



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, August 12, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech, Tom Schlechty, and Justin Spencer.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on July 22, 2024, were approved.

Elementary Principal's Report: New teacher and staff orientation took place the morning of August 12. Mr. Mead did a walk through the building with the Darke County Educational Service Center SBU teachers and aides afterwards. There are several new faces in this area. Emily Kappel from Kappel Consulting will provide professional development to math teachers in grades Kindergarten through eighth grade on August 13. The ELA staff also have a meeting with HMH Curriculum to review Science of Reading materials on the 13th. There will be a virtual meeting on September 18 with McGraw Hill to review their curriculum as well. Mr. Mead would like to continue utilizing Kappel Consulting services and has a meeting on August 14 to apply for a grant to offset Kappel's costs. Mead also spoke highly of guest speaker, Jon Petz, who will be speaking to the staff on August 14 as he shares his expertise on the "Significance in Simple Moments." Mr. Mead concluded his report by sharing additional topics to be reviewed during staff professional days on August 12, 13, and 26.

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Morris shared his welcome back letter and distributed grade level-based data analysis reports with the BOE members. He compared 2013-2014 and 2023-2024 county curriculum placements. In 2023-2024, all the JH/HS indicators were either first or second in the county. Morris spoke on the idea of "stealing inches." For the 2023-2024 school year, the JH/HS average rank for the tested subjects in grades 7-12 was 2.5 out of 8 Darke County school districts. He said while an average that high does not lend itself to much room for improvement, the JH/HS managed to steal a few inches and improved their average from a 2.5 ranking to a 1.63 ranking of overall scores. Morris questioned how the district can keep moving in favor of our students and our school and his solution was to come up with "more." "We cannot all do everything, but we can all do more. We can answer one more question. We can attend one more event. We can stay fifteen more minutes. We can never do it all. We can do more. Maybe, we can steal another inch or two..." Morris concluded his report stating that "inspiration is a competitive advantage."

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Sagester provided an update on outstanding projects which include the erection of a track pole barn and building branding. The track will be opened to the community beginning this week, dawn to dusk. Total PK to 12th grade student enrollment as of August 12 is 866 of which 223 students are open enrolled into the district. New teacher and staff orientation was held on August 12. Official introductions took place and Sagester shared organizational items, district expectations, classroom management, school climate, educational nuggets, and traits of an effective educator. On August 13, Mr. Sagester will share his annual superintendent convocation speech, John Lay will provide a technology update, Kim Chowning will speak on fraud training as required by Ohio Auditor Keith Faber, and there will be various curriculum and department meetings afterwards. August 14 professional development will include guest speaker, Jon Petz, data analysis afterwards, and team building at Downing's Pond in the afternoon. All staff members will receive a book written by Petz, "Significance in Simple Moments." Sagester stated that the 2023-2024 school year was a banner year academically. Each staff member will be rewarded with a gold medal. Engraved are the words passion, purpose, and excellence on one side and "think gold, never settle for silver" on the other side. The district will be offering a free photography session in October at Downing's Pond to all staff and their family as a token of appreciation as well. Data and instructional goals for the 2024-2025 school year were shared as well as upcoming extracurricular events. Mr. Sagester highlighted Regan Brewer. As a girl's golf participant, he stated that she is off to a blistering start. She has broken three school records in a seven-day period. Congratulations to Regan! There are 42 varsity football participants, 21 junior high football players, 21 high school volleyball participants, 11 players for both 7th and 8th grade volleyball teams, 9 participants for boy's golf and 5 for girl's golf, 8 runners for junior high girls cross country and 2 for boys, 2 runners for high school girl cross county and 8 for boys. High school cheerleading has sixteen girls cheering and the junior high team has nine.

The following motions were voted upon by the Board of Education members:

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve the monthly employment of substitute teachers for the 2024-2025 school year as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
2. Recommendation to issue a one year (2024-2025) limited supplemental contract to the following individuals:
 - a. Freshman Class Advisor – Kara Burns
 - b. Sophomore Class Advisor – Alexis Murray
 - c. Concessions Stand Coordinator – Derek Bialowas
3. Recommendation to issue a one year (2024-2025) limited supplemental contract to the following individuals, 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 Cheerleading Coach	Danielle Bourne
Volunteer Junior High Volleyball Coach	Jimmy Foreman

4. Recommendation for Heather Brown to provide crossing guard services for the 2024-2025 school year.
5. Recommendation to approve Pat McBride, JH/HS Classroom Proctor, for the 2024-2025 school year. This position is excluded from the Negotiated Agreement.
6. Recommendation to approve Pat McBride classified substitute (school bus driver) for the 2024-2025 school year.
7. Recommendation to issue a one year (2024-2025) limited part-time contract to Greg Pearson, Maintenance and Grounds. This position is excluded from the Negotiated Agreement.
8. Recommendation to hire Jewell Towery as lunchroom supervisor for the 2024-2025 school year.
9. Recommendation to hire Karsi Sprowl as a substitute Intervention Specialist beginning August 13, 2024, at a rate of \$95.00 per day.
10. Recommendation to hire Shane Mead, Title 1 Coordinator in the amount of \$3500 for the 2024-2025 school year.
11. Recommendation to hire Joyce Ayette as a Wee Patriot Preschool Aide at an hourly rate of \$14.00 per hour for the 2024-2025 school year.
12. Recommendation to employ Lynsie Stocker as a full-time substitute bus driver as needed. This position is included in the OAPSE negotiated agreement and she will be placed on Step 1 for the 2024-2025 school year.
13. Recommendation to employ the following as classified substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year. (All Aide substitutes must have an active Educational Aide Student Monitor permit issued from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW)).

Tara Brown	Joyce Ayette	Macy Howell
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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve the financial reports.
2. Recommendation to pay Ted & Melanie Miller \$80.00 per month for transportation fees, for the 2024-2025 school year.
3. Recommendation declaring it to be impractical to transport Caleb Miller to Decolores Montessori School for school year 2024-2025, 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.
4. Recommendation to approve the JH/HS Classroom Proctor rate at \$110.00 a day, for the 2024-2025 school year. This position is excluded from the Negotiated Agreement.
5. Recommendation to adopt the classified hourly substitute rates, effective for FY2025 and thereafter.
6. Recommendation to approve payments to ticket takers of \$35.00 per athletic event.
7. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
UAW Local 2413	Archery	\$ 500.00	
Kevin Flory Landscaping	Athletics	\$ 200.00	
Brian D Anderson	HS Cheer	\$ 250.00	Footballs

Chelsi Edger	HS Cheer	\$ 50.00	Spirit Sponsor
Coby Cattle Farm	HS Cheer	\$ 50.00	Spirit Sponsor
Donald and Marilee Beisner	HS Cheer	\$ 50.00	Spirit Sponsor
Equipment Insulation Inc.	HS Cheer	\$ 50.00	Spirit Sponsor
Eric and Natasha Denlinger	HS Cheer	\$ 50.00	Spirit Sponsor
Jami Keen	HS Cheer	\$ 50.00	Spirit Sponsor
Mogle Builds LLC	HS Cheer	\$ 50.00	Spirit Sponsor
Nicki Cook	HS Cheer	\$ 50.00	Spirit Sponsor
Castine Church	PATS	\$ 470.50	Backpack Program

8. Recommendation to approve a \$100 change fund for the High School and Elementary Offices.
9. Recommendation to approve crossing guard rate at \$25.00 an hour effective FY 2025 and thereafter.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation to approve a one-year (2024-2025) contract with the Darke County Sheriff's Department to provide a Resource Officer daily during the school year.
2. Recommendation to enter into a transportation agreement with Spirit Medical Transport, LLC. from August 27, 2024, through May 30, 2025.
3. Recommendation to participate and authorize the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to advertise and receive bids on said Boards' behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of one school bus.

EXECUTIVE SESSION –

1. The Board of Education entered executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Time in 7:03 and time out 7:10.

Mr. Schlechty adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.