



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Shane Coby, Tracy Frech, and Tom Schlechty. Darin Dubbs was absent. Josh Sagester, Kim Chowning, Lee Morris, and Shane Mead were in attendance as well as Jason Brewer (community member).

The Board members approved the minutes for the regular meeting held on November 19, 2022.

Elementary Principal Report: The elementary students are enjoying holiday celebrations today and tomorrow as the winter break is rapidly approaching. Today, the students watched the “Polar Express” and Mr. Mead said it was a “fun time for the kids.” Round one OTES 2.0 observations are complete. However, the paperwork still needs to be submitted to the State. Mr. Mead was very proud to announce that 100% of our kindergarten population scored at 236 or higher as an overall score. This achievement reflects the hard work and dedication of Mrs. Doppler, Mrs. Ernst, and Mrs. Walters in educating their students. Forty seven percent of the third-grade students were proficient in the ELA testing as compared to the state average of 39%. There are 20 students who need to pass the 3rd grade reading guarantee. However, there are three more testing opportunities left and Mr. Mead is confident that there will be a successful passage of the TGRG; any student who scores less than a 700 will be put on a reading improvement and monitoring plan. Winter MAP testing will be completed by January 20. Congratulations to Aleena Thomas. She won the elementary school spelling bee and will compete at the county level on January 26. Also, congratulations to Elli Farmer for being selected as the November Patriot of the Month. On December 5, grades K-3 and 4-6 held their winter concerts under the direction of Mr. Bialowas and Mr. Wirrig. The students and directors did a very nice job and as always, the concert was very well attended.

High School Principal Report: Mr. Morris began his report by stating that “our kids are being visible in the community.” He was newly minted as a member of the New Madison Kiwanis Club recently. At that meeting, Tri-Village students were present representing the ELA class and extending thank you notes to the Kiwanis for their support of a recent field trip to Cincinnati. Mr. Wirrig and several of his choral students were also present to sing Christmas carols. Morris was also very excited to share updates on the recent wellness committee meeting and the district’s new wellness center stating, “we are narrowing in on a vision for the center!” The administrative team meets monthly with the Darke County Educational Service Center administrators. The district has leaned on the ESC this year regarding special education assistance. There is a lot of testing going on in the high school wing including round two of MAP testing. Mr. Morris praised Mrs. Amanda Dyson, Council on Rural Services Family Advocate, as she is a great liaison between the students and the community and Mr. Bialowas and Mr. Wirrig as they are very busy the month of December preparing for holiday Christmas concerts and performing at other venues such as the Cedar Grove Church. Morris also announced the hiring of Lauren Flory as a junior high Title I coach effective December 6. She is currently assisting in English and math areas and will be incorporating 8th grade science after the holiday break.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Sagester began his report explaining the major punch lists that are remaining for the Patriot Activity Center. A flooring representative from Georgia visited last week to address the district’s atrium floor concerns. Mr. Sagester will also be taking a field trip to Kettering College on Wednesday to view their flooring there to determine whether this type of flooring is what is desired in the PAC atrium. Upon the selection of flooring, the atrium floor will be replaced after the winter sports season is completed at no cost to the district. The gymnasium floor paint and sealant are peeling already so Cincinnati Floor will repair this issue in the Spring as well. The HVAC continues to be a work in progress. Sound in the gym, wellness, and locker rooms will be revisited on January 5, 2023. Currently, the PAC is not prepared for bluetooth capabilities in the wellness center and hallway areas. First Rate Industries is drawing up a proposal to rework the steps at the student section. The board room countertops and tabletops will be installed in early January and depending on the weather, the district wayfinding signage will be installed in the next several weeks. There have been two instances where vehicles have gone around the blue gates that were down and put ruts in the newly seeded grass. Mr. Sagester is looking for solutions to keep this from continuing. This is a huge disappointment by the administration as there has been much time, energy, and money put into the facility. Sagester attended a Miami County legislative meeting on December 16. Legislators present included Jenna Powell, Rodney Creech, and Matt Hoffman. The topics discussed included the State superintendent search, Title IX, SB 178, HB 151 – resident educator changes (from four year to two year), HB 496 third grade reading guarantee, budget expectations, and permanent sub teacher changes. HB 178 and Title IX are hot topics

right now. HB 178 has passed in the Senate but not in the House. 178 would rename the Ohio Department of Education to the Department of Education and Workforce (DEW). A Director of the DEW would be appointed by the Governor and two Deputy Directors within the DEW would oversee the Division of Primary and Secondary Education and the Division of Career Tech Education. House Bill 178 would transfer most of the powers of the State Board of Education and the Superintendent of Public Instruction to the DEW and would retain the State Board's and State Superintendent's powers and duties regarding educator licensure, licensee disciplinary actions, school district territory transfers, and certain other areas. The Ohio State Board of Education passed a resolution 10-7 to oppose the proposed changes to Title IX and to affirm parental rights and control of Ohio K-12 education. The Ohio BOE has directed the interim State Superintendent Stephanie Siddens to send a letter to all Ohio districts letting them know of the State board's opposition to Title IX proposals under President Joe Biden's administration that would increase protections for the LGBTQ youth in schools. These changes haven't passed yet as there is a lawsuit currently underway. The Ohio Attorney General is among the many state attorney generals who are suing the federal government for the proposed changes. If the Title IX changes pass, schools that discriminate against transgender youth could lose federal funding, i.e., school lunch funding. Mr. Sagester distributed and shared documents regarding use of the PAC wellness center including a waiver and release of liability form, membership application, and guidelines. The wellness center documents and fees will be approved at the January 2023 board meeting. The current plan is to roll this information out to the staff on January 13 and to the public on January 16. A rough draft of the 2023-2024 calendar was reviewed. There will be a hearing in January for the calendar and then approved at the February board meeting. Congratulations to the FFA Advanced Team and Novice Team for their achievements in parliamentary procedures! The advanced team placed second in District 5 which qualified them for the State Semi-Finals at the Ohio State University on December 17. Team members include Grant Howell, Kiersten Wilcox, Grant Leonard, Lucas Howell, Lainey Miller, and Macy Howell. Alternates are Mason Weathington and Reagan Brewer. The Novice team consists of eighth grade students who placed third in District 5! They are Tri-Village's first novice team to qualify for the district contest! Congratulations to Americus Hirsch, Kenna Wilcox, Matthew Brewer, Wesley McLearn, Bailey Frech, Makayla Allen, Kara Durst, and Alexis Finkbine with Alyssa Wood serving as an alternate. Sagester also stated that the greenhouse improvements should begin by the end of January and the second shift custodial position has been posted internally and externally due to the resignation of Scott Rexrode. The superintendent's report ended with a winter extracurricular update of boys' and girls' basketball.

The Board of Education members voted on the following motions:

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve the monthly employment of substitute teachers for the 2022-2023 school year as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
2. Recommend accepting with thanks the resignation of James Maples, Business teacher, for purpose of retirement effective May 31, 2022.
3. Recommendation to employ the following as classified substitute custodians for the 2022-2023 school year:
 - a. Don Beisner
 - b. Roger Hunt
 - c. David Jay
4. Recommendation to non-renew all (2022-2023) supplemental contracts at the end of their season.
5. Recommendation to issue a one year (2023-2024) limited supplemental contract to Brad Gray, Athletic Director.
6. Recommendation to approve the following as van bus drivers for the 2022-2023 school year: Chris Pearson and Carol Pearson.
7. Recommendation to issue a one-year (2022-2023) contract to Lauren Flory, Title 1 Coach, retro-active to December 6, 2022. This position is excluded from the negotiated agreement.
8. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Scott Rexrode, Custodian, effective December 30, 2022.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve the financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
2. Recommendation to recognize the updated Ohio State minimum wage of \$10.10 per hour, effective January 1, 2023.

3. Request to approve the Ohio School Board Association Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2023 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.

4. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Primex	Athletics	\$1,500.00	Scoreboard Sponsor
Richmond Builders Supply	Athletics	\$ 250.00	Scoreboard Sponsor
Schlechty's Sports Bar and Grill	Athletics	\$5,000.00	Scoreboard Sponsor
Bell Family Farms	Athletics	\$ 900.00	Scoreboard Sponsor
Farmer's Daughter Bakery	Kindergarten Club	\$ 250.00	

5. The Treasurer recommends a \$4,754.28 subsequent transfer to USAS 070 (the "Capital Projects Fund"), special cost center 9222 (Patriot Early Learning Center), from the General Fund (USAS 001) for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation to appoint Tom Schlechty President Pro Tem for the annual organizational meeting on January 4, 2023, beginning at 5:45 p.m. to reside over the meeting until board officers for 2023 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 2023.
3. Recommendation to approve an overnight field trip for high school band and choir members to go to Chicago, IL from May 10-12, 2023, under the direction of Derek Bialowas and Andrew Wirrig.

The meeting adjourned at 7:37