



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Shane Coby, Amy Farmer, Tracy Frech and Tom Schlechty. Josh Sagester, Kim Chowning, Lee Morris and Shane Coby were in attendance as well. The minutes of the regular meeting for November 16, 2020 were approved. The members also approved the November 2020 expenditures and all financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.

Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Mead has nearly completed the first round of OTES evaluations. KRA data has been received. Tri-Village received the second highest passage rate in the County while also receiving the highest score in the County in the “Demonstrating Readiness” range of 67%. Mr. Mead expressed his appreciation for Mrs. Hollinger’s efforts at the pre-school level in preparing students for kindergarten. Fifty percent of our third-grade students were proficient (37% state average) with the ELA testing that took place in the fall. Mr. Mead shared an items analysis handout for the test that shows points received detailing each item tested. This document is a crucial piece of information for the third-grade teachers to review allowing them to determine the data areas to focus on to meet the 80% passage rate. Winter MAP testing will be completed by January 22. Randy Tharp won the elementary spelling bee on December 10 and he will compete at the county level in January. The November Patriot of the Month was Kohen Burns. Congratulations to these two students. An elementary staff meeting took place on December 15 to review the remote learning schedule for January 4 – 8, 2020. The staff meeting agenda as well as a student/parent newsletter was shared with the members. Mrs. Volk, 3rd grade teacher, has worked with Barn Hill Reserve to bring a virtual field trip to the elementary students offering animal presentations via Zoom. Brittani Hampton and Sarah Eley once again spearheaded the Adopt-a-Family program with the aid of several of their colleagues. As a result, eight or nine families will be helped during the holiday season.

High School Principal: A junior high/high school staff meeting took place on December 14 to review the remote learning schedule (January 4 – 8) for grades 7 – 12. Mr. Morris shared the agenda with the board members. Upon the recommendation of the Darke County Health Commissioner, the District has opted for a week of remote learning to provide a buffer between the holidays and the return of in-person instruction. The students will operate on a regular day schedule from 8:00 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. Mr. Morris stressed the importance of teachers giving their students “facetime” during this week. Special education units that are operated by the Darke County Educational Service Center will have the option for students to report to school for daily instruction. Parents will be responsible for transporting their students to these units. January 11 – 15 is the last week of the semester. Mrs. Black, Guidance Counselor, has reached out to the first semester online learners to see if any of them will be returning to in-person instruction for the second semester.

Superintendent Report: As of December 21, Mr. Sagester reported that there are six K – 6th grade students in quarantine and three in grades 7 – 12. He was happy to report that there were zero positive cases in the District for both students and staff currently! Remote learning handouts were shared including a parent letter, a remote learning outline and Meals on Wheels letter. The bus garage is moving slowly. The architect is working on some specific code compliances. A rough draft of the 2021-2022 school calendar was shared. The District will hold a public hearing on January 4 to review the calendar. House Bill 305 (Cupp/Patterson funding formula) has passed overwhelmingly in the House and will move on to the Senate for review. In regard to House Bill 404, the District will move forward with performance evaluations for the 2020-2021 school year. All districts in the County are doing the same. The District recently received their Special Education Profile rating which was “Meets Requirements.” Mr. Sagester praised Kelly Harrison, (Student Success Liaison), Amanda Dyson (Youth Advocate) and Annette Black for spearheading the writing of the K-12 Prevention Grant. The District will be receiving \$15,083 from the Tri-County Board of Mental Health. These monies will be used to purchase prevention items and services. There was an Ohio High School Athletic Association observer at the junior high boys’ basketball game on December 12. The District passed every area. Kudos to the junior high cheerleaders and their advisor as they were specifically recognized in the report for wearing masks. Mr. Sagester shared the following football accolades: first team all-state recognition awarded to Layne Sarver (quarterback), Josh Scantland (wide receiver) and Justine Finkbine (defensive back) and third team all-state recognition awarded to

Wyatt Plush offensive lineman. As of December 21, the girls' high school varsity basketball team records are 5-2, junior varsity 5-0, 8th grade 1-6 and 7th grade 4-2 while the boys' varsity team is 6-0, junior varsity 6-0, 8th grade 4-2 and 7th grade 5-1.

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

PERSONNEL

- A. Approve the employment of substitute teachers for the 2020-2021 school year as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
- B. Non-renew all (2020-2021) supplemental contracts at the end of their season.
- C. Issue a one year (2021-2022) limited supplemental contract to Brad Gray, Athletic Director.
- D. Recognize the updated State of Ohio minimum wage of \$8.80 per hour, effective January 1, 2021.
- E. Employ Denise Weathington, as classified substitute (Cafeteria, Aide, Custodial) for the 2020-2021 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent. (All Aide substitutes must have an active Educational Aide Student Monitor Permit issued from the Ohio Department of Education.)
- F. Agrees to pay Misty Brummett above and beyond 27.5 hours as stated on initial contract, effective December 3, 2020, as needed for the remainder of the 2020-2021 school year.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accept the following donations.
 - 1) \$30.00 from Steve and Nancy Shively to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 2) \$200.00 from Coleman Wages and Sue Anne Warren to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 3) \$100.00 from Jeffery and Elizabeth Perry to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 4) \$25.00 from Terry Saylor to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 5) \$50.00 Larry and Sally Tickle to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 6) \$20.00 from Cheryl Hunt to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 7) \$25.00 from Hattie Hunt to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 8) \$40.00 from Jennifer and Michael Burkett to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 9) \$50.00 from Bonnie Perry to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 10) \$50.00 from Steve and Cynthia Landis to the Athletic fund in memory of Bill Burkett
 - 11) \$100.00 from J & B Transmission Service to the Archery Club.
 - 12) \$102.39 from Kroger Community Rewards to the Archery Club.
 - 13) \$150.00 from Derksen Automotive to the Archery Club.
 - 14) \$95.14 from Kroger Community Rewards to the PATS fund to benefit the Backpack program.
 - 15) \$200.00 from Mattie Brewer to the Elementary Principals fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program.
 - 16) \$50.00 from Amy Farmer to the Elementary Principals fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program.
 - 17) \$60.00 from Becky Sleppy to the Elementary Principals fund to benefit the Adopt-a-Family program.
- B. Appoint Tom Schlechty President Pro Tem for the annual organizational meeting on January 4, 2021 beginning at 5:30 p.m. to preside over the meeting until board officers for 2021 have been elected, as recommended by the Superintendent.
(Budget meeting to begin at 5:45 p.m., public hearing (District Calendar) to begin at 6:00 p.m. and Regular Board meeting will begin at 6:15 p.m.)
- C. Approve the renewal of membership to the Ohio School Boards Association and subscription to the OSBA Briefcase for 2021.
- D. Approve the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund for calendar year 2021-2022 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.00.
- E. Appoint Christel Brooks to a seven-year term as a Trustee of the New Madison Public Library Board, commencing on January 1, 2021 and continue through December 31, 2027.
- F. Approve the creation of fund 015 (a fund provided to account for receipts and expenditures in conjunction with programs entered with boards of mental health).

The meeting was adjourned at 5:52 p.m.