



Tri-Village Local Schools

The Tri-Village Local School District Board of Education met in regular session on Monday, September 19, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. with the following members present: Shane Coby, Darin Dubbs, Tracy Frech, and Tom Schlechty. Tim Bevins was unable to attend. Josh Sagester, Kim Chowning, Shane Mead, and Lee Morris were in attendance as well. Visitors included Sophie Hardwick, Autumn Bunger, and Heather Brown.

The Board members approved the minutes for the regular meeting held on August 15, 2022.

Elementary Principal Report: Mr. Mead stated that the school year is off to a good start and stated that he felt like the professional development offerings were some of the best yet. Other than absent students, KRA testing for kindergarten students is complete. The data must be entered into the EMIS database by October 21. MAP testing is also complete. The elementary staff is currently working on Reading Improvement and Monitoring Plans (RIMP's) and are in the process of obtaining parent signatures. The total number of RIMP's is yet to be determined. OTES evaluations will start shortly after testing is complete. Anita Dehner from the Darke County ESC will provide WEP training for K-12 staff on September 21. Also, CRT training for Intervention Specialists and Aides will take place on the 21st. The elementary teachers are fired up using Dave Burgess's "Teach Like a Pirate" lessons. Mr. Mead commended his teachers for their creativity using the lessons. He also thanked Joanie Hollinger and her staff who worked diligently preparing the preschool to open their doors to our Wee Pats. PBIS interventions and support will continue as in the past. Kona Ice will be on campus September 20 and Heather Bergman will lead a gifted meeting on September 22 in the auditorium at 6:30. "Lunch with the Principal" is scheduled for September 30 for the month of September. Parent teacher conferences will take place on October 18 and 20.

High School Principal Report: Mr. Morris stated that the school year got off to a quiet start and shared the district's "1% Better Every Day" theme for the year. He was proud to announce that the district's performance index increased from 75.5% for school year 2021 to 88.7% in 2022 placing twelfth among schools in the Miami Valley. Students taking college credit courses at Edison Community College began attending in mid-August. Mr. Morris also shared new elective courses offered by the district. First year teachers are aligned with a mentor. With that said, Mr. Bialowas will mentor Mr. Andrew Wirrig, Mrs. Bingham is matched with Mr. Ryan Saba, Mr. Lowrie will assist Mrs. Kara Burns, and Mrs. Pleiman will mentor Mr. Jonathon Schmitz. Various individuals will present or have presented life skills ("Life Skills Friday") to the Senior seminar class. Deputy Stockslager has presented how to react with law enforcement and Nurse Jodi has taught first aid to the class. Mr. Morris recognized many staff members in their efforts to assist the district and honored them as "unsung heroes." Those individuals are Derek Bialowas and SRO Stockslager (morning parking lot duty), Jonathon Schmitz (afternoon parking lot duty), Jewell Towery and SRO Stockslager (lunch duty), Chris Pearson and custodial staff (cone duty), Heather Brown (crossing guard), Josh Davies and Robbie Hager (football clock operators), Annette Black and Chris Pearson (football music), Sean Ford (football "substitute" announcer), and Brett Slone (volleyball announcer). Picture day was today, September 19, as well as the High School Arts in Education program titled "Fourth Avenue." Staff and board of education members will be outfitted with graduation gowns for the upcoming event in May as discussed. Mr. Morris concluded his report with a calendar of events shared through the end of October.

Superintendent Report: Mr. Sagester began his report with a monthly construction projects update. Administration is planning a Patriot Activity Center ribbon cutting ceremony to be held on Friday, November 11 in the evening. The program will begin in the existing high school gym and consist of appetizers, speakers, thoughts from previous athletes who participated in the gym, and then will proceed to the PAC to cut the ribbon and have a community open house. The Ohio Facilities Construction Commission recently awarded the district \$75,000 for a school safety grant; \$50,000 for the K-12 building and \$25,000 for the preschool. The first county wide superintendent meeting included the following topics of discussion: truancy, career awareness, BWC, preschool, resident educator, dyslexia, MD and ED units, and finance. Mr. Sagester thanked the PATS organization for spearheading the food trucks on Open House nights and providing goody bags to staff members the first week of school. Niko, the district's therapy dog, begins obedience training soon. He is going through the Richmond program, and we hope to get him certified in a timelier manner. The state report cards have been released with a new star grading system. The rating system designates three stars as meeting state standards; four and five stars as exceeding or significantly exceeding standards respectively; and one- and two-stars needing support to meet standards. Mr. Sagester shared a breakdown of the various components. In the elementary, achievement received a 4, progress 1,

gap closing 5, early literacy 3, performance index 86%, gifted progress 3, and gifted performance index 91.3%. The high school received a 4 in achievement as well, 5 in progress, 5 in gap closing, graduation rate 5, performance index 88.4%, gifted progress 5, and gifted performance index 90.8%. Overall district ratings were achievement 4, progress 5, gap closing 5, graduation 5, early literacy 3, performance index 88.7% (#2 in Darke County and #12 in the Dayton area!), gifted progress 3, and gifted performance index 91.5%. Mr. Sagester said that students and staff are rising to the occasion, and this is due to good leadership by the administrators, teachers, and the Board of Education. "We are in awful good company looking at the performance index," he stated. Board member Dubbs congratulated the district on these results and member Frech said that the results were amazing. The board will have its annual float in the homecoming parade. This year's theme is Super Heroes! Extracurricular records were shared: Varsity football 4-1, JV football 1-1, JH football 1-1, varsity volleyball 6-3, junior varsity volleyball 6-3, eighth grade volleyball 7-1, 7th grade volleyball 4-2, and cross country ran at the Eaton invitational on September 17. The high school boys' basketball team will be playing in the New Year's Bash in Columbus at Harvest Prep High School against one of the largest public schools in West Virginia, Parkersburg South. Parkersburg lost in the WV state finals last year. This game will take place on Monday, January 2 at 6:00 and the junior varsity team will play at 3:30 the same day.

The Board of Education members voted on the following motions:

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 employ the following as classified substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year. (All Aide substitutes must have an active Educational Aide Student Monitor Permit issued from the Ohio Department of Education.)
 - Tammy Scantland (retro-active to September 7, 2022)
 - Natasha Balthis (retro-active to September 14, 2022)
3. Recommendation to employ Heather Fornshil as school nurse substitutes for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Recommendation to employ Jim Foreman as transportation garage assistant at a rate of \$22.00 per hour, as recommended by the Superintendent.
5. Recommendation to issue a one year (2022-2023) 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.
 - 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
6. Recommendation to approve Diane McNew as a classified substitute (school bus driver) for the 2022-2023 school year.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

1. Recommendation to approve financial reports as presented by the Treasurer.
2. Recommendation to approve the addition of \$12.25 for Book Club 8 student fees.
3. Recommendation to set the substitute rate for Wee Patriot Preschool at \$11.00 per hour for the 2022-2023 school year.
4. Recommendation to accept the following donations:

Donor	Account	Amount	Purpose
Darke County Fish and Game	Archery	\$250.00	
Rick Hammaker Constructions Services	Archery	\$200.00	
Sowers Construction	Archery	\$200.00	
Wray Brother's Repair	Archery	\$500.00	
Schlechty's Sports Bar and Grill	Athletics	\$768.00	
Brian Munchel Youth Music	Band	\$2,500.00	Drums
Tech Force Onsite, LLD	Boys Basketball	\$792.00	
Cargill, Inc.	FFA	\$184.85	
Darke County Farm Bureau	FFA	\$500.00	Recipient Recognition Boards
Tri-Village FFA Alumni	FFA	\$3,200.00	National Convention
Michael Beisner/Mary Boone	HS Cheer	\$228.00	
Brian Munchel Youth Music	HS Cheer	\$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
CNJ Logistics, LLC (Keen's Auto/Bunch Trucking)	HS Cheer	\$100.00	Shirt Sponsor
Cook Racing	HS Cheer	\$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
Douglas and Sharyn Harman	HS Cheer	\$100.00	Shirt Sponsor
Derek Bialowas	HS Cheer	\$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
Equipment Insulation	HS Cheer	\$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
Mattie Brewer	HS Cheer	\$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
Veterans Technology Solutions	HS Cheer	\$100.00	Shirt Sponsor
Jason and Jennifer DeLong	HS Cheer	\$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
Tracy and James Frech	HS Cheer	\$50.00	Shirt Sponsor
Anonymous	HS Volleyball	\$1,000.00	

5. Recommendation to pay Kelsie Napier \$500.00 per month for transportation fees, for the 2022-2023 school year.
6. Recommendation to pay Ted & Melanie Miller \$80.00 per month for transportation fees, for the 2022-2023 school year.
7. The Treasurer recommends a \$224,500 subsequent transfer to USAS 070 (the "Capital Projects Fund"), special cost center 9219 (PAC), from the General Fund (USAS 001) for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets.
8. The Treasurer recommends a \$22,150 subsequent transfer to USAS 070 (the "Capital Projects Fund"), special cost center 9222 (PELC), from the General Fund (USAS 001) for the purpose of accumulating resources for the acquisition, construction, or improvement of fixed assets.

NEW BUSINESS

1. The Board of Education authorizes and supports the use of Animal Assisted Therapy Dogs (Therapy Dogs) by superintendent/designee approved, qualified school personnel ("Handler") for the benefit of its students. The Therapy Dog, Owner and Handler must maintain proper training, certification, and insurance at all times, beginning with the 2022-2023 school year. The Board of Education will reimburse the handler for the liability insurance policy annually as well as any other amenities needed while on campus.
2. Recommendation declaring it to be impractical to transport Theodore Miller and Caleb Miller to Decolores Montessori School for school year 2022-2023. In lieu of providing transportation to these students, the Board will pay the parents or guardians of said students an amount as calculated by the Ohio Department of Education in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 3327.01.

Communications and Items of Interest – President Schlechty said that he had met with Gail Farmer and Chad Begoon (Village of New Madison council members) about the fence behind the football field area.

The meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.