



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, February 26, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech, Tom Schlechty, and Justin Spencer. Josh Sagester, Kim Chowning, Shane Mead, and Lee Morris were present as well.

The minutes of the budget, organizational, school calendar, and regular meeting for January 8, 2024, were approved.

Elementary Principal's Report: Mr. Mead shared the elementary's tentative testing schedule. He said the teachers are ready and excited to keep the scores up. The second round of OTES is well under way and the goal is to have the evaluations completed by April 1. Winter MAP testing is completed, and spring MAP testing will take place in May. Emily Kappel from Kappel Consulting will return to campus in April and May to work with all math teachers in grades K-12. Ms. Kappel will observe these teachers throughout the day and then hold committee meetings for an hour after school to discuss what she saw. Mr. Mead stated that Kappel is very good and knows her craft. April Hoying, Darke County ESC Curriculum Director, will begin her spring classroom visits on April 29 here. The following students were selected as January Patriots of the Month: Layla Johnsman (PK), Ava Renfro (K), Waylon Kautz (1st), Cole Brinley (2nd), Emma Mitchell (3rd), Isaiah Thomas (4th), Liam Miller (5th), and Canann Markley (6th). Each of these students received a sign to put in their yard. Students chosen as February's Patriot of the Month will be announced on February 29 and they will have lunch with the Principal on March 1.

Parent teacher conferences were held last week. Attendance was low compared to previous conferences. Mrs. Eley's fourth graders participated in making Valentines for Veterans. These valentine cards were sent to the men on the USS Eisenhower and taken to the Veteran's Hospital in Dayton.

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Morris began his report stating that he is currently finalizing new book selections for the high school book vending machine. The junior high Winner's Meats fundraiser kicks off on March 4 and ends on March 19. RESA meetings are ongoing for mentors and mentees. The Darke County Spelling Bee was on January 18. Leah Lawrence and Ryleigh Preddy represented the Tri-Village Junior High School. Many Darke County Educational Service Center meetings have been held for administrators, guidance counselors, and RESA mentor/mentee meetings. The final round of MAP testing will be completed in March. Morris presented a draft of the junior high/high school April end of course testing calendar. He also stated that the final round of his teacher observations is underway. The Senior Seminar "Life Skills Fridays" topics are continuing this year. Mrs. Black and Mr. Morris are currently conducting an ODE exiting student survey for the Class of 2023. An ACT test will be administered to all Juniors (68 students) on February 27. Mrs. Black, Mrs. Francis, and Mrs. Purdy are reviewing the graduation checklist for the Class of 2024. Mr. Morris concluded his report with a listing of dates for upcoming events.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Sagester gave an update on the baseball and softball complex. A punch list walk through took place on February 23. The district is planning a ribbon cutting soon and will have Toby Spencer raise the flag at the complex for the first time as he donated funds to purchase the flagpole in memory of his son Chase Spencer. A listing of the approved 2024 board meeting dates was shared. The Ohio School Bus Safety Working Group has announced its bus recommendations to enhance the safety of school bus travel in Ohio. If a school chose every safety feature announced besides seatbelts, it would cost \$13,000 per school bus and \$19,000 per bus with seatbelts installed. All the suggested safety features for all school districts in Ohio would cost \$169 million minus the seatbelt costs. Interim reports were sent home on February 23. The State has released a listing of approved materials for their Science of Reading requirement. The district currently uses Fountas and Pinnell for their ELA lessons which is not currently on the state adopted list. However, the materials may still be approved by the State in March. If not, the district will need to look at adopting another ELA curriculum for 2025. Mrs. Stump and Mrs. Fisherback will be taking twenty-three of the district's best and brightest student leaders in grades 9-12 to the Ignite the Spark conference which is being held at the National Trail School District on February 28. After discussing with the Board of Education members, Mr. Sagester will be distributing a letter to students and faculty informing them that school will be closed on April 8 due to the Solar Eclipse. Senate Bill 288 (Erin's Law) requires that children in grades K-6 receive annual developmentally appropriate instruction in child sexual abuse prevention. Tri-Village will be using fightchildabuse.org for this instruction in grades K-6 and Safe Dates curriculum for students in 9th

grade health. A letter will be sent to parents for their consent. However, they may opt out as well. All 10th and 12th grade students took the You Science Aptitude and Career Discovery exam. Mr. Todd Schilling, Darke County Career Connections Coordinator, plans to meet with each student to go over their results and begin to put an individualized plan together for each student. Mr. Sagester shared a list of projects to be completed for this upcoming summer. The Darke County Science Fair was held recently. Cora Gutierrez received a superior rating, grand prize, highest score, best abstract, best presentation of data, and first place for engineering. Ezra Gutierrez received a superior rating as well and third place in behavioral science. Congratulations to the 2024 Hall of Fame Inductees which include Tyler Cook (Class of 2014), Krystal Falknor (Class of 2014), and Jeremy Price (Class of 1993). Mr. Sagester has received word that Tri-Village has been chosen for a Thursday Night Lights television game in the upcoming football season against Ansonia. The following WOAC awards have been announced for the boys' basketball team: Tanner Printz and Trey Sagester (first team), Braden Keating (second team), and Reed Wehr (special mention). WOAC awards for the girls' basketball team are as follows: Bella Black and Kynnedi Hager (first team), Sydnee DeLong and Tai Mize (second team), and Kiersten Wilcox (special mention). District 9 awards include boys first team Braden Keating, Tanner Printz, and Trey Sagester, and girls first team are Bella Black, Sydnee DeLong, and Kynnedi Hager. Congratulations to the JV boys' basketball team finishing their season with 19-2 record and both the 7th and 8th grade boys' teams winning the WOAC tournaments. The 7th grade boys finished their season at 16-2 and the 8th grade 17-1. Also, congratulations to the girls' seventh grade team on winning their WOAC tournament and finishing their season with a 16-1 record. At the Greg Hale Powerlifting meet, the boys' team placed third and the girls' team placed fifth. Weston Printz, Shaun Crawford, Grant Leonard, Hunter Ridout, Cameron Kimmel, and Seth Jesse all placed third in their weight class. For the girls, Deja Leonard placed first in her weight class and Lilian Case, Americus Hirsch, Zoe Ayyette, and Kaylee Richardson Welch all placed second in their weight class.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Chowning shared and reviewed the Student Wellness and Success Funding plan and the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid plan as required by the Ohio Revised Code.

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 2023-2024 school year as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
2. Recommendation to employ Karli Wicker, Aide, retro-active to January 29, 2024, as classified substitute for the 2023-2024 school year. (All Aide substitutes must have an active Educational Aide Student Monitor Permit issued from the Ohio Department of Education.)
3. Recommendation to approve Chris Pearson, site manager, for 2023-2024 at a rate of \$50.00 per home baseball and softball games to be paid from the athletic fund.
4. Recommendation to issue a one-year limited supplemental contract to Brett Slone, Spring Sports Coordinator, for the 2023-2024 school year.
5. Recommendation to approve Lysie Stocker as a classified substitute (school bus driver) for the 2023-2024 school year retro-active to November 13, 2023.
 1. Recommendation to approve the issuance of a School Bus Driver's Certificate to Lysie Stocker, school bus driver for the 2023-2024 school year, retro-active to February 13, 2024.
6. Recommendation to approve Zac Graham as obtaining additional hours which will place him on the master's +30 step of the negotiated agreement.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve financial reports as submitted by the Treasurer.
- B.** Recommendation Authorizing the Transfer of Monies from the Bond Retirement fund to a specific Permanent Improvement Fund.
- C.** Recommendation to approve a contract with ITsavvy, LLC for Category II Access Points and Subscription Licenses (5 years) in the amount of \$40,833.85. This contract is eligible for ERATE funding reimbursement.
- D.** Recommendation to approve the Tri-Village Local School District Student Wellness and Success Plan and the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid Funding Plan.
- E.** Recommendation to accept the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Archery	\$ 500.00	
Whitetails Unlimited, Inc.	Archery	\$ 3,000.00	
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Band	\$ 300.00	
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Chorus	\$ 300.00	
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Elementary Principal	\$ 500.00	Reading Counts
American Legion Unit 245	Elementary Principal	\$ 75.00	4th Grade
Dynamite Designs	Football	\$ 500.00	
Kiwanis Club of New Madison	Key Club	\$ 500.00	

NEW BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar.
2. Recommendation to authorize the 2024-2025 membership into the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
3. Recommendation to appoint Marcus Bingham to an extended one-year term as a Trustee of the New Madison Public Library Board commencing on February 12, 2024, and continuing through December 31, 2024.

Executive Session - The Board of Education entered 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 and pursuant to ORC Section 121.22 (G)(4) preparing for, conducting, or reviewing negotiations or bargaining sessions with public employees concerning their compensation or other terms and conditions of their employment. Time in 7:18 and time out 8:14.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST: Mr. Sagester discussed and shared options for a new football scoreboard.

Mr. Schlechty adjourned the meeting at 8:40 p.m.