



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 16, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Tim Bevins, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech, Tom Schlechty, and Justin Spencer (arrived at 6:45 p.m.). Christina Smith, High School STEM teacher, and several government students were in attendance as well. In collaboration with Central State University and University of Dayton, Ms. Smith shared her experiences in Ecuador this past summer. She was part of a research team with other teachers working on a Global STEM curriculum while using appropriate technology for developing nations. Ms. Smith recently showcased her work and achievements in Ecuador on September 11 in Washington D.C.

The minutes of the regular meeting held on August 12, 2024, were approved.

Elementary Principal's Report: On September 18, which is an early release day, Kappel Consulting will be on campus meeting with math teachers and working on the district's Mathematics Vision Statement. Mr. Mead has written a grant which would allow Emily Kappel to visit Tri-Village once a month for the 2024-2025 school year. However, he will not receive notice until October 8 as to whether the grant has been awarded to the district. Round one walk throughs have started for OTES 2.0. Kindergarten Readiness Assessments are currently taking place and are about half done. The assessments are to be completed by November 1. Fall MAP testing is already completed. Mr. Mead is happy with the elementary report card but said there is still room for improvement. The K-6 received a 2-star (out of 5 stars) rating on the "progress" piece of the report card. McGraw Hill will be on campus to give a presentation on September 18 for the new Science of Reading curriculum that needs to be implemented this school year. Mr. Mead shared a listing of events for the remainder of September and stated that parent-teacher conferences will be held on October 15 and 17. A Fall Fun Run fundraiser will kick off on October 1 with the actual run taking place on October 25. Mr. Mead concluded his report by mentioning that students have participated in one fire drill and one lockdown drill thus far as required by the State.

High School Principal's Report: Mr. Morris began his report by reviewing the district's theme for the 2024-2025 school year, "The Standard is the Standard." He shared the various professional development topics for the early release day on September 18. Morris explained that the Tri-Village is continuing to "steal inches." Last years' performance index was 89 and this year's is 91.9 achieving 4th place overall amongst school districts in the Miami Valley. Morris shared that there are 357 students enrolled in grades 7-12 currently. He also recognized the following individuals for assisting in community needs by providing beyond-school services: School Resource Officer Stockslager (Darke County Sheriff's Office), Amanda Dyson (Council on Rural Services), and Tina Huffman (Nurse Practitioner from Darke County Family Health Services). Morris recognized the following staff for their additional duties ("Unsung Heroes"): SRO Stockslager – morning parking lot duty, Karsi Willhite (afternoon parking lot duty), SRO Stockslager, Mallory Weaver, Jennifer Pierre, Zac Graham, Mike Lehman, Pat Rhoades, and custodians (lunch duty), Heather Brown (crossing guard), Derek Bialowas (morning junior high locker duty), Josh Davies, Clint Stewart, and Don Beisner (football clock operators), Annette Black and Chris Pearson (football music), and Alan Ayyette and Tony Price as volleyball announcers. Morris concluded his report with upcoming events through mid-October.

Superintendent's Report: The State released Ohio report cards on September 16. Mr. Sagester was pleased to announce that Tri-Village was 1 of 2 districts in Darke County to earn another 5-star distinction. He explained that the performance index measures the test results of every student, not just those who score proficient or higher; it's how your kids score on all tests. With that said, Tri-Village placed 4th in a six-county radius (Darke, Greene, Miami, Montgomery, Preble, and Warren) earning a 91.9% performance index percentage factor behind Versailles (100.3%), Oakwood (99%), and Bellbrook (93%). Mr. Sagester stated that "we are in good company" and thanked the Board of Education for their support in both curriculum and facility improvements. The district is continuing to "steal inches" as their performance index improved from 12th place last year in the six-county radius. Regarding facilities, the Track and Field pole barn has been

erected, concrete poured, and signage will be installed this week. Eagle Fence will be on site soon to shore up the fencing around the barn. The discus platform and the shot-put pits have been moved as well and Mr. Sagester said that they both look really good with their new placements. Sagester also shared that he applied for a grant through the Ohio Facilities Construction Commission to get three MARCS radios which are critical emergency communications systems and that his application has been approved. The value of the grant is approximately \$10,000. The MARCS radios will be stored in the elementary/junior high office, preschool office, and district office. The Science of Reading selections are ongoing, but the administrators hope to select a reading curriculum soon. The Ohio Department of Education and Workforce will not pursue a Science of Math selection. Mr. Sagester serves on the Darke County Business Advisory Council along with other members such as Mid Mark, Wayne Healthcare, Jafe, doctors, and attorneys. Their first meeting of the year took place recently and included the following topics: STEAM Camp, YOU Science data, Manufacturing Day, Darke County Job Shadow Day, career paths, summer education tours, and career fairs for students at each school. Mr. Sagester shared the 2023-2024 You Science data consisting of sophomores and seniors. The interest and aptitude tests for Tri-Village students showed that the top career cluster for aptitude was Arts and Media and for interest was Teaching. Overall, in Darke County, 605 total students took the test. Health Sciences ranked first for aptitude and Teaching for interest. A Thursday Night Lights football game will be held at Tri-Village on September 19 against Ansonia. This is a great opportunity for the district's football program. The news trucks will arrive earlier in the day to prepare for the evening event. The Western Ohio Athletic Conference (WOAC) league has elected to charge the following admission prices beginning with the winter sports season: \$7 for adults, \$5 for students (away games only; TV students remain free for home games) and \$5 for senior citizens. There now will be an entry fee for baseball and softball beginning this Spring, too. Sagester concluded his report with extracurricular updates. The district will be hosting the WOAC cross country meet on Saturday, October 12. Football and volleyball stats were shared. The cross-country team ran at Eaton on September 14 and the boys' and girls' golf teams will play in the WOAC tournament at the Richmond Elks on September 19. The boys' basketball team will be playing in the Ohio Hoops Classic in Mason on November 30 at 8:00 p.m. and the MLK Classic at Fort Loramie on January 19 against Russia at 4:30.

Treasurer's Report: Mrs. Chowning shared and reviewed the Student Wellness and Success Funding plan, and the Disadvantaged Pupil Impact Aid plan as required by Ohio Revised Code. As of the September #1 school foundation settlement, the district is expected to receive \$245,528 in student wellness dollars and \$68,064 in disadvantaged pupil impact aid funding. At least 50% of student wellness dollars must be spent on mental and physical health services. However, the district is expecting to spend over 100% of the allocated student and wellness dollars toward mental and physical health services in the 2024-2025 school year. Ohio law does not specify a timeline in which the DPIA funds must be spent but for Tri-Village's purposes, the \$68,000 will all be spent in the 2024-2025 school year for dropout prevention and school safety measures.

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 rescind board motion 24-62 item 7, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach Rick Bell effective September 9, 2024.
3. Recommendation to issue a one year (2024-2025) limited supplemental contract to the following individuals, 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.
 - 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Reginald Osborne
 - Head Baseball Coach – Josh Davies
 - JV Baseball Coach - Shane Coby
 - Head Softball Coach – Emily Osborne
 - Fall Sports Coordinator – Chris Pearson
 - Winter Sports Coordinator – Chris Pearson

- Assistant to Varsity Baseball Coach– Justin Slone
 - Assistant to Varsity 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
 - Assistant JH Boys Track – Ron Bauman
 - Volunteer Archery Coach – John Siegrist
 - Volunteer Archery Coach – Gerald Osborne
 - Volunteer Powerlifting Coach – Tracy Brown
4. Recommendation to employ Danielle Bourne and Joyce Ayette as classified substitutes for the 2024-2025 school year. (All Aide substitutes must have an active Educational Aide Student Monitor permit issued from the Ohio Department of Education and Workforce (ODEW)).

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
2. Recommendation to approve Archery Club Fees of \$60.00 per member as per the Archery club Advisor for the 2024-2025 school year. This fee covers state tournament fees, St. Jude Tournament fees and bus travel costs.
3. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

<u>Donor</u>	<u>Account</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Purpose</u>
Wiley Well Drilling, Inc.	Archery Club	\$200.00	
Lefeld Industrial & Welding Supplies	Archery Club	\$100.00	
Darke County Fish and Game	Archery Club	\$375.00	
Schlechty's Sports Bar & Grill	Athletics	\$16,865.00	
Level MB LLC	Athletics	\$500.00	
Kevin Flory Landscaping & Lawn Care	Athletics	\$200.00	
Laux Seed Solutions	Athletics/Capital Improvement	\$1,500.00	Scoreboard Ad
Shane Bietry State Farm	Athletics/Capital Improvement	\$1,500.00	Scoreboard Ad
Red Front Inn Inc	Athletics/Capital Improvement	\$1,500.00	Scoreboard Ad
Jarrood Begoon	Band	\$1,000.00	
CBT (Michelle Groff)	HS Cheer	\$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
River House Artists	In-Kind	\$1,975.00	Music Program

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 7:10 and time out 7:25.

Mr. Schlechty adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.