

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation

Board Meeting Minutes
Regular Meeting
Tri-Township Schools
Tri-Township Schools Cafeteria
309 School Drive
Wanatah, IN 46390
Monday, August 26, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

Our vision is that all students will be college and career ready.

Our mission is to guarantee that every student achieves high levels of learning and development.

1. Open Board Meeting - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Tim Guse opened the meeting, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Budget Hearing - Aaron Rust motioned to open the Budget Hearing, Melanie Mills seconded, ALL AYES.

Information - Dr. Moore reviewed the budget information with the board. Board President Tim Guse asked if there were any questions from the board or the public. No questions were asked.

Aaron Rust motioned to close the Budget Hearing, Chad Howell seconded, ALL AYES.

3. Consent Items

- a. Minutes, August 12, 2024 - Melanie Mills motioned to approve August 12 minutes, Nick Poort seconded, ALL AYES.
- b. Financial reports - Aaron Rust motioned to approve the Financial reports, Chad Howell seconded, ALL AYES.
- c. Claims - Melanie Mills motioned to approve Claims, Nick Poort seconded, ALL AYES.
- d. Payroll - Aaron Rust motioned to approve Payroll, Nick Poort seconded, ALL AYES.
- e. Personnel Report - none

4. Public Comments on Agenda Items- None

5. Reports

- a. Principal's Report - Principal McMahan celebrated things that happened in August. We had three students involved in IMPACT Band in Indianapolis. Ty Sykora and Zach Messer participated, Rain Skidmore served as Director Assistant. Tri-Township Golf Outing was August 3 and was again successful in raising funds for the Athletic Department. The first week of school was exciting with some new changes including curriculum and discipline. In the classroom, elementary, middle school and high school teachers will be participating in a year long professional development program. This is for K-12 to introduce a new approach to writing. We've also introduced two new courses to the 8th grade curriculum, Introduction to Transportation and Intro to Computer Science. We've also introduced professional learning teams to our staff, to meet weekly to promote student success. We are still collecting NWEA and Star Reading assessment data, hoping to have completed by Labor Day.

- b. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Moore recognized the success of Back to School Night with PTO support and involvement by all staff, including bus drivers and board members welcoming back our families. She also spoke about the positivity in the mornings with teachers, office staff, bus drivers, kitchen staff, making sure students get off to a good start in the mornings. Dr. Moore reported about the cell phone policy, being a big change not just here but all across the state. It seems to be well received by staff and students. We continue to focus on marketing. We plan to have a booth at the upcoming Scarecrow Festival. We will also be offering tours in the upcoming months for anyone wanting to see what we're all about. School project updates; the restrooms in Wanatah, are delayed due to a shipment delay. We are hoping to have them completed by early September. The LaCrosse locker rooms, hopefully will be completed by the end of September. We're in the beginning stages of the track project, securing permits. We are also continuing to explore options for preparing our barn for student use.

6. Action Items

- a. Accept donations: TTCSC received a donation of 25 backpacks and various school supplies for students in need from Kankakee Valley REMC. Aaron Rust motioned to approve donations, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES.
- b. Approve: MOU between Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation and Westville Schools. Aaron Rust motioned to approve MOU, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES.
- c. Approve: Certified Employee Evaluation Plan 2024-2025. Melanie Mills motioned to approve Evaluation Plan, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES.

- d. Approve: Teacher Appreciation Grant (TAG) submission. Aaron Rust motioned to approve TAG, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- e. Approve: teachers with an evaluation rating of Effective or Highly Effective in 2023-2024 will receive a stipend of \$1,725 on their September 6th pay. Aaron Rust motioned to approve stipend, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- f. Approve: the opening of a new school, virtual school, Tri-Online. Melanie Mills motioned to approve opening, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES.
- g. Approve: the virtual school, Tri-Online, 2024-2025 Academic Year Calendar. Melanie Mills motioned to approve virtual school Academic Calendar, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES.
- h. Approve: the Nipsco quote to install a transformer for a power line for the track. Aaron Rust motioned to approve NIPSCO quote, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES.
- i. Approve: change in student handbook "Students will be excluded from school for certain communicable diseases such as pink eye, strep throat, chicken pox, impetigo, lice, and scabies." to "Students will be excluded from school for certain communicable diseases per the Indiana State Department of Health." Melanie Mills motioned to approve change in handbook, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

7. Discussion Items, Tri-Online Virtual School discussion.

8. Board Comments- None

9. Adjournment, Aaron Rust motioned to adjourn, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES.

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