



## Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 20, 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, and Shane Mead were present as well. Visitors included Heather Brown, Charlotte Moss, John and Michelle Siegrist, Jerry Osborne, and Jeff Enicks. Mrs. Moss presented a proposal for auditorium updates and briefly reviewed her submittal with the board members. Mr. Siegrist, Club advisor, presented the high school archery team's state championship trophy won on March 11. All three teams (elementary, middle school, and high school) qualified to participate in the National Archery tournament in Louisville, KY May 11-13.

The minutes of the regular meeting for February 27, 2023, were approved by the board members.

**Elementary Principal's Report:** Mr. Mead stated that the elementary OTES observations will be done by the end of the month. He still has a few off-year evaluations to complete as well. All elementary aides and secretary evaluations are complete. State testing begins April 12 and there will be two extra substitutes assisting during the testing window to help with supervision of students not involved with testing. The ELA testing window opens on April 5 and closes on April 25 and the math and science window opens on April 20 and closes May 10. Spring MAP testing will follow the completion of state testing. Shoes for the Shoeless will be on campus on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Mrs. Fritz is coordinating this endeavor. The Darke County Cattleman's Association will be on campus providing a book reading in the library for the primary students on March 22. Erin Horst, President of the Association, will be the host reader. Ms. Towery has decorated an entire bulletin board on agriculture and has pulled all the agriculture books for the students to review. Mr. Mead has narrowed down the elementary art applicant pool to two. Mr. Sagester will be interviewing the two finalists as well. The district's annual tornado drill with county personnel took place this morning. Mr. Mead offered his congratulations to Coach Gray and the girls' basketball team on a State Championship and an undefeated season! He ended his report by recognizing Jillian Bierly as the February Patriot of the Month and stating that the Lunch with the Principal will be hosted on March 31.

**Superintendent's Report:** The Patriot Activity Center punch list is wrapping up. Mr. Sagester will have a meeting on March 21 to discuss the various items as well as another meeting to discuss renovations and additions to the baseball and softball complex. As provided by Chris Pearson, Sagester shared a projected equipment replacement listing following guidelines set by the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission. A purchase order has been processed to procure a "carpet" style tarp to protect the PAC floor for various activities such as graduation. Forty-Nine Degrees is processing a dedication plaque for the PAC which should be installed soon. Completion of the greenhouse updates should be soon with software training taking place on March 30. Mr. Sagester shared spring and summer plans for building and outdoor complex maintenance items. He is also in the process of updating job descriptions for the Transportation Supervisor and Food Service Supervisor positions. These job openings will be posted shortly. Kindergarten registration has kicked off and there are already fifty students enrolled! The Darke County Educational Service Center will be hosting the Franklin B. Walters banquet honoring the "best and brightest" of the Class of 2023 on March 29 at Romer's Catering. The ESC will select one candidate from the county schools to represent them at the Statewide program. Congratulations to Rylee Sagester for being chosen as this year's Tri-Village nominee! The winter sports award program will be held on April 5. Mr. Sagester congratulated the girls' basketball program on their state championship along with an undefeated season of 30-0! Rylee Sagester and Brad Gray were chosen as the Division IV player and coach of the year, respectively. Division IV All Southwest Honors accolades go to Rylee Sagester, player of the year, Morgan Hunt and Torie Richards (1<sup>st</sup> team), Kennedi Hager (3<sup>rd</sup> team), and Brad Gray (Coach of the Year). The boys' basketball program finished their season with a 21-6 record. They lost to Harvest Prep in the Sweet 16. Wilson Suggs received 1<sup>st</sup> team Division III All Southwest District Honors, Justine Finkbine 2<sup>nd</sup> team, and Dalton DeLong special mention. The high school Archery team also placed first in their state competition. Congratulations to all the teams and their achievements! Spring sports practices began on February 20 with the official season beginning on March 25. Softball and baseball teams each have 16 players while high school boys track has 27 participants and high school girls track has 15 participants.

**Treasurer's Report:** Mrs. Chowning reviewed House Bill 1 and its financial impact on the district if passed. The highlights of the bill include a single income tax rate of 2.75% and eliminates the 10% property tax rollback reimbursement. The legislation also introduces a decrease in property owners' assessed valuation from 35% to 31.5%. The taxpayers would also take on the burden of the 10% property tax rollback that the State is currently

paying on their behalf. Unfortunately, HB 1 would increase taxes for property owners while the district would see a decrease in property tax collections due to HB 920. Mrs. Chowning also shared simulation amounts for House Bill 33 which is the budget bill for fiscal years 2024 and 2025.

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 five-year (2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026, 2026-2027, 2027-2028) administrative contract to Shane Mead, K-6 Elementary Principal.
3. Recommendation to issue a three-year (2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026) contract to Jodi Fritz, School Nurse.
4. Tabled
5. Tabled
6. Recommendation to hire Mike Lehman, Title 1 Coach, for the 2022-2023 school year.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS**

1. Recommendation to approve financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
2. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Kevin Flory Landscaping	Athletics	\$ 450.00	Scoreboard Project
Red Front Inn	Athletics	\$ 450.00	Scoreboard Project
Wayne Healthcare	Capital Improvement	\$ 5,000.00	Training Room
Kevin Flory Landscaping	Capital Improvement	\$ 450.00	
Red Front Inn	Capital Improvement	\$ 450.00	
Matt and Celeste Skidmore	Girls Basketball	\$ 150.00	
Bob and Naomi Rank	Girls Basketball	\$ 150.00	
Tony and Geneva Price	Girls Basketball	\$ 50.00	
Mike and Debbie Price	Girls Basketball	\$ 20.00	
Mike and Jody Fisherback	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Jim and Tracy Frech	Girls Basketball	\$ 50.00	
Cindy Young	Girls Basketball	\$ 50.00	
Brad and Brooke Gray	Girls Basketball	\$ 200.00	
Joe Johnson	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Mogle's Handyman Service	Girls Basketball	\$ 50.00	
Bruce A Hunt Trenching	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Brett and Jennifer Slone	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Rob Rodrigues	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Richmond Family Dentistry	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Niles and Ranee Richards	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Stephan and Tricia Bowser	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Matt and Kristen Gray	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Level MB	Girls Basketball	\$ 600.00	
Rick and Kay Gray	Girls Basketball	\$ 200.00	
John Lewis	Girls Basketball	\$ 200.00	
Cedar Grove Church	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	
Eric and Christy Sarver	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00	

Damion and Lexie Cook	Girls Basketball	\$ 200.00
Sam and Debbie Shilot	Girls Basketball	\$ 100.00
Happy Feet	In Kind	\$ 759.25 Nurse's Clinic

The district appreciates the donations received and Mr. Schlechty publicly thanked the donors for their support.

**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. Time in 6:56 and time out 8:11.

Mr. Schlechty adjourned the meeting at 8:12 p.m.