



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on November 20, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech, Tom Schlechty, and Justin Spencer.

The Board of Education approved the minutes of both the public hearing and regular meeting held on October 16, 2023.

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Morris announced that Leah Lawrence was the spelling bee champion and Ryleigh Preddy, the runner-up. Morris shared a thank you note from the Darke County Cancer Association acknowledging the district's recent donation to their organization. The "Tri-Village Patriots Post" JH/HS newsletter prepared by Mrs. Melissa Davies, secretary, was distributed as well. Mr. Morris stated, "The district is really fortunate to have Mrs. Davies on board." Mid-year end of course testing is scheduled for December 12 and 13 in which fifteen total tests will be administered in three subject areas including Algebra I, ELA II, and Government. Mrs. Burns, Ms. Blair, Mr. Saba, and Mr. Schmitz have all passed the Resident Educator program. Mr. Ford and Mr. Lowrie have stepped in to assist with the Key Club and are collaborating with the New Madison Kiwanis Club this school year. Mr. Morris gave a shout out to the PATS organization for helping needy families during the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Mr. Bialowas and Mr. Wirrig hosted their annual Dinner Theatre on November 11 and 12 with solo performances by Levi Swank, Taylor Begoon, Casey Lewis, Haylee Potter, Jonathan Eyer, Reagan Hager, and Lydia Ayyette. A Veteran's Day celebration took place on November 10 honoring 64 veterans and guests in attendance. Mr. Morris thanked the following groups for their participation in the Veteran's Day event: preschool with a bell performance, kindergarten reciting the pledge of allegiance, elementary students for cards and decorations, FFA students serving breakfast, band and chorus performances, and emcees Bella Black and Kiersten Wilcox. Strategic staffing was discussed, and Mr. Morris sent out a special thank you to the classroom aides (Deb Frech, Sharon Lipps, Carol Pearson, Tami Scantland, Tara Denniston, Cami Clum, and Brittany Hathaway) for their flexibility. Morris concluded his report with a listing of upcoming events.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Sagester was happy to announce that the Tri-Village Elementary and Middle School has been recognized by US News and World Report as one of the best schools in the State of Ohio. Each school building earned a badge because they are ranked among the top 40% in the state. "This is another phenomenal accomplishment for our district," said Sagester. The district plans to purchase a few items and social media licenses to highlight the achievement. Framing of the Patriot Training Center and concession/press box has begun. The three-foot brick walls behind the backstops are complete but still are waiting on the concrete cap. The nets will be put up after winter. There are still some items that need to be buttoned up per the 11-month PAC/ELC walk through list. In legislative news, Mr. Sagester shared the November levy results across Ohio and an update on HB 187. Seatbelts in buses continue to be a topic of conversation as well. Mrs. Chowning and Mr. Sagester will meet with the district's NEOLA representative on December 4 for a fall board policy update. Governor DeWine has nominated Steven Dackin to lead the newly created Department of Education and Workforce office. Dackin previously served as the VP of the Ohio State Board of Education, superintendent of school and community partnerships for Columbus State Community College, and superintendent of Reynoldsburg City School. The National Honor Society induction took place on November 15. Congratulations to the newest inductees: Heidi Bell, Mekedes Butsch, Adalynn Hines, Leanna Metzcar, Wyatt Moore, and Trey Sagester. Mr. Sagester publicly thanked Mrs. Stump, Mrs. Black, and Mr. Morris for organizing the event. The district recently received their 2022-2023 special education ratings, and have "met requirement." Information on value added teacher reports was shared as well. Ratings consist of light blue, green, and yellow. Light blue shows significant evidence that the teacher's students made more growth than expected, green shows evidence that the teacher's students made growth as expected, and yellow shows that the teacher's students made less growth than expected. Currently, there are 127 reading improvement and monitoring plans for grades K-3. The parliamentary procedure team traveled to Versailles recently to compete in the Darke County contest. The advanced team won the contest and competed at the District 5 contests on November 16 at National Trail. The team members include Grant Howell, Kiersten Wilcox, Grant Leonard, Lucas Howell, Josh Metzcar, and Macy Howell. The girls' basketball team scrimmaged at Miami East on November 18 and Wayne on

November 20. The boys' basketball team will scrimmage at Jackson Center on November 24 and at Minster on December 2. Mr. Sagester congratulated Coach Hopkins, his staff, and players on an outstanding season finishing up 11-2 and making it to the Sweet 16. The following accolades for Southwest Ohio football include Reed Wehr (1st team running back), Braden Keating (1st team quarterback), Tanner Printz (1st team wide receiver), Seth Jesse (1st team offensive lineman), Noah Finkbine (1st team defensive back), and Jayden Hollinger (1st team defensive line). First team WOAC honors include Reed Wehr (running back), Braden Keating (quarterback), Tanner Printz (wide receiver), Seth Jesse (offensive line), Jayden Hollinger (defensive line), Reed Wehr (linebacker), Noah Finkbine (defensive back), and Tanner Printz (return specialist). Second team WOAC honors include Paul Brewer (defensive line) and Braden Keating (linebacker). Special mention WOAC honors include Trey Sagester (defensive back) and Kaeden Lipps (linebacker). Mr. Sagester also gave an update on changes to the girls and boys basketball divisions, tournament seeding, and tournament draws.

The Board of Education members voted on the following motions:

PERSONNEL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve the monthly employment of substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year as submitted and updated monthly by the Darke County Educational Service Center.
2. Recommendation to issue a one year (2023-2024) limited supplemental contract to Shane Mead, Title 1 Coordinator.
3. Recommendation to employ the following subs, as a classified substitute for the 2023-2024 school year:
 - John Miller retro-active to October 27, 2023
 - Sharon Lehman retro-active to November 10, 2023
 - Tarryn Rothwell
 - Lysie Stocker retro-active to November 13, 2023
4. Recommendation to issue a one-year limited certified contract to Lysie Stocker, Custodian for the 2023-2024 school year, retro-active to November 13, 2023.
5. Recommendation to approve Derek Bialowas van bus driver for the 2023-2024 school year.
6. Recommendation to recognize Brittani Hampton for obtaining additional educational and training that will place her on the Masters + 15 step per the Negotiated Agreement.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
2. Recommendation to approve the FY 2024 five-year forecast.
3. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

| <u>Donor</u> | <u>Account</u> | <u>Amount</u> | <u>Purpose</u> |
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| Nathaniel Burke (Harworth Tire & Auto) | Archery | \$300.00 | |
| Brian Munchel Youth Music | Band | \$1,850.00 | |
| Miami Valley Career Tech Center | HS Principal | \$1,200.00 | Senior Seminar Grant |
| Jeffrey Hazlett | In Kind Donation (Art Class) | \$869.00 | Camera, Lens, Flash |

4. Recommendation to set the Title 1 Coordinator rate at \$3,500.00 for FY 2024.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Recommendation to designate Kimberly Chowning to attend public records training approved by the Attorney General (Ohio Revised Code Section (ORC) 149.43 (C)).
2. Recommendation to appoint Kay Stephan to an extended seven-year term as a Trustee of the New Madison Public Library Board commencing on January 1, 2024, and continue through December 31, 2031.
3. Recommendation to approve a resolution authorizing Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to issue a request for proposal for the purchase of competitive retail natural gas service from the lowest and best bidder submitted to consortium and authorizing the board to purchase competitive retail natural gas service from such bidder.
4. Recommendation to participate and authorize the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Council to advertise and receive bids on said Boards' behalf as per the specifications submitted for the cooperative purchase of one school bus.

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 7:08 and time 7:25.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST – Mr. Sagester reviewed track options for the spring update in the track and field area as well as change orders for the baseball and softball complex.

Mr. Schlechty adjourned the meeting at 8:16.