Tri-Village Local School District
Board of Education Meeting Proceedings

Date: August 17, 2026
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Tri-Village Board of Education Conference Room

Board Members Present
Lauren Armstrong, Tim Bevins, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech, and Justin Spencer.

Approval of Minutes
The minutes of the regular meeting held on July 27, 2026, were approved by the Board.

High School Principal Report
New staff in the high school building this year are Malynda Davis (7-12 Science), Ben Garrett (7-12 Math), Alison Klingler (7-12 Proctor), and Beau Shepherd (7-12 Science). Mr. Morris shared information about the professional development days scheduled for August 18, 19, and 31, while also celebrating and rewarding staff for their hard work. Over the summer, classroom materials, chairs, and desks have been ordered to assist in another successful year.

Mr. Morris shared that within his teaching staff that seven staff members hold a bachelor's degree, twenty hold a master's degree, and one holds a Doctorate degree with an average experience of 13.8 years.

The administrative team will be supporting the New Madison Kiwanis program by working in their food trailer at the Darke County Fairgrounds on August 24. The PATS organization is supporting the community by offering again another "Start the year in Style" with free haircuts, hygiene items, and school supplies. Open house for the upcoming school year is scheduled for Monday, August 31 from 5:30 to 6:30.

Superintendent's Report
Mr. Sagester invited board members to join in on the upcoming staff professional development days. He shared that a few large outstanding projects need to be completed yet (JH/HS hallway graphics/graduation composites, technology department AC, and replacement of turf at the preschool playground).

Preliminary Student Enrollment Numbers including Open Enrollment as of 8-12-26 are as follows:

- PreK- 42 (OE-TBD)
- K- 62 (OE - 21)
- 1 - 57 (OE - 13)
- 2- 56 (OE - 25)
- 3- 62 (OE - 14)
- 4- 53 (OE - 10)
- 5- 67 (OE - 13)
- 6- 67 (OE - 12)
- 7- 59 (OE - 16)
- 8- 57 (OE - 19)
- 9- 76 (OE - 25)
- 10- 68 (OE - 17)
- 11- 63 (OE - 20)
- 12- 67 (OE - 16)
- Total Enrollment- 856.

Mr. Sagester shared a history of student open enrollment numbers:

- 2026 - 221 (preliminary number)
- 2025 - 217
- 2024 - 223
- 2023 - 200
- 2022 - 200
- 2021 - 193
- 2020 - 175
- 2019 - 164
- 2018 - 183
- 2027 - 141
- 2016 - 113.

The annual district safety meeting took place on August 14.

Mr. Sagester shared that Senate Bill 19 passed which overhauls math instruction and mathematics acceleration.

New staff orientation took place on August 17. Mr. Sagester has made it a tradition that all new hires meet with his team leaders on the Monday before the first workday. Certificated new hires include Malynda Davis, Ben Garrett, Alison Klingler, Georgia Lange (gifted), and Beau Shepherd. Classified new hires include Courney Banis (Food Service), Briana Meyer (Food Service), and Lisa Spahr (Paraprofessional).

The food service department is very thankful for two donations that have been received to offset outstanding student lunch debt. The Cops for Kids program donated $1,100 and Keystone Cooperative (Propane with a Purpose) Grant donated $2,140.

SRO Dan Stockslager will continue the Dare Program this year at Tri-Village in grades 5 and 7. This program is funded by the Darke County Sheriff's office.

Shane Coby, Transportation Supervisor, submitted a detailed document listing all work completed in the transportation department this summer. Mr. Sagester is very proud of the work that Mr. Coby does on behalf of the district to keep the bus fleet in mint condition! Additionally, Mr. Coby, Mr. Mead, Mr. Morris and Mr. Sagester have been working diligently on special education transportation plans for SBU, MD, and Gateway students to limit usage of outside transportation. This is a substantial savings to the district.

Mr. Sagester concluded his report with an extracurricular update. Participating numbers in the following sports are Varsity football (36), Junior High Football (21), High School Volleyball (18), Junior High Volleyball (7^{th} – $11/8^{th}$ – 9), Boys Golf (11), Girls Golf (10), Junior High Boys Cross Country (5), High School Girls (6) and Boys Cross Country (6), High School Cheer (17), and Junior High Cheer (7). JH football will start their season off playing against Arcanum on August 20 while Varsity football will play at Bethel on August 21. Junior High volleyball has their first game on August 22 against Brookville while the High School volleyball team will play August 29 in the Greenville Federal invitational.

Treasurer's Report

Mrs. Chowning reviewed the initial submission of the district's financial forecast which was prepared on known factors at this time. The Inflation Cap Credit and Gross Domestic Product Deflation Factor were incorporated into the forecast using information shared with her from the county auditor, Ohio Department of Taxation, and K-12 Business Consulting. The district has received $129,166 from the State which is a HB 186 (caps revenue growth at the rate of inflation) partial guarantee payment to offset the "claw back" for tax years 2023-2025. The "claw back" amount is determined by the difference in valuation increases (reappraisal year 2023) and the GDP

deflation factor. Due to this law, it is expected that the district will realize a reduction in real estate collections of $209,000 this fiscal year, and $139,000/year in future fiscal years.

The district's ERATE funding commitment decision letter was received on August 13 for the Access Points and Servers that were applied for back in March. The project totals $79,140 but a reimbursement of $55,399 is expected. Once the project is completed, Mrs. Chowning will apply for the reimbursement. The district applied for reimbursement from the State Disaster Relief Program for the January winter storms and recently received $2,334 to offset the cost of snow removal and the application of salt to parking lots. As part of a Bus Safety Grant, Mr. Coby had illuminated stop and school bus signs installed on six buses. The district received $19,183 to offset the cost of this project. Medicaid reimbursements for FY 2024 were recently received as well in the amount of $47,742. Final approval was received on August 13 for the district's FY 2027 federal grants application for Title funding.

Ohio Governor's Race: What School Leaders May Be Watching
Policies that impact:

- Fair School Funding Plan and overall state revenue available for K-12 education,
- State support versus local property tax reliance,
- Property tax relief proposals, and their fiscal impact,
- And other policy provisions, including school choice and voucher policy.

Executive Session

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 was 7:14 and time out was 7:55.

Personnel Considerations

Recommendation to approve Alison Klingler, JH/HS Classroom Proctor / part-time Title Coach for the 2026-2027 school year. This position is excluded from the negotiated agreement.

Recommendation to issue a one-year (2026-2027) limited contract to Courtney Banis, part-time Cafeteria Food Services (dishwasher) with a placement on Step 0 of the approved salary schedule.

Recommendation to issue a one-year (2026-2027) contract to the following Title 1 Coaches. These positions are excluded from the Negotiated Agreement.

- Marcia Schlechty
- Patricia Rhoades
- Michael Lehman

Request to rescind board resolution 26-67 number 15, Kinsley Stevens, part-time Cafeteria Food Services (dishwasher).

Recommendation to approve a one-year (2026-2027) part-time contract to Sharon Lehman, Wee Patriot Preschool Classroom Aide

Recommendation to issue a one-year (2026-2027) limited certified contract to Jennifer Pierre, Early Childhood (P-3).

Recommendation to employ Justina Martin, Brittney Crumley, Kathy Dafler, and Heather Fornshil as school nurse substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to employ the following as classified substitutes for the 2026-2027 school year.

Greg Pearson	Mark Cooley	Stephanie Newsom	Brittani Wehr	Hannah Markley
Misty Brummett	Theresa Graham	Karla Baker	Mary Wyne	Tara Brown
Sharon Lehman	Jewell Towery	Macy Howell	Natasha Balthis	Dawn Green
Erin Ayette	Vickie Willcox	Marcia Schlechty	Courtney Banis	Lorraine Holzapfel

Request to rescind board resolution 26-57 number 12, Ethan Hemmerich, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

Request to rescind board resolution 26-57 number 14, Rick McKinney, JV Boys Basketball Coach.

Request to rescind board resolution 26-57 number 14, Reginald Osborne, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

Pursuant to R.C. 3313.53, the Board of Education has offered the foregoing position(s) to those employees of the district who are licensed individuals, and no such employee qualified to fill the position(s) has accepted it. The Board has then advertised the position(s) as available to any licensed individual who is qualified to fill it and who is not employed by the Board, and no such person has applied for and accepted the position(s).

The Board will pay volunteers for the position(s) a nominal stipend as follows for the 2026-2027 school year:

Coaching/Activity	Volunteer	Stipend
JV Boys Basketball Coach	Reginald Osborne	$3,871.00

Recognize the volunteer below for the following program:

Coaching/Activity	Volunteer
Volunteer Football Coach	Thomas (Tommy) Nuse

Recommendation to approve Karis Lowrie for obtaining additional hours to place her on the master's +15 step per the negotiated agreement.

Recommendation for Heather Brown to provide crossing guard services for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to hire Shane Mead, Title 1 Coordinator, in the amount of $3500 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to issue a one-year (2026-2027) limited certified contract to Beau Shepherd, 7-12 Science Teacher.

Recommendation to issue a one-year (2026-2027) limited supplemental contract for the following individuals:

Supplemental	Staff Member
Yearbook	Beau Shepherd
Concession Stand Coordinator	Brad Gray
7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Beau Shepherd
8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach	Ethan Hemmerich

Financial Considerations

Recommendation to approve financial reports as submitted by the Treasurer.

Recommendation to approve the hourly rate for Sharon Lehman, Wee Patriot Preschool Aide, at $13.50 for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the 2026-2027 substitute hourly rate of $12.00 for Wee Patriot Preschool aides.

Recommendation to approve the Title 1 Coach pay rate of $100.00/day for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve the junior high / high school fees as submitted and the elementary school fees at a rate of $75.00 per student for the 2026-2027 school year.

Recommendation to approve a contract with Maxim Healthcare Services to provide student nursing services at the following hourly rates: LPN - $50/hr. and RN - $50/hr.

Recommendation to approve the following 2026-2027 season pass ticket prices. Season pass tickets are only good for home events (excluding Holiday Tournaments and post season events). There will be a processing fees from hometown tickets fee for all online purchases. Family passes ONLY include immediate family members that live in your home, this does not include cousins, aunts, uncles, and/or grandparents.

- Adult All Sports Pass - $175.00
- Lifetime Senior Citizen All Sports $110.00
- Assigned Seat (Basketball) - $50.00 (Must be a pass holder to purchase a reserved seat)
- Reserved Seat (Football) - $30.00 (Must be a pass holder to purchase a reserved seat)

Recommendation to pay Haedon and Destiney Schlechty $300.00 per month for transportation fees, for the 2026-2027 year.

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

Recommendation to approve the JH/HS Classroom Proctor / part-time Title Coach rate at $180.00 a day for the 2026-2027 school year. This position is excluded from the Negotiated Agreement.

Recommendation to approve a participation purchased service contract with the Miami County Educational Service Center for Gifted Services during the 2026-2027 school year, not to exceed 20 days.

Recommendation to approve the initial FY 2027 financial forecast (current budget year plus three forecast years).

Recommendation to accept the following donations:

Donor	Account	Amount	Purpose
Clint and Ashley Stewart	Athletics	$146.00	
Joyce and Richard Gray	Athletics	$50.00	
Robin and Lee Morris	Athletics	$100.00	
Schlechty's Sports Bar & Grill	Athletics	$10,156.00	
Tom and Bonita Schlechty	Athletics	$290.00	
Ohio High School Athletic Association	Athletics	$1,250.00	
Keystone Charitable Foundation	Food Service	$2,140.00	Outstanding Debt
Kyle and Brooke Clevenger	Football	$550.00	
Brian D Anderson (New Madison Supermarket	HS Cheerleading	$500.00	Mini Footballs
Mimi's Store	HS Cheerleading	$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
Sugar & Sage	HS Cheerleading	$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
The Bunger Family	HS Cheerleading	$140.00	

New Business Considerations

Recommendation to enter into a transportation agreement with Spirit Medical Transport, L.L.C. from September 1, 2026, through June 4, 2027.

Communications and Items of Interest

Mrs. Frech shared her concern with extracurricular activities pulling a lot black into their uniforms.

Adjournment

Mr. Dubbs adjourned the Regular Board of Education meeting at 8:06.