



## Tri-Village Local Schools Regular Board News Release

The Tri-Village Board of Education met on Monday February 23, 2016 at 6:00 in the board office. The meeting began with Mr. Tim Bevins and Mr. Kevin Harrison taking their Oath of Office.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal discussed the AIR/TIDE testing calendar for the upcoming months. Mr. Mead distributed the spring testing calendar to all members. Mr. Mead was pleased to report his second round of OTES is well underway and he is very happy with the instruction taking place in the classrooms. Winter MAP testing is completed and the students will begin spring MAP testing in the upcoming months.

Moby Max, an instructional website in all subject areas has been purchased. This will replace Study Island. Moby Curriculum teaches students to be better problem solvers, critical thinkers, and creative geniuses with thousands of cognitive skill manipulatives.

Mr. Mead discussed the TGRG (3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Reading Guarantee) fall results and the K-3 literacy results. Mr. Mead distributed the county comparison for K-3 literacy, last school year the elementary received an F, this year we received a B. "I am very happy with this score and extremely proud of our staff and students. Our teachers and students are working hard in the classrooms and working hard to close the gaps and showing improvement", stated Mr. Mead.

February 18<sup>th</sup> was the County Science Fair. Both the elementary and middle school was very well represented at the county science fair. Tri-Village had the most participants of any school in the county.

A new science curriculum called Focus Ohio was purchased to align our Science curriculum in grades 3-8. We will start to use the material as soon as it arrives and implement it in the 2016-2017 school year. We are also looking to align our Social Studies curriculum once we find a suitable vendor to meet our satisfaction.

Congratulations to Sydney Lipps for earning the January Patriot of the Month in the elementary.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal, elaborated on the Darke County Fair. Thirty area students received the highest rating of "Superior," who are now eligible to go to the District Science Day held at Edison Community College in Piqua on Saturday, February 27<sup>th</sup>, with those receiving a superior at district may go on to the state contest held at The Ohio State University on May 14<sup>th</sup>. Those students moving on to the districts from TV are: Brina Toomy, Landen Fraylick, Justus Thomas, Shelby Holzapfel, Kaylor Pearson, Maddie Downing, Harley Ketring and Lily Preston. Mr. Morris congratulated these students and wished them luck at districts.

Students in the junior high will be taking an online typing class. EduTyping is a revolutionary new web-based keyboarding software designed exclusively for the educational market. This allows teachers to deliver an entire keyboarding course to students via Internet technology. The software requires no textbooks or paper and allows educators to teach a full keyboarding course or unit using 100% online technology.

Mr. Morris reported on the latest Darke County Center for the Arts performances. DCCA Arts in Education presented Voice Play, an a cappella group to the campus of TV in January and presented Living Voices, Anne Frank through the eyes of a friend in February at Memorial Hall in Greenville to our junior high students.

Mr. Mead congratulated Aiden Collins for placing 3<sup>rd</sup> in the County Spelling Bee. Mr. George Kowalski and his students have begun to work on their robot they are building for the First Robotics Challenge.

Students in Mrs. Smith's Opportunities 13 class will be participating in a "Dress for Success" interviews at Shawnee Prairie in Greenville on March 21, 2016. Students will be going shopping for interview clothes and will learn interview techniques to help them prepare for the workforce.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent congratulated Mr. Tim Bevins, School Board President for serving his milestone of 20 years on the Board.

The Special Olympics annual basketball game will take place on March 23, 2016 at Versailles High School. Mr. Sagester is always excited and is honored to be a part of this event.

Mr. Sagester congratulated all our students who participated in the County Science Fair and wished the students luck at districts. He commended all students and staff members for their efforts.

Mr. Sagester gave an update on HB 212. He will keep the board abreast of changes as they occur.

Mr. Sagester commended Mr. Mead, his staff and students for receiving a B in the K-3 literacy. Only 64 districts in Ohio received a B on the K-3 Literacy, Mr. Sagester is proud of all their efforts. The district received an A for their graduation rate on the local report card.

Mr. Sagester was pleased with how the County Spelling Bee went, and really enjoyed hosting the event.

Mr. Sagester reported the bid process for the bleachers and press box bid is on the district website and has been published in the newspaper. Mrs. Kimberly Chowning will open the bids on March 7<sup>th</sup> at noon.

Congratulations to both the boys and girls basketball teams for being the CCC Champions.

Congratulations to the following for earning conference honors: Brad Gray, Coach of the Year, Allie Downing – Player of the Year and 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Shelby Dowler – 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Danika Mann – 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Rachel Miller – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, and Emma Printz – Special Mention, Gavin Richards – 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Tyler VanWinkle – 1<sup>st</sup> Team, Trace Couch – 2<sup>nd</sup> Team, and Knox Morris – Special Mention.

Mrs. Kimberly Chowning concluded the administrative reports by discussing the appropriations for the month.

#### **Other items of interest:**

##### **PERSONNEL**

- A. Issued one year 2016-2017 limited supplemental contract to Jason Schondelmyer, Head Football Coach.
- B. Employed Mark Sheard as classified substitute school bus driver for the 2015-2016 school year, pending completion of all school bus drivers training.
- C. Employed Ruth Argo, classified substitute for the 2015-2016 school year.
- D. Recognized Zachary Graham for obtaining additional education and training that will place him on the M+15 step per the Negotiated Agreement.
- E. Approved Dick Holsapple, as Volunteer Archery Coach for the 2015-2016 school year. (This program will operate without any expenses to the district and is excluded from the Negotiated Agreement.)

##### **NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Accepted donations.
- B. Accepted with gratitude the following in-kind donation supporting the science department.
- C. Accepted with gratitude the following in-kind donation supporting the Outdoor Athletic Complex, during calendar year 2015.
- D. Appointed Christel Brooks, to complete an unfinished term of 5 years for a Trustee of the New Madison Public Library Board who resigned his position, commencing on February 8, 2016 and continue through December 31, 2020.
- E. Adopted a resolution approving settlement agreement and mutual release of claims with Reiter Dairy, LLC and authorizing board representative to execute settlement agreement and mutual release of claims.
- F. Adopted 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 2016.
- G. Approved the 2016-2017 school calendar.
- H. Approved an overnight field trip for high school varsity cheerleading squad to participate in the high school state OASSA competition held at St. John's arena in Columbus, Ohio on March 5, 2016, under the direction of Mrs. Danielle Bourne and Mrs. Darlene Ary.
- I. Approved the establishment of Fund 300 with a SPCC (special cost center) of 9916, a fund used to account for the revenues and expenditures of the Archery Club.

*There will be a Special Board Meeting on Monday, March 7, 2016 at 5:30 p.m. to approve a bleacher/press box bid. The meeting will be held at the Board of Education office located at 315 S. Main Street, New Madison, Ohio.*

*The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled for March 21, 2016 at 6:00 pm in the board office.*