



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Records Commission members consisting of President Pro Tem Schlechty, Superintendent Sagester, and Treasurer Chowning met at 5:30 as required by the Ohio Revised Code. Mrs. Chowning reviewed and discussed the district's records retention schedule, records disposal process, and records training procedures. The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education held its 2025 organizational meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, at 5:45 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech (arrived at 5:48 p.m.), Tom Schlechty, and Justin Spencer. Mr. Dubbs was elected as President of the Board of Education for 2025, and Mr. Schlechty was elected as Vice-President. The date, time, and place of regular meetings for 2025 were approved by the Board members. Committee appointments are as follows: Transportation chair is Mr. Bevins and member Mr. Spencer, Building and Grounds chair is Mrs. Frech and member Mr. Schlechty, Miami Valley Career Technology Center Advisory chair is Mr. Dubbs and member Mr. Bevins, and Legislative Liaison chair is Mr. Spencer and member Mrs. Frech. Mr. Dubbs will serve as a member of the Athletic Council and Mr. Schlechty will serve as the 2025 OSBA Student Liaison. The 2025 organizational meeting adjourned at 5:54.

The Board of Education members and administrators entered the 2026 Budget Hearing meeting at 6:00 p.m. Mrs. Chowning reviewed the proposed 2026 Tax Budget. Mr. Dubbs called the meeting adjourned at 6:13 p.m.

At 6:15 p.m., the Board of Education members and administrators entered a public hearing to discuss the proposed 2025-2026 district calendar. There were no questions raised on the presented calendar. The meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m.

The regular Board of Education meeting began at 6:30 p.m. The board members approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on December 9, 2024.

Elementary Principal Report: All certified staff members have a professional development workday on January 17. HMH curriculum meetings will take place from 8 – 11:00 a.m. for grades K-2 and 12 – 3:00 p.m. for grades 3-6, staff will also have time to complete their Public School Works requirements, and Intervention Specialists, aides, and any other interested staff will have an opportunity to receive Sensory Diet professional development at the Darke County ESC. On February 5 early release day, ESC personnel will be on campus working with the Intervention Specialists on IEP writing changes and Heather Bergman will be leading gifted professional development as required by the State. MAP testing will be completed by January 31. This testing measures student progress from fall to winter. The HMH curriculum has arrived, sorted, and disseminated to the respective grade levels. April Hoying, Darke County ESC Curriculum Coordinator, will be on campus completing her quarterly observations on January 24. Ezra Guterrez will compete at the Darke County Spelling Bee on January 16 at Romers. Sue Huston and students from Darke County Development Disabilities will be visiting K-2 students on January 23. Columbus Zoo will be visiting K-2 on January 29. Both lunch with the principal and the Patriot Buck Assembly will take place January 31. PATS is planning their carnival for April 4. Mr. Mead concluded his report by sharing information about the Big Brothers/Big Sisters program under the direction of Amanda Dyson.

High School Principal Report: There will be time reserved on the January 17 professional development day to complete the Public School Works requirement for staff, updating Written Education Plans (WEPs), and special education staff will attend the Sensory Diet professional development at the Darke County ESC. The first semester ends on January 16 for students. Mr. Morris shared that there are currently twenty-two Tri-Village seniors attending Miami Valley Career Technology Center and eleven juniors. There are twenty-five CTC applicants in the current sophomore class for the next school year. Morris spoke briefly about calamity days and hours of instruction.

Superintendent Report: January is School Board Appreciation month and Mr. Sagester thanked the board members for their service and dedication to the students, staff, and community. He shared the cost of the State mandated Science of Reading curriculum amounting to over \$104,000, of which the State only funded \$42,000. The rest of the cost being an unfunded mandate that the district had to pick up. Sagester spoke a bit about House Bill 8, known as the Parents Bill of Rights. He will work with the District's Neola representative, Mark Barhorst,

to produce a policy in the spring for the HB 8 change. The 2025 board meeting dates were discussed and selected, and a Continuity of Learning Plan was shared which will take place if more than five calamity days occur. Mr. Sagester shared that "Grinch Night" was again a success. PATS spearheaded the event with Angie Everman taking the lead. There were 45 volunteers including students and parents, and 110 students attending. This is another great outreach hosted by the PATS organization. The boys' varsity basketball team will be playing in the MLK Classic on January 14 against Russia at 4:30 with the junior varsity game beginning at 3:00. Sagester shared the winter basketball records to date for both the high school and junior high boys and girls teams. The powerlifting team recently completed at Springfield Northeastern. The boys' team placed 6th out of 10 teams and the girls placed 4th out of 8 teams. Hayden Crawford, Shaun Crawford, and Isabella Bunting won first place individual awards.

Treasurer Report: Mrs. Chowning gave a fiscal year 2024 state audit update which is currently ongoing. The FY 2023 Medicaid Agreed Upon Procedures report is complete and the district should be reimbursed over \$39,000 before the fiscal year end. Year-end items (w2's and 1099's) are complete and ready to be distributed to staff members and vendors.

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 2024-2025 school year as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
2. Recommendation to issue a one year (2024-2025) limited supplemental contract to Matt Hopkins, Assistant Boys Track Coach, pending the issuance of a valid Ohio coaching certification/license, and all other requirements as set forth by the Ohio Department of Education and the Ohio High School Athletic Association.
3. Recommendation to approve John Beard as obtaining additional hours to place him on the Masters +30 step of the negotiated agreement.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
2. Whereas, the Tri-Village Local Schools Board of Education wishes to support the efforts of other boards of education to obtain favorable judicial decisions and,
Whereas, the Ohio School Boards Association Legal Assistance Fund has been established for this purpose,
Therefore, the Board hereby resolves to participate in the OSBA LAF for calendar year 2025 and authorizes the treasurer to pay the LAF \$250.
3. Request to approve the renewal of membership to the Ohio School Boards Association and subscription to the OSBA Briefcase for 2025 in the amount of \$4,304.00.
4. Recommendation to approve an engagement letter between the Tri-Village Local School District and the Auditor of State to audit fiscal year 2023-2024 with expected fees and expenses not to exceed \$13,530.
5. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Whitetails Unlimited, Inc.	Archery Club	\$ 4,000.00	
Greenville Federal	General	\$ 201.00	
Kimberly Francis	HS Cheerleading	\$ 300.00	Mats
Stephan & Deborah Scantland	HS Student Council	\$ 100.00	Community Christmas Dinner

6. Recommendation to approve the 2025-2026 tax year school district budget.

NEW BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve a Shared Services Agreement between the Ansonia Local Schools Board of Education, Arcanum-Butler Board of Education, Bradford Exempted Village Board of Education, Franklin Monroe Board of Education, Mississinawa Valley Board of Education, and the Tri-Village Board of Education to transport students to extra-curricular and co-curricular activities and events; and transports students to many of the same activities and events. It is in the interest of all boards to share transportation services to extracurricular and co-curricular events and activities, where appropriate, to reduce transportation expenditures and save resources.
2. Recommendation to adopt the Special Education Model Policies and Procedures ("Model Policies") that were released by the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce ("DEW") in December 2024 and directs all staff in the District to use and comply with the Model Policies. The Board further authorizes the Superintendent to notify the DEW of the Board's adoption of the Model Policies through the DEW's Monitoring System by uploading a copy of this Board resolution on or before March 30, 2025, and by November 30 for each subsequent school year.
3. Recommendation to approve the Wellness Center Guidelines and Wellness Center Waiver and Release of Liability.

EXECUTIVE SESSION - The Board of Education entered executive session pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee or official. Time in 7:06 and time out 7:13.

COMMUNICATION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST - Mr. Bevins would like to entertain the possibility of the Board members receiving all information electronically to reduce paperwork.

Mr. Dubbs adjourned the meeting at 7:18 p.m.