



## Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 27, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Shane Coby, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech, and Tom Schlechty. Josh Sagester, Kim Chowning, Shane Mead, and Lee Morris were present as well. Heather Brown, foreign exchange student liaison, recognized two foreign exchange students (Elisa Fraile from Spain and Silke Litner from Denmark) attending the district this year and their host families (Brummett and Volk). Each shared a little bit about themselves. Sam Wright, student, and member of Boy Scout Troop 96 shared his Eagle Scout project ideas. His goal is to organize a band instrument drive for Tri-Village. Kelsey Walters, Kindergarten teacher, and Jordan Renfro, Multiple Disabilities teacher, introduced themselves and shared information about the Pink Laces Running Club for girls in grades 3-6.

The minutes of the budget, organizational, school calendar, and regular meeting for January 4, 2023, were approved.

**Elementary Principal's Report:** Mr. Mead has worked with his Building Leadership Team (BLT) to create an Art schedule for the 23/24 school year. The 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers graciously offered to have their students take their MAP tests the week of March 6<sup>th</sup>. As part of the Ohio Principal Evaluation System (OPES), Mr. Mead needed one grade of MAP testing to be completed during his evaluation process. All other grade levels will take their MAP tests in May after the mandatory state testing has been completed. The English Language Arts testing window is April 5 – April 25 and the Math, Science, and Social Studies window is April 20 – May 10. Right to Read Week began today and runs through March 3. Mr. Mead thanked Cindy Munchel, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, for spearheading this event which includes Stop, Drop and Read throughout the week as well as Read Around the School, a daily Masked Reader, and dress up days. Thank you to Trey Homan, high school student, for putting the Mask Reader daily videos together. The Darke County MRDD will be on campus in March visiting K-2 classrooms working with the students on Disability Awareness. Mr. Mead was happy to announce that the cafeteria will be offering smoothies starting March 7. They will be served on Tuesday's and Thursdays each week during lunch periods to students and staff. Smoothies are \$1 per cup. The district's wellness committee provided the funds for the purchase of the smoothie machine. Due to the resignation of Katie Osborne, there is an open Title I Coach position. This position has been posted and Mr. Mead will be looking to hire someone to finish the year.

**High School Principal's Report:** Mr. Morris spoke briefly on the district's "1% Better Every Day" theme for the year. JH/HS staff members have suggested various book titles to be added and purchased for the book vending machine in the commons area. These books are rewarded to students as part of PBIS incentives in the high school wing. Junior high students will be kicking off their Winner's Meats fundraiser shortly. The Ohio Resident Educator Summative Assessments (RESA) take place annually for all new hires. As part of RESA, newly hired teachers (mentees) are paired with mentors. The program is a multi-year induction program that provides support for new teachers with scheduled meetings throughout the school year. Mr. Morris must balance these meetings with having substitute teachers in the building. The final round of Map testing will take place in March and the April end of course calendar schedule testing was distributed to the staff last week. Mr. Morris shared the April calendar with the board members. A final round of junior high/high school observations are underway. Mr. Morris shared "Life Skills Fridays" topics for the Senior Seminar class. Our staff have volunteered their time on Friday's to share various life skills with our seniors such as how to rent an apartment, "Now that you're 18," grocery list and meal preparation, buying a car, and starting a business. Mr. Morris will be providing a "Last Lecture" to the Senior Seminar class on May 5. On February 13, April Hoying, ESC Curriculum Coordinator, visited classrooms. Mrs. Black (guidance counselor) and Mr. Morris have been very busy conducting an Ohio Department of Education's Exiting Student Survey for the Class of 2022. Both worked on contacting the graduated students asking them various questions as required by the ODE survey. Mr. Morris shared that all juniors will take the state ACT test on February 28. Beth Jennings and Kim Nellis (ESC employees) are currently working with special education seniors and their families visiting Your Happy Place on Childrens Home Bradford Road and Active Day Darke, formerly Pearson's Educational, on Sebring Warner Road. These are Adult Day Services that students can transfer to after graduation. Family Health of Greenville has recently hired Jessica Gebhart who is taking over the caseload of Christian Coblentz, social worker. Gebhart works with families that are Medicaid eligible. Parent-teacher conferences took place on February 21 and 23. Mathematics and varsity volleyball positions have been posted and interviews are ongoing. Lastly, Mr. Morris shared a listing of upcoming calendar of events.

Superintendent's Report: A punch list summary for the Patriot Activity Center was discussed. The storage room floor was completed on February 24. The sound system in the PAC is still missing a few pieces and the speakers themselves need to be adjusted. HVAC controls and camera entry systems are still on back order for the district office, the atrium floor of attack is still under deliberation, and the gym floor will be completely repainted and refinished in the Spring. Kim Chowning and Chris Pearson met with Bill Bibbey, Maintenance Administrator for the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission, to review the ON TRACK online maintenance tool provided by OFCC for the district's 2002 building project. The ON TRACK tool provides a digital list of assets from 2002 and a projected timeline for estimated replacement costs. Many of the items have already been replaced and upgraded from the list. Chris Pearson is currently auditing the ON TRACK list for the 2002 project and he will be adding the new facilities (PAC and PELC) as well to the software. Future areas of replacement include tile in the elementary wing, windows in the high school, and the roof membrane. Mr. Sagester is working with Level MB on improving the baseball and softball complexes. The backstops need to be replaced due to safety concerns and a concession stand, press box, and lockers rooms attached to the dugouts are being considered. Other items of improvement include the football field scoreboard and track resurfacing in the spring of 2024. Ludy's Greenhouse is currently working on the FFA greenhouse improvements and hope to have those buttoned up in the next week. The Board meeting dates have been set as follows for 2023: March 20, April 17, May 22, June 26, July 17, August 14, September 18, October 16, November 20, December 18, and January 4, 2024. The administrator's summer retreat had been cancelled for a few years but now will be returning as a one day conference on August 3 at the Top of the Market in Dayton. At the request of the Athletic Director and High School Principal, Mr. Sagester will be looking into and researching a potential fan policy for the 2023-2024 athletic season to curb any hostile fan behavior. He also requested feedback from the board members on such a policy. Governor DeWine's biennium budget proposal for fiscal years 2024 and 2025 includes the phasing in of the Fair School Funding Plan as well as allocations available for school resource officers, investments for career technical education centers, and access to high quality curriculum in literacy and the science of reading. DeWine has several other initiatives included in his budget bill as well. The administrators are contemplating possibly performing all gifted administrative duties in house for the 2023-2024 school year. Currently, the district is contracted with the Darke County Educational Service Center for gifted services but is considering their full-time gifted teacher, Heather Bergman, to assist in this area instead. Kudos to Jerry Hollinger, transportation supervisor, who went 10/10 on the district's bus inspections recently. Although in its infancy stage, Family Health is looking to support and fund a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner for Darke County school districts next year. More information to follow as this initiative develops. Mr. Sagester congratulated Shaye Thomas, Teha Richards, and Kyle Pipenger for their induction into the Tri-Village Hall of Fame. All are 2013 graduates. High school girls' basketball accolades thus far is a 26-0 record, Rylee Sagester has been selected as Western Ohio Athletic Conference player of the year, Morgan Hunt and Torie Richards were selected WOAC 1<sup>st</sup> team, Bella Black and Kennedi Hager 2<sup>nd</sup> team, and Sydney Delong special mention. Rylee received player of the year honors from District 9 and Morgan and Torie were selected as 1<sup>st</sup> team. Rylee also became the State's all-time leader in career three pointers made! Congratulations to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade girls team winning their respective tournament. High school boys' basketball accolades thus far is a 20-5 record, Wilson Suggs and Justine Finkbine received 1<sup>st</sup> team WOAC honors, Dalton Delong 2<sup>nd</sup> team, and Trey Sagester special mention. Wilson, Justin, and Dalton also received 1<sup>st</sup> team District 9 honors. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys finished their season 19-0 and were tournament champs and the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys finished their season 17-1 and were tournament champs as well. Congratulations to all these winter athletes!

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 2022-2023 school year as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
2. Recommendation to issue a permanent limited classified contract to rehire Scott Rexrode, Custodial, retroactive to January 12, 2023.
3. Recommendation to accept with thanks the resignation of Theresa Graham, bus driver, for the purpose of retirement effective May 31, 2023.
4. Recommendation to accept with thanks the resignation of Theresa Graham, cook, for the purpose of retirement effective May 31, 2023.
5. Recommendation to accept the resignation of Jewell Towery, Classroom Aide, effective January 5, 2023.

6. Recommendation to accept Kathryn Osborne's letter of resignation, Title I Coach, effective March 3, 2023.
7. Recommendation to accept with thanks the resignation of Sheryll Hedger, Food Service Director, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2023.
8. Recommendation to approve Matt Harman, classified substitute (school bus driver) for the 2022-2023 school year.
9. Recommendation to employ the following as classified substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year. (All Aide substitutes must have an active Educational Aide Student Monitor Permit issued from the Ohio Department of Education.)
  - Brittani Wehr (Cafeteria)
  - Sharon Lehman (Aide) (retro-active to February 10, 2023)
10. Recommendation to approve Chris Pearson, site manager, for 2022-2023 at a rate of \$50.00 per home baseball and softball games to be paid from the athletic fund.
11. Recommendation to issue a one year limited supplemental contract to Brett Slone, Spring Sports Coordinator, for the 2022-2023 school year.
12. Recommendation to recognize Jordan Renfro and Kelsey Walters as advisors for the Pink Laces Running Club at no cost to the district.
13. Recommendation to accept with thanks the resignation of Gerald Hollinger, Transportation Supervisor, for the purpose of retirement effective June 30, 2023.

Mr. Sagester publicly thanked Sheryll Hedger, Jerry Hollinger, and Theresa Graham for their years of service to the district and institutional knowledge. He is very appreciative of their dedication to their respective positions.

#### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Recommendation to approve financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
2. Recommendation to approve an engagement letter between the Tri-Village Local School District and the Auditor of State to audit fiscal year 2021-2022 with expected fees and expenses not to exceed \$14,801.
3. Recommendation to approve a five-year (July 1, 2023, to June 30, 2028) Internet Access Service Agreement with META Solutions. The total cost per year is \$15,420 and is eligible for annual ERATE funding reimbursement.
4. Recommendation to pay Emmerie Brown \$100.00 per month for transportation fees for the 2022-2023 school year.
5. The Board authorizes and approves a \$109,977.02 increase in the Owner Contingency amount for the Patriot Activity Center due to changes in the Scope of the Work, Contract Sum, and/or Contract Time of the Agreements made during the construction of the project. The total owner contingency to date is \$309,977.02. (Original resolution #22-49)
6. The Board authorizes and approves a \$35,608.05 increase in the Owner Contingency amount for the Patriot Early Learning Center due to changes in the Scope of the Work, Contract Sum, and/or Contract Time of the Agreements made during the construction of the project. The total owner contingency to date is \$85,608.05. (Original resolution #22-49)
7. The Treasurer recommends a \$143,010.11 subsequent transfer to USAS 070 (the "Capital Projects Fund"), special cost center 9219 (Patriot Activity Center), from the General Fund (USAS 001) for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets.
8. Recommendation to adopt a resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor for FY 2024.
9. Recommendation to approve a contract with Rea and Associates to prepare the Medicaid School Program Agency Cost Report for dates ending 2022, 2023, and 2024, not to exceed \$2,000.00 annually.
10. Recommendation to approve the purpose and intent of the PATS (Parents Assisting Teachers and Students) organization, Fund 022, and Special Cost Center 9400.
11. Recommendation to approve the establishment of the Pink Laces Running Club (Fund 300 and Special Cost Center 9550) to account for the revenues and expenditures of the club and to approve the purpose and intent of the club.
12. Recommendation to accept the following athletic donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Kurt and Sarah Drew	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Davey/Abby Light & Family	Athletics	\$50.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Greg and Pam Place	Athletics	\$20.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Steve and Deb Scantland	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
J. Darlene Partin	Athletics	\$50.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Linda Newbauer	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
JoAnne Saylor	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Bill and Jill Moore	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Ronald and Cynthia Schmidt, Ginny Schenck, Bill, and Shirley Kastens	Athletics	\$200.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Robin Gilbert	Athletics	\$75.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
WGTR Employees	Athletics	\$50.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Roselius Insurance Agency	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Mike and Robin Bruner and Family	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Michael Staggs	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Monte and Betty Hagerman	Athletics	\$1,000.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Christy Hight	Athletics	\$50.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Matthew Appenzeller	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Garmann/Miller & Associates	Athletics	\$250.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Thomas and Judy Keating	Athletics	\$60.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Thomas and Bonita Schlechty	Athletics	\$50.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Thomas and Amy Farmer	Athletics	\$50.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Michael & Cynthia Klapper	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Level MB	Athletics	\$100.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Rebecca Turner	Athletics	\$25.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester

Tri-Village Cafeteria Staff	Athletics	\$125.00	In Memory of Debbie Sagester
Greenville Federal	Athletics	\$10.00	
Laux Seed Solution	Athletics	\$450.00	Scoreboard Project

13. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

McCabe Painting	Archery Club	\$100.00	
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Archery Club	\$500.00	
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Band	\$300.00	
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Chorus	\$300.00	
Robert and Roxie Ballard	Chorus	\$75.00	
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Class of 2025	\$300.00	
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Elementary Principal	\$700.00	
Feitshans Revocable Living Trust	FFA	\$50.00	
Dynamite Designs and More	Football	\$275.00	
Miami Valley Career Tech Center	HS Principal	\$950.00	Senior Seminar Grant
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Key Club	\$700.00	
John Lay	Kindergarten Club	\$20.00	
Southwestern Ohio EPC	Wellness Fund	\$1,025.00	Wellness Grant
Laux Seed Solution	Capital Improvement General Fund	\$450.00	Scoreboard Project

Board President Tom Schlechty publicly thanked everyone listed for their generous donations.

**NEW BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Recommendation to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar.
2. Recommendation to authorize the 2023-2024 membership into the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
3. Recommendation to approve an overnight field trip for the high school cheerleaders to participate in the high school state OASSA competition held at Pickerington High School in Columbus, Ohio from March 4-5, 2023, under the direction of Mrs. Christina Cook.

**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 7:47 and time out 10:05.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:06 p.m.