

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
MINUTES
Regular Meeting

Tri-Township Schools
Tri-Township Schools Cafeteria
309 School Drive
Wanatah, IN 46390
Monday, March 30, 2026 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.

In attendance were: Dr. Paige McNulty, Tim Guse, Aaron Rust, Chad Howell, Melanie Mills, Nick Poort, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Irwin, Jim Sheely, Brian Sheely, Tim Stabosz, John Watson, Allen Stevens, Kelly Kiel, Lisa Rosenkranz, Nancy Rosenkranz, Amy & Alyse Frank, Stacey & Nolen Guse, Alissa & Lance Sykora, Orion Pottle, Savannah & Lucas Sonaty, Luke Bruggeman, Josh Winters, Alissa Clemons, Brian McMahan, Tori DeMoss, Dara Guse, and Theresa McArdle.

- **Open Board Meeting** - Call to order and Pledge of Allegiance, Meeting was called to order by Tim Guse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- **Student Presentation**- Robotics, the team consisting of Alyse Frank, Orion Pottle, and Lance Sykora spoke about competing in the State Robotics Competition and the upcoming World Competition in Missouri.
- **Consent Items**
 - a. Minutes Financial reports, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
 - b. Claims, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
 - c. Payroll, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
 - d. Personnel report

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Leaves/Resignations

Employment

Adjustments

Classified

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Employment

- Approve Tabathe Clifford as Special Education Para., Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES

- Approve Chris McGowen as Boys Varsity Golf Coach., Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- Approve Dana Kiser, Jen Ringle, Sam Weller, and Matt Wellsand as Track Coaches. Stipends will be combined for Girls Track Coach and Assistant and Boys Track Coach and Assistant Coach positions., Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- Approve Keely Magly (volunteer), Mitchell Willis (volunteer) Derek Logsdon, and Blain Rust as Assistant Baseball Coaches., Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES. Aaron Rust abstained.
- Approve moving Rebecca Henderson from Study Hall to long term ELA substitute., Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

Adjustments- None

- **Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**, Jim Sheely, Tim Stabosz, John Watson, Kelly Kiel, and Allen Stowers all spoke about obtaining the LaCrosse School building and the benefits it could provide for the town of LaCrosse.
- **Reports**
 - a. Principal's report, see attached
 - b. Superintendent's report, see attached
- **Action Items**
 - a. Move the May meeting from May 25 to May 18, due to Memorial Day, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
 - b. Approve 2026/2027 Board Meeting Schedule, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- **Discussion Items**
- **Board Comments**, see attached
- **Adjournment**, Aaron Rust motioned to adjourn, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES

Our next regular meeting will be held on April 27, 2026.

NOTE: The Board's meeting site is fully accessible to all persons. Any person requiring further accommodation should contact the Superintendent's Office with the School Corporation's administrative office at 219-754-2709.

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Board Meeting-March, 2026

Elementary Principal Report by Alissa Clemons

I. Celebration of Students, Staff, or Families

- a. Robotics team went to State!
- b. Congratulations to the Robotics team for qualifying for the state finals @ Lucas Oil stadium.
- c. (Brian can probably address this more):
-We are very proud of our amazing Robotics teams. Our Elementary and Middle School IQ teams competed at Caston — and all teams made it to finals. Justyn Carr, Evelyn Mayo, & Ian Ricks finished 4th overall and won the Judges Award! Gracey Grott, Derek Hanna, Joel Hanna, Greta Kaiser, Cora McMahan, and Ellyot Hughes were in the top ten. Bentley McMahan, Max Kaiser, & Michael Hughes were in first place all day and ended up winning the Teamwork challenge. This earned them a trip to State on March 14th at Lucas Oil Stadium! Our V5 teams also competed in Chesterton, with Lance Sykora, Nolen Guse, Alyse Frank, & Orion Pottle, advancing to the Quarterfinals and High School wrapping up their season. We are so proud of all our Robotics students.
- d. Shout out to Sam Weller, our PE teacher. He recently had the elementary students participate in the Kids Heart Challenge with the American Heart Association.
-Through his efforts, our elementary students raised \$1,550.00. So great job on that for a good cause!!
- e. I would like to celebrate Dana Kiser, Hayley Smith, and Alicia Trauscht for doing an amazing job on IREAD. They worked diligently preparing students for the state assessment. These two teachers did an excellent job working with the students in Grades in 2 & 3 and worked on reading comprehension, phonics, and vocabulary lessons to prepare them for the test.
-They took the test March 3/4th and we are happy to report the students did very well. Scores will be released at a later date.
- f. Lastly, I would like to thank the PTO on another successful Fun Fair!! Our families always enjoy coming out and supporting our PTO. A good time was had by parents and families.
-Also during this time, Theresa Mohlke held a Scholastic Book Fair.
-Parents and families spent over \$4,000 on new books for their children!!! This is exciting news to me! It is encouraging and hopeful that parents are reading to their children.
-Also with this large sale, we received "Scholastic Dollars" for our profit. That means we will be able to purchase \$1,952.44 of new books for our library! Yay!!

II. Teaching and Learning: PLCs & / PDs

- a. The elementary staff met with our Smekens Education presenter last Friday for Professional Development.

- b. They learned how to implement the writing process at the start of our new school year this fall.
- c. This is instrumental for successful implementation and follow through with our Professional Development.
- d. They were trained in all three state-tested genres. This also included mini-lessons, independent practice, and assessments.

III. Data:

- a. Teachers in grade 3-5 are continuing to prep for ILEARN.
- b. The dates of the assessments will be the week of April 20-25

IV. Events:

- a. The winter sports awards night was March 25. We celebrated our elementary teams. 6th grade girls did make it to semi-finals in the PCC tourney!
- b. We also had Pre-K & Kdg. round up at the beginning of the month. We had around 16 families join us that night. We will continue to promote our programs.



Theresa McArdle <tmcardle@tritownship.k12.in.us>

Fwd: Principal Report

1 message

Paige McNulty <paigemcnulty@tritownship.k12.in.us>
To: Theresa McArdle <tmcardle@tritownship.k12.in.us>

Mon, Mar 30, 2026 at 11:15 AM

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From: **Brian McMahan** <bmcumahan@tritownship.k12.in.us>
Date: Wed, Mar 25, 2026 at 10:33 AM
Subject: Principal Report
To: Paige McNulty <paigemcnulty@tritownship.k12.in.us>

Here is my Principal Report for Monday. Also, I will have short presentation ready for Robotics at beginning of the meeting.

On March 5th, our juniors completed the SAT assessment. We expect to receive results later this week and will review performance to identify areas of growth. This year, we implemented a new SAT preparation approach by providing weekly ELA and Math prep sessions during January and February. Based on initial observations, this structure showed promise. Moving forward, we are exploring ways to expand SAT preparation throughout the school year, along with administering practice SAT assessments multiple times beginning in students' freshman and sophomore years to better prepare them for the official test.

We are currently working with 220 Learning to complete our Digital Learning Grant application for the state of Indiana, due in early April. This grant would support programs that provide work-based learning simulations and additional course offerings, including AI-focused coursework. Securing this funding would allow us to cover program costs while freeing up existing funds to support other instructional and student opportunities.

We have also started placing students into work-based learning opportunities for next year. Thank you to Dr. McNulty for her support in working with Skillman to secure summer internships for our students. In addition, we are exploring internal internship opportunities within our building in areas such as technology, maintenance, food service, and athletics.

Finally, we are working with students to ensure that any summer employment is properly documented so those hours can count toward work-based learning requirements. This is especially important for students pursuing the Indiana College Core or attending AK Smith, as their schedules may limit daytime opportunities during the school year.

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Brian McMahan, Principal
Tri-Township Jr-Sr High School

Superintendent Report 3-30-26

- We've had a very busy and productive month of March. Our students have had the opportunity to participate, compete and perform this month. They have all risen to the challenge and have done well. We are very proud of them and the staff supporting these efforts. We are keeping our PR consultant, Ms. Chelsea busy with all the great news coming out of our school!
- We are finished with both our ECA (extracurricular activities) audit and well as our regular audit for the State Board of Accounts. I'm happy to report that both audits were stellar and our school corporation had zero findings in the ECA and a couple of very minor clerical things to fix in the regular audit. The auditors praised us and a special acknowledgement to both our Treasurer, Dara Guse as well as our Deputy Treasurer, Amy Wozniak. It is a ton of work to go through an audit, while continuing to do your day-to-day job. Both have handled it well and are obviously doing a great job. Thanks to both.
- You may have noticed the new wraps on the field and track outside. We have begun our capital improvements now that the weather is breaking. The track is nearly complete as well and is in much better shape. We will be accepting bids for the projects we have posted for and will have an opening of the bids on April 21st at 1:00 here in the cafeteria.
- We invite local contractors who are interested to please look at our site and submit a bid if interested in any of the projects.

Thank you!