



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, March 18, 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 regular meeting for February 26, 2024, were approved.

Elementary Principal's Report: Mr. Mead began his report stating that small groups have been finalized in grades 3-6 for state testing. The ELA testing window opens on April 8 and closes April 26; the math and science window opens on April 22 and closes May 3. MAP testing will take place after the state testing is completed. Mr. Mead has four OTES evaluations to complete as well as a few off-year evaluations but plans to have them done soon. The scheduled Disability Awareness Day was cancelled due to illness. A statewide tornado drill with inspection will take place on March 20 at 10:00 a.m. KONA Ice will also be on campus on March 20. Mead announced and congratulated the February Patriots of the Month which include Mach Williams (PK), Auzzy Warren (KG), Emmett McNew (1st), TJ Sperry-Borman (2nd), Bo Creech (3rd), Kixx Mead (4th), Sam Moore (5th), and Aleena Thomas (6th). A lunch with the principal will be held on March 28 for these students. "Right to Read month is going very well," stated Mr. Mead. He thanked Cindy Munchel especially for spearheading this event but also to all the teachers for participating. He said students are enjoying the month-long event and he is very appreciative of the community support for our students. Mead completed his report stating that there have been numerous dads in our building since the end of October on Fridays for Watch D.O.G.S

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Morris highlighted the JH/HS Patriots Post newsletter as prepared by Melissa Davies, principal secretary and said, "I appreciate her jumping in feet first." The newsletter included notes from Mr. Morris, the March school calendar, upcoming athletic events, various fundraisers information, and Darke County Science Day results. Congratulations to both Cora and Ezra Gutierrez on their achievements. The Post also highlighted the opening of the Food Service ala carte line and its offerings, recent powerlifting results, and WOAC winter sports results. Mrs. Davies also included the 2024-2025 school year calendar as approved by the Board of Education in her newsletter along with a letter submitted by Mr. Sagester for the closure of the school on April 8 for the solar eclipse day,

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Sagester began his report with items remaining to be completed at the baseball/softball complex. With that said, the project is nearing its completion. The Franklin B. Walters award is a statewide educational service center program. All school districts in the county nominate a senior student from their district and the Darke County ESC in turn selects one of these students to represent them at the State level. Bella Black was chosen to represent Tri-Village. Bella carries a 4.0 grade point average and will be attending The Ohio State University in the fall. She was able to invite a staff member who has influenced her throughout her high school career, and she chose Mr. Roy Lowrie. A banquet will be held on March 20 for all nominees. The third quarter grading period ends on March 22. Mr. Mead is navigating and auditing the district's curriculum alongside April Hoying, ESC Curriculum Coordinator, to meet ODE's Science of Reading requirements per House Bill 33. Various reports continue to be received regarding the various curriculum that is acceptable. A point to note is that there are several lawsuits filed against the State regarding this law change. Specifically, Fountas and Pinnell have filed which is the curriculum that the elementary grade levels utilize. All certified staff and administrators must complete various pathways to meet the professional development requirement for the Science of Reading no later than June 30, 2025. Mr. Sagester stated that Jaimie Rudmann, Food Service Supervisor, is doing a phenomenal job in her position. She recently opened an Ala Carte line which is available in the a.m. and p.m. hours as well during lunch periods after students have completed their meals. The winter sports award banquet will be held on March 19 at 6:30. Mr. Sagester shared the recent powerlifting results as well as basketball accolades. Spring sports athletes include fifteen players each for both softball and baseball, twenty participants for high school boys track, twenty-one for high school girls track, and twenty-one each for junior high boys and girls track. Sagester concluded his report stating that the Arts Gala went very well highlighting many talents of our band, choral, and art students. He stated the renovated auditorium looks great and is a nice venue for the arts program.

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

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 7:00 and time out 7:27.

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve preschool staff retention amounts due to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services establishing several child-care sub-grant opportunities which are available to Ohio Department of Education licensed preschools.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
2. Recommendation 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 fiscal year duplicate of 2024/2025.
3. Recommendation to approve the FY 2025 Master Service Agreement, Schedule I and Schedule II, by and between the Tri-Village Local School Board of Education and META Solutions.
4. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Kevin Flory Landscaping	Athletics/Capital Improvement	\$ 900.00	
Laux Seed Solutions	Athletics/Capital Improvement	\$ 900.00	
Red Front Inn Inc	Athletics/Capital Improvement	\$ 900.00	
Wayne Healthcare	Capital Improvement	\$ 5,000.00	
Hollinger Excavating Inc	Football	\$ 250.00	Trailer
Snack Shop LLC	Football	\$ 250.00	Trailer
Dave and Marcia Shetler	In Kind Donation	\$ 500.00	Nordic Track Elliptical
Becca Bennett Aesthetics LLC	PATS	\$ 200.00	

NEW BUSINESS CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to appoint Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer and Josh Sagester, Superintendent to the Tri-Village Education Association negotiating team for the negotiating year beginning July 1, 2024.
2. Recommendation to appoint Darin Dubbs and Tracy Frech to the Tri-Village Education Association negotiating team for the negotiating year beginning July 1, 2024.
3. Recommendation to appoint Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer and Josh Sagester, Superintendent to the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Chapter #483, AFSCME, AFL-CIO negotiating team for the negotiating year beginning July 1, 2024.
4. Recommendation to appoint Darin Dubbs and Tracy Frech to the Ohio Association of Public School Employees Chapter #483, AFSCME, AFL-CIO negotiating team for the negotiating year beginning July 1, 2024.
5. Recommendation to approve a resolution authorizing the purchase of competitive retail electric service for the billing period commencing with the December 2024 billing cycle and terminating no later than December 2027 billing cycle.

Executive Session - The Board of Education entered executive session 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 7:29 and time out 8:20.

Mr. Schlechty adjourned the meeting at 8:22 p.m.