



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 20, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Shane Coby, Amy Farmer, Tracy Frech, and Tom Schlechty. Josh Sagester, Kim Chowning, Shane Mead, Lee Morris, Annette Black, and several visitors were present as well.

The minutes for the regular meeting held on November 15, 2021, were approved.

Elementary Principal's Report: Mr. Mead gave an update on both OTES 2.0 and KRA data. Seventy two percent of the kindergarten students scored 236 or higher as an overall score. This is the second highest score in the last six years of testing. Fifty three percent of third grade students were proficient in their ELA testing. The state average was 40% and there are no county comparisons available currently. Hailey Lovett won the elementary spelling bee, and she will compete at the county level on January 20th. Mr. Mead congratulated Hailey for her efforts. Alainah Filby was the November Patriot of the Month. The elementary holiday feasts are back this year! Mr. Mead stated that it was nice to be able to do these things for our students again. Both staff and students enjoyed these opportunities. Brittani Hampton and Sarah Eley once again spearheaded the Adopt-a-Family program with the aid of several of their colleagues. As a result, over \$5,000 was raised and nine families will be helped during this holiday season.

Guidance Counselor's Report: Ms. Black reviewed the graduating requirements for the Class of 2022 as well as the Class of 2023 and thereafter. A certain number of points need to be accumulated for each graduating class. If a student does not meet the required points, then he or she can complete a foundational and/or supporting skill to graduate. The tracking for each student is quite time consuming and Ms. Black stated that she is very thankful for Cheryl Purdy's, EMIS Coordinator, assistance in reviewing the data.

Superintendent Report: Two students tested positive for COVID last week and one on December 20th. The OAC committee met on December 16 to review projected budgets for both the Patriot Activity Center and the Early Learning Center. Per the Board's approval, a letter of intent will be prepared and submitted to Level MB which will allow the project to move forward. A "guaranteed maximum price" resolution will then officially be prepared for January's board meeting to proceed with both projects. Mr. Gray and Mr. Sagester met with Jim Beyke, Director of Rehab Services and Terri Flood, VP of Business Development, from Wayne Healthcare regarding a partnership to outfit the Patriot Activity Center training room. The proposal was well received by them. Discussions will continue involving the branding and equipment opportunities for both the training room and community weight room. Mr. Sagester will be holding mid-year reviews for all employees that he directly supervises soon. A 2022-2023 school calendar draft was distributed for board members to review. A school calendar hearing will be held at the organizational meeting in January. Mr. Sagester and Mrs. Chowning applied for a School Safety grant (approximately \$4,000) to be used towards threat assessment training as mandated by ODE. The first threat assessment meeting will take place on January 11 at 9:00 a.m. Mark Pohl, retired from the Federal Bureau of Investigation, will be attending the meeting as well. Mrs. Black and Mr. Sagester met with Graphics for Athletes recently to discuss a Valedictorian wall display. The display should be up sometime in January. Mrs. Hedger and her kitchen staff continue to serve around 500 lunches a day in the cafeteria and 100 breakfasts. The district has committed to purchasing a new 78 passenger blue bird bus that should arrive on campus in April. An application has been completed for the Coalition for a Healthy Darke County grant. Annette Black, Kelly Harrison, Amanda Dyson, and Kim Chowning assisted in preparing the application. The funds will be used to bring a motivational speaker to our students. Currently, the girls' basketball teams hold the following records: varsity (6-2), JV (1-5), 8th (6-1), and 7th (5-2) and the varsity boys' basketball are (5-1), JV (4-0), 8th (5-1), and 7th (6-0). First team football all state recognition honors go to Reed Wehr (running back) and Justin Finkbine (defensive back). Second team honors were received by Josh Scantland (wide receiver), Wyatt Plush (offensive lineman), and Seth Cook (defensive lineman). Mr. Sagester met with Mrs. Kimmel and Mrs. Beisner on November 19 regarding allowing the powerlifting team to use the high school gymnasium for their home meet. Their reasoning included the sheer volume of participants and patrons as well as the opportunity for more social distancing.

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 2021-2022 school year as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
2. Recommendation to employ Brittney Crumley as school nurse substitutes for the 2021-2022 school year. (All Aide substitutes must have an active Educational Aide Student Monitor Permit issued from the Ohio Department of Education.)
3. Recommendation to non-renew all (2021-2022) supplemental contracts at the end of their season.
4. Recommendation to issue a one year (2022-2023) limited supplemental contract to Brad Gray, Athletic Director.

Financial Considerations

1. Recommendation to approve the following Financial Reports
 - Cash Reconciliation
 - Appropriation Summary Report
 - Receipts Ledger Report
 - Revenue Summary Report
 - Disbursement Summary Report (including purchases obligated prior to Treasurer Certification)
 - Spending Plan Summary
 - Cash Summary Report
 - Appropriation Amendments
 - Appropriation Intra Fund Transfers
2. Recommendation to accept the following donations:
 - \$250.00 from Impulse Basketball Consulting, LLC to the Athletic fund
 - \$405.00 from DS Retailers LLC to the Athletic fund
 - \$300.00 from Red Front Inn to the Athletic fund
 - \$1,070.00 from Lawn Plus LLC to the Athletic fund
 - \$250.00 from Henny Penny to the Athletic fund
 - \$1072.18 from Dudley Lipps to the Athletic fund
 - \$360.00 from The Snack Shop to HS Cheerleading
 - \$300.00 from First Choice Realty of Ohio and Indiana to HS Cheerleading
 - \$178.57 from Darke County Farm Bureau to the FFA
 - \$100.00 from SRS Engine Parts, Inc. to Elementary Principals fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
 - \$242.00 from Farmers State Bank to the Elementary Principal fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
 - \$500.00 from Kiwanis Club of New Madison to the Elementary Principal fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
 - \$50.00 from Jonathon and Ronda Wilson to the Elementary Principal fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
 - \$100.00 from Aaron Sleppy to the Elementary Principal fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
 - \$50.00 from Thomas and Amy Farmer to the Elementary Principal fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
 - \$500.00 from the New Madison United Methodist Church to the Elementary Principal fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
 - \$50.00 from Eric and Natasha Delinger to the Elementary Principal fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
 - \$100.00 from Cindy Munchel to the Elementary Principal fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
 - \$170.00 from Brittany Hampton to the Elementary Principal fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program
3. Recommendation to recognize the updated Ohio State minimum wage of \$9.30 per hour, effective January 1, 2022.
4. Request approval to the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2022 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.

New Business Considerations

1. Recommendation to appoint Tom Schlechty President Pro Tem for the annual organizational meeting on January 5, 2022, beginning 5:45 p.m. to preside over the meeting until board officers for 2022 have been elected, as recommended by the Superintendent. (Budget Meeting to begin at 6:00 p.m. Public Hearing (District Calendar) to begin at 6:15 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m.)
2. Request to approve the renewal of membership to the Ohio School Boards Association and subscription to the OSBA Briefcase for 2022.

Executive Session - The Board of Education adjourned to 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. Time in 6:59 and time out 7:22.

Communications and Items of Interest – Mr. Sagester reviewed construction documents including the “guaranteed maximum price” documents with the board members. This information will be presented for approval at the January 5, 2022, regular scheduled board meeting. Mrs. Chowning reviewed the financial piece of the project.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:25 p.m.