



Tri-Village Local Schools
School of Excellence
Regular Board News Release
December 18, 2017

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 18, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Shane Coby, Darin Dubbs, Amy Farmer and Tom Schlechty. Administrators attending were Josh Sagester, Kimberly Chowning, and Lee Morris.

The regular amended meeting minutes for November 20, 2017 were approved. The members also approved the November 2017 expenditures, current appropriation budget amendments and all financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.

Lydia Ayette was recognized as the 2017-2018 Tri-Village Elementary spelling bee winner. She will compete at the county level on January 23 at Ansonia Church of Christ.

John Lay, Technology Coordinator, was present during the public hearing portion of the regular meeting and discussed the Child Internet Protection Act (CIPA) with all who were in attendance. The building principals or designated representatives will provide age appropriate training for students who use the Tri-Village Local School's internet facilities. Additionally, one training per grade 6-10 will be provided by the technology coordinator with regard to relevant network and user data of the school year. The District must be in compliance with CIPA in order to receive ERate dollars, a federally funded program. Mr. Lay also updated the Board of Education on the District's recent purchase of bus radios.

Mr. Justin Slone, FFA Advisor, and students Kara Hollinger, Jonathon Crawford and Gavin Lochard presented a slide show on FFA achievements and happenings within the last year.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Sagester stated that once again a positive slide show will be displayed at as many home events as possible. These slides focus on the "positive" current events and/or happenings taking place in the District. A 2018-2019 school calendar draft was shared with the board members. A public hearing will take place during the January board meeting for any further discussions on the calendar. Earlier in the month, approximately 25 area superintendents from multiple counties met with Senators Peggy Lehner, Bill Beagle and State Board Member Charlotte McGuire. Topics such as the State Report Card, OTES, Licensure and Preschool were amongst the discussions. Local superintendents are also considering joining an advocacy group out of Lima which is being led by Attorney Wes Farno. Mr. Farno would provide professional development once a month on the following topics: Development of a Comprehensive Plan, Message Development, Email Updates, Advocacy Training, Legislative Engagement, Legislative Tracking and Legislative Comparison. This professional development would aid superintendents in conveying a clear message to Columbus on the state of affairs of local school districts. Mr. Sagester shared the December State Board of Education highlights. End of course improvement indicators, gap closing measures and graduation requirements were a few of the topics for the meeting. The Thomas Fordham Institute published an article on December 7 called "Back to the Basics: A plan to simplify and balance Ohio's report card." The publication offered three key recommendations in this endeavor: 1) Reduce the number of A-F grades, 2) Overhaul the Gap Closing component and rename it Equity and 3) Create an overall school rating formula that better balances growth and achievement. Mr. Sagester updated those present on the revised elementary walker and car rider procedure that began following Thanksgiving break in the effort to enhance the safety for both students and parents. The Superintendent congratulated the following students for their induction into the National Honor Society: Josh Hollinger, Lily Preston, Lissa Siler, Abbi Lipps, Landen Fraylick and Morgan Sparks. The New Madison Kiwanis Club continues to provide financial support for various organizations within the District. Mr. Kenny Baker delivered a check to the District in the amount of \$5,400 which will be credited to the following group/activities: Reading Counts, High School Band and Chorus, Destination Imagination, Key Club, Football, Archery, High School Cheerleaders and the Back Pack program. The District recently passed the annual Darke County health inspection. Mr. Sagester praised Chris Pearson, Facilities Supervisor, and the custodial and teaching staff for a job well done. Larry Bill, Surveyor, will submit the plat and legal description for the newly acquired land purchased from the estate of Joseph Eliker to the County Engineer within a few days and that information will be forwarded to the Village Council to begin the annexation process. The barn on the purchased property has been torn down and the debris will be removed at the first of the year. The Hall of Fame athletic induction took place on December 15 during the high school boys' basketball

game versus Newton. Denis Hammaker (1979 to 1982) was inducted with a lengthy list of wrestling accolades. Mr. Hammaker was a State Champion in 1979-1980 and 1981-1982. Chelsea Sweeny will replace Patrick Snyder as the Athletic Trainer, effective December 18. We wish Patrick well with his new position at Springboro High School. Mr. Morris, Mr. Gray, Mr. Dubbs, Mr. Beard and Mr. Sagester all were in attendance at a recent Athletic Council meeting update. Discussion was held on the following topics: Fall Sports updates, the Winter sports season, other business and a financial report. Lastly, Mr. Sagester publicly thanked Mr. Dubbs for his years of service to the Tri-Village Board of Education.

Elementary Principal's Report: Mr. Mead was absent due to illness.

High School Principal's report: Mr. Morris informed the Board of Education that 12 seniors have been accepted to 13 colleges including one student who has enlisted in the U.S. Navy. As part of the College Commitment Reward Program, the District is purchasing and presenting seniors with college sweatshirts based upon the universities acceptance and approval of the student application. Five seniors have been presented with their college sweatshirt and the next round of college acceptance presentations will be on January 11. Kathy Burns, Gifted Supervisor, of the Darke County ESC will be distributing written education plans (WEPs) in January. John Beard, HS Social Studies Teacher, and Mr. Morris briefly explained a "testing study" in which they are compiling information on hours/days invested into both state and local testing for junior high and high school students. Mr. Beard shared his thoughts on students receiving more instruction time and is currently working with staff members on calculating time invested in testing in an attempt to take back as much instruction time as possible. The committee is currently reviewing other states' efforts such as Connecticut, Maryland and Washington D.C. in regards to their testing philosophies. Safety drills and attendance requirements were discussed. Congratulations to Jeff Ketring who will be the Tri-Village Junior High representative at the Darke County Spelling Bee on January 23 in Ansonia. Tri-Village will be hosting a Career Day on March 9 at 8:00 a.m. Contributions for the Adopt a Family program exceeded over \$17,500 this year. Mr. Morris thanked the Elementary, Junior High and High School Staff for their participation in the endeavor. Mr. Brian Honeycutt, Business Teacher, challenged the student body to raise \$5,000 for the Adopt a Family program and in return, he was willing to have his hair cut during a school assembly. During the assembly on December 15, Honeycutt took center stage along with Jenna Godown and Tommy Hoskins and received his Mohawk haircut in front of the student body.

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

PERSONNEL

- A. Recognize Christopher McKinney as a Volunteer High School Swimming Coach for the 2017-2018 school year.
- B. Non-renew all (2017-2018) supplemental contracts at the end of their season.
- C. Issue a one year (2018-2019) limited supplemental contract to Brad Gray, Athletic Director.
- D. Approve to increase minimum wage to \$8.30 per hour effective January 1, 2018, as recommended by the Treasurer.
- E. Approve Cody Hollinger classified substitute (School Bus Driver) for the 2017-2018 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Appoint Tim Bevins President Pro Tem for the annual organizational meeting on January 8, 2018, beginning 5:30 p.m. to preside over the meeting until board officers for 2018 have been elected. (Budget Meeting to begin at 5:45 p.m. and Regular Board Meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m.)
- B. Approve the renewal of membership to the Ohio School Boards Association and subscription to the OSBA Briefcase for 2018.
- C. Approve the Legal Assistance Fund Consultant Service Contract pursuant to R.C. section 3313.171 (January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018).
- D. Accept the following donations to the High School Student Council Fund to benefit the Adopt a Family Program.
 - 1. \$25.00 Mike Lavey Electric LLC.
 - 2. \$75.00 Brandon Moore

3. \$75.00 Beverly Erdman
 4. \$100.00 Sue Dill
 5. \$100.00 Barbara Beard
 6. \$100.00 Zechar Bailey Funeral Home
 7. \$150.00 John Beard
 8. \$220.00 Martha Skidmore
 9. \$500.00 New Madison Kiwanis Club
 10. \$750.00 from Rich and Sons, Inc.
 11. \$2,500.00 from Anonymous Donor
- E. Accept the following donations.
1. \$99.91 from Kroger Community Rewards to PATS to benefit the Backpack Program.
 2. \$98.92 from Kroger Community Rewards to the Archery Club.
 3. \$150.00 grant received from the National Energy Foundation for participating in the Energy Safe Kids Program under the instruction of Mrs. Bergman, Mrs. Eley and Mrs. Munchel.
 4. \$2,879.07 grant received from TASKS. The grant was written by Jodi Fritz, School Nurse, to be used to purchase CPR training aids.
- F. Approve an overnight field trip for select FFA members to attend Morehead State University in Morehead, KY from February 22-23, 2018, under the direction of Mr. Justin Slone.
- G. Appoint Rhonda Yount to a 7 year term as a Trustee of the New Madison Public Library Board, commencing on January 1, 2018 and continue through December 31, 2024.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:26 p.m.