



Tri-Village Local Schools
School of Excellence
Regular Board News Release
January 9, 2017

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education held its 2017 organizational meeting on Monday, January 9, 2017 at 5:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Tom Schlechty, Darin Dubbs, Amy Farmer and Kevin Harrison. Administrators attending were Josh Sagester (Superintendent), Kimberly Chowning (Treasurer), Lee Morris (High School Principal) and Shane Mead (Elementary Principal). Mr. Schlechty nominated Mr. Bevins as President of the Board of Education for 2017; Mr. Dubbs moved nominations be closed and Mr. Harrison seconded. Mr. Harrison nominated Mr. Schlechty as Vice-President of the Board of Education for 2017; Mr. Bevins moved nominations be closed and Mr. Dubbs seconded. The date, time, and place of regular meetings for 2017 was also approved by the Board members. Committee appointments are as follows: Transportation chair is Mr. Bevins and member Mr. Schlechty. Building and grounds chair is Mr. Harrison and member Mr. Dubbs. Miami Valley Career Technology Center Advisory chair is Mrs. Farmer and member Mr. Dubbs. Legislative Liaison chair is Mr. Schlechty and member Mrs. Farmer. Mr. Bevins nominated Mr. Harrison as a member to the Athletic Council. Mr. Dubbs moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Schlechty seconded. Mr. Dubbs nominated Mr. Bevins as the 2017 OSBA Student Liaison. Mr. Harrison moved that nominations be closed and Mr. Dubbs seconded. The 2017 organizational meeting was adjourned at 5:42.

The Board of Education members and administrators entered into the 2018 Budget Hearing meeting at 5:45 p.m. Mrs. Chowning, Treasurer, reviewed the proposed 2018 Tax Budget with those present. The meeting was adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

At 6:00 p.m., the Board of Education members, administrators and visitors entered into a public hearing to discuss the proposed 2017-2018 district calendar. The meeting was adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

The regular Board of Education meeting began at 6:14 p.m. The regular meeting minutes for December 19, 2016 and special meeting minutes for December 22, 2016 were approved. The members also approved December 2016 expenditures, current appropriation budget amendments and all financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.

Visitors recognized were Mrs. Heather Brown and Johanna (exchange student from Germany). Mrs. Brown is the area representative for International Student Exchange for Darke County. She has placed one hundred students into Darke County homes in the last fourteen years. Mrs. Brown expressed her appreciation to the District for their support and continued participation in the foreign exchange program. Johanna shared some of her experiences while at Tri-Village.

Elementary Principal's Report: Mr. Mead shared the third (3rd) grade AIR results. Tri-Village was the second highest amongst the Darke County schools in percentage of promotion status and third in percentage of passing. For those students not reaching the required score, extra intervention and assistance will be made prior to retesting. Mr. Mead stated, "We are continuing to move in the right direction in the elementary!"

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Morris thanked the Board of Education for their approval to purchase new band uniforms. He stated that the District is giving the band students what they need in order to make their program special. Currently, thirty one juniors have taken the ACT test with an average score of 20.87. All juniors will take the state-sponsored ACT (without writing) on March 21. Mr. Morris spoke briefly about the end of course exams for the Class of 2018 and beyond. All staff members will participate in AED training on January 13. Indiana University East has awarded \$126,000 in scholarships to eight seniors thus far. There is \$86,000 remaining to be awarded to other eligible seniors if the

requirements are met. Tri-Village students continue to enjoy the Arts in Education programs. Many visited St. Clair's Memorial Hall on December 15, 2016 to view "Audiobody" and on January 30, "We Banjo 3" will visit the Tri-Village auditorium. On March 16, there will be a Fazoli's March Pasta Madness fundraiser to help support the eighth grade Washington DC trip; \$10 for adults and \$6 for children. The FAFSA night has been rescheduled for January 30 in the T.V. auditorium.

Superintendent Report: January is Board of Education member appreciation month. Mr. Sagester thanked the members for their service and honored each of them with a certificate. He shared that Governor Kasich has signed Senate Bill 3. A couple of the legislative amendments in the bill included changing the competitive bidding threshold on building improvements from \$25,000 to \$50,000 and Districts are no longer required to submit plans to the Ohio Department of Education as to how they will make up missed days with online instruction or "blizzard bags." MAP testing will begin January 17 in the elementary. During the holiday break, extra cleaning and lingering maintenance and/ or technology issues were completed. Nancy Jay has agreed to finish the year as the District's crossing guard. Mr. Sagester commended Brad Gray, Chris Pearson, and Lee Morris in their efforts to organize the Holiday Classic boys' basketball tournament. He also thanked the Red Front Inn for sponsoring the food in the hospitality room and to Darlene Ary for spearheading the organization of the room. The varsity girls' basketball team will play in the "Classic in the Country" tournament on January 14 at 10:00 a.m. against Orville and the varsity boys' basketball team will compete against Versailles at the "Flyin' to the Hoops" tournament on January 16 at 11:30.

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

PERSONNEL

- A. Accept the resignation of Kasey Frech, Wee Patriot Preschool employee, effective December 20, 2016, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- B. Approve Trudy Snyder and Brandy Reier, Classified substitutes for the 2016-2017 school year, as recommended by the Superintendent.
- C. Approve the Wee Patriot Preschool hourly rate for Heather Derksen, \$12.00/hour for the 2016-2017 school year, effective January 3, 2017, as recommended by the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Approve the 2017-2018 tax year school district budget, as presented by the Treasurer.
- B. Accept the following donations as recommended by the Treasurer.
 - 1. \$100.00 from Lisa Eadler to PATS to benefit the TV Backpack Program
 - 2. \$400.00 from the Darke County Center for the Arts, Inc., to the Art Department

The meeting was adjourned at 7:01 p.m.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, February, 27, 2017