



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on September 18, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech, Tom Schlechty, and Justin Spencer. Kelsey Walters and Jordan Renfro gave an update on last school years' Pink Laces Running Club. Forty-five girls participated in the eight-week club. This year twenty-four have signed up thus far for a six-week course. The club's season ends on October 31. Several government students attended the meeting as well.

The Board of Education approved the minutes of the regular meeting held on August 14, 2023.

Superintendent's Report: Mr. Sagester began his report on the topic of calamity days. The Ohio Department of Education recently provided guidance for online learning days. Effective October 3, the current budget bill replaces the use of blizzard bag days with online day plans. As such, Mr. Sagester distributed a "Continuity of Learning" plan for calamity days 6, 7, and 8 to the board members. This plan will need to be signed off by TVEA President Zac Graham and submitted to ODE by November 1. The kickoff meeting with Level MB for the baseball and softball complex is scheduled for September 20. Mr. Sagester shared his September Patriot Pulse that will be going out in the mail soon which highlights Phase III of capital improvements and the district receiving an overall 5-Star rating on the 2022-2023 Ohio Report Card. Tri-Village was one of only two districts in Darke County to earn a 5-Star rating, one of seventy-five districts in the State of Ohio to earn a 5-Star rating, and one of ten districts in a six county (Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren) radius to earn a 5-Star rating. Superintendent Sagester stated that he is extremely proud of our students, staff, and community for earning this achievement. Level MB is working on the remainder of the punch list items for the Patriot Activity Center and Early Learning Center. 49 Degrees has provided some upgrades to the PAC atrium area and gymnasium recently. A few more items are yet to be delivered which include a case for the girls' basketball team state championship trophy and scoreboard branding. Recently completed projects include bricking for the PAC dumpster and clinic remodel. Also, concrete has been poured and structures are up for the state championship signs as you enter New Madison from the north and south. Mr. Sagester serves on the Darke County Business Advisory Council and at a recent meeting, the following topics were discussed: career connections, workforce specialist, Darke County job shadow day, and career paths. Topics of discussion for the September County superintendent's meeting included bus evacuation procedures, severe behavior units and multiple disability training dates, value added scores and teacher specific scores, calamity day changes, solar eclipse, science of reading, county spelling bee, reading improvement monitoring plans, and career awareness. Mr. Sagester was happy to report that new staff members seem to be doing very well in their first few weeks! The district is saddened by the passing of Kevin Denlinger. He had been employed with the school for over eleven years as a bus driver. He was an outstanding employee and an even better person. Mr. Sagester requested continued prayers for Kevin's wife and family. Dawn Reed will fill Kevin's route and her remaining eight-hour day will be spent performing custodial services. The district has posted a full-time sub bus driver and custodial position to try to boost their sub bus driver pool and regain custodial manpower. As of September 16, the varsity football team holds a record of 4-1, junior varsity football 2-0, junior high football 2-0, varsity volleyball 5-7, junior varsity volleyball 8-4, 8th grade volleyball 8-1, and 7th grade volleyball 9-1. Cross country participated in the Eaton invitational on September 16. The FFA soils teams traveled to Hardin County and performed as well as expected! Urban Soils Champs were Kiersten Wilcox (1st Place Individual), Darcy Miller (2nd Place Individual), Leana Metzcar (5th Place Individual), and Grant Leonard (46th Place Individual). Agricultural Soils 2nd Place Team were Macy Howell (4th Place Individual), Hunter Ridout (6th Place Individual), Josh Metzcar (8th Place Individual), and Alexa Light (13th Place Individual). The district is in the process of getting track improvement quotes. This is Phase IV of the district's capital improvement plans.

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 6:58 and time 7:49.

Mrs. Chowning discussed the movement of inside millage with the board members. The board members directed her to publish in the local newspaper the public hearing notice as required by Ohio Revised Code.

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 Brad Gray, Concession Stand Coordinator.
3. Recommendation to issue a continuing limited full time bus driver/custodian contract to Dawn Reed.
4. Recommendation to issue a one year (2023-2024) limited supplemental contract to the following individuals:
 - Head Baseball Coach – Josh Davies
 - Head Softball Coach – Emily Osborne
 - Assistant Baseball Coach – Justin Slone
 - Assistant Softball Coach – Shane Mead
 - Head High School Boys Track Coach – Zac Graham
 - Head High School Girls Track Coach – Christy Sarver
 - Junior High Boys Track Coach – Rick McCollum
 - Junior High Girls Track Coach – Julie Bell
 - Volunteer Archery Coach – John Siegrist
 - Volunteer Archery Coach – Gerald Osborne
 - Volunteer Powerlifting Coach – Tracy Brown
5. Recommendation to issue a one-year (2023-2024) limited certified contract to Jennifer Pierre Early Childhood (P-3).
6. Recommendation to approve a one-year (2023-2024) contract to Sharon Lehman, Wee Patriot Preschool Classroom Aide.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
2. Recommendation to set the substitute rate for Wee Patriot Preschool at \$11.00 per hour for the 2023-2024 school year.
3. Recommendation to approve the 2023-2024 school year hourly rate at \$12.00 for Sharon Lehman, Wee Patriot Preschool Aide.
4. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Barry Family Dentistry, LLC	Archery	\$ 200.00	
GMT Roofing	Archery	\$ 200.00	
JV Moore Farms, LLC	Archery	\$ 160.00	
Keep It Cool, LLC	Archery	\$ 100.00	
New Madison Community 4th of July	Archery	\$ 300.00	
Sowers Construction LLC	Archery	\$ 200.00	
Schlechty's Sports Bar and Grill	Athletics	\$ 16,371.00	
Jerome and Debra Baker	Athletics/Capital Improvement	\$ 5,000.00	
Laux Seed Solutions	Athletics/Capital Improvement	\$ 1,500.00	
Red Front Inn	Athletics/Capital Improvement	\$ 1,500.00	
Darke County Foundation	Band	\$ 1,000.00	
Boy Scout Troop 96	Band	\$ 150.00	
Darke County Harness Horsemen	FFA	\$ 50.00	
B.A. Mikesell, Inc.	Football	\$ 100.00	Trailer
Dave Knapp Ford Lincoln Inc.	Football	\$ 50.00	Trailer
Family Health Services of Darke County	Football	\$ 500.00	Trailer
Flaig Lumber Co., Inc.	Football	\$ 100.00	Trailer
Greenville National Bank	Football	\$ 250.00	Trailer

Happy Feet	Football	\$ 100.00	Trailer
Mikesell Excavating, Inc.	Football	\$ 250.00	Trailer
Ron G. Dean	Football	\$ 100.00	Trailer
Spirit Medical Transport	Football	\$ 100.00	Trailer
Troutwine Auto Sales, Inc.	Football	\$ 50.00	Trailer
New Madison Community 4th of July	HS Cheer	\$ 550.00	
Because Of Them	PATS	\$ 100.00	
Gypsy Kitchen	PATS	\$ 100.00	
Shafer Concessions, LLC	PATS	\$ 150.00	
Shook Foundation	Pink Laces Running Club	\$ 1,000.00	

5. Recommendation to approve the establishment of Fund 300 with a special cost center of 9650 which will be used to account for the revenues and expenditures of the Boys and Girls Golf team.

COMMUNICATIONS AND ITEMS OF INTEREST – Mr. Bevins reiterated his congratulations to the district for earning its 5-Star rating on the most recent Ohio report card. He was very complimentary and proud of the district’s success.

Mr. Schlechty adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.