and a preschool basketball hoop needs repaired as well as a North parking lot light. The athletic department will hand out free student admission passes to all home extracurricular events. Mr. Sagester reiterated the open house dates and various orientation schedules that he shared in the July meeting. District data and instructional goals were shared for the 2023-2024 school year. Superintendent Sagester recommended the hiring of Melissa Davies for the junior high/high school secretary position and Don Smith as a second shift custodian. Darke County Educational Service Center teachers working on site for the 23-24 school year are as follows: Jessie Smith (upper elementary multiple disabilities), Samantha Bialowas (junior high multiple disabilities), and Brandon Fisher (elementary severe behavior unit). ESC aides for these units include Tami Scantland, Terra Denniston, Cami Clum, and Kaley Preston. The district will also welcome Brittani Wehr and Jamee Blankenship as part-time food service employees and Tina Huffman, Family Health Nurse Practitioner. WOAC superintendents interviewed three quality

candidates for the commissioner position. The committee has recommended Frank Carr to fill the spot. Mr. Carr has a long athletic history as a collegiate player, coach, and athletic director at Earlham College and most recently at National Trail High School. Extracurricular participant numbers were shared for each of the fall sports (varsity football – 35, junior high football - 25, high school volleyball - 23, 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball – 8, 7<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball – 9, boys’ golf – 6, girls’ golf - 6, and cross country – 8.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION** - The Board of Education entered executive session pursuant to ORC Section 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official and Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22(G)(4) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Time in 7:00 and time out 7:47.

The Board of Education members voted on the following motions:

**PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Recommendation to approve the monthly employment of substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
2. Recommendation to employ Justina Martin, Brittney Crumley, Heather Fornshil, and Lorrie Loudy as school nurse substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Recommendation to employ the following as classified substitutes for the 2023-2024 school year. (All Aide substitutes must have an active Educational Aide Student Monitor Permit issued from the Ohio Department of Education.)

Hannah Markley
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Dawn Poling
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4. Recommendation to issue a one year (2023-2024) limited supplemental contract to the following individuals:
  - Freshman Class Advisor – Kara Burns
  - IAT (Intervention Assistance Team) Chair – Kathryn Pleiman
5. Recommendation for Heather Brown to provide crossing guard services for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Recommendation to issue a one year (2023-2024) limited classified contract to Melissa Davies, High School Secretary.
7. Recommendation to issue a one year (2023-2024) limited classified contract to Donald Smith, Custodial.
8. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Lauren Flory, effective immediately.
9. Recommendation to issue a one year (2023-2024) limited supplemental contract to the following individual, pending the issuance of a valid Ohio coaching certification/license, and all other requirements as set forth by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio High School Athletic Association.

Volunteer Junior High School Football Coach
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Noah Burns
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10. Recommendation to issue a one year (2023-2024) limited part-time contract to Greg Pearson, Maintenance and Grounds. This position is excluded from the Negotiated Agreement.
11. Recommendation to issue a one year (2023-2024) limited part-time contract to John Miller, Patriot Activity Center Caretaker. This position is excluded from the Negotiated Agreement.
12. Recommendation to hire Jewell Towery as lunchroom supervisor for the 2023-2024 school year.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Recommendation to approve the financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
- B. Recommendation to pay a parent \$80.00 per month for transportation fees, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- C. Recommendation to pay a parent \$300.00 per month for transportation fees, for the 2023-2024 school year.
- D. Recommendation to approve the junior high / high school fees as submitted and the elementary school fees at a rate of \$70.00 per student for the 2023-2024 school year.
- E. Recommendation to approve a contract with Maxim Healthcare Staffing to provide student nursing services at the following hourly rates: LPN - \$42/hr. and RN - \$42/hr.
- F. Recommendation to approve a change order/contract to Level MB for the construction of a Press Box and Concession Building Project (the "Project") at the baseball/softball fields not to exceed \$255,000.
  1. The Superintendent requests authority to approve and execute any Modifications required to complete the Project.

2. The Superintendent requests this authority to be able to conduct business related to the Project, as required between Board meetings.
3. The Treasurer is authorized to issue purchase orders and sign any related documents required to finalize any Modifications approved and executed under the authority delegated in this motion.
4. The Superintendent is authorized by the Board to make related decisions, as required, between Board meetings.
5. The Superintendent will bring to the Board for review all Modifications approved and executed under the authority provided by this motion at the Board meeting immediately following the approval and execution of any such Modification.

**G. Recommendation to approve a change order/contract to Level MB for the construction of restrooms and lockers rooms at the baseball/softball fields not to exceed \$650,000.**

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**H. The Treasurer recommends a \$905,000 subsequent transfer to USAS 070 (the "Capital Projects Fund"), special cost center 9219 (PAC), from the General Fund (USAS 001) for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets.**

**I. Recommendation to approve payments to ticket takers of \$35.00 per athletic event.**

**J. Recommendation to accept the following donations:**

<b><u>Donor</u></b>	<b><u>Account</u></b>	<b><u>Amount</u></b>	<b><u>Purpose</u></b>
Darke County Fish and Game	Archery Club	375.00	
Josh and Traci Sagester	Athletics	150.00	
Bell Family Grain Farms	Athletics/Capital Improvement	1,500.00	
Garmann Miller & Associates	Athletics/Capital Improvement	750.00	
Hollinger Excavating	Athletics/Capital Improvement	1,500.00	
Indiana University East	Athletics/Capital Improvement	1,500.00	
Shane Bietry State Farm	Athletics/Capital Improvement	1,700.00	
Teafords Dairy Store	Athletics/Capital Improvement	750.00	
Flaig Lumber Company	Baseball	100.00	
War Horse	Baseball	100.00	
JAFE Decorating Inc.	PATS	200.00	

**K. Recommendation to issue free student sports passes to Tri-Village students for the 2023-2024 school year.**

**NEW BUSINESS**

1. Recommendation to enter into a transportation agreement with Spirit Medical Transport, L.L.C. from August 28, 2023, through June 10, 2024.
2. Recommendation declaring it to be impractical to transport students to Decolores Montessori School for the school year 2023-2024. In lieu of providing transportation to these students, the Board will pay the parents or guardians of said students an amount to be calculated by the Ohio Department of Education in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 3327.01.

Mr. Schlechty adjourned the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

