

**BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES**  
**Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation**

**AGENDA**

**Regular Meeting Minutes**

Tri-Township Schools  
Tri-Township Schools Cafeteria  
309 School Drive  
Wanatah, IN 46390  
Monday, July 22, 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.

**Open Board Meeting** - Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

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

**Consent Items**

- Minutes-June 24, 2024, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded, ALL AYES.
- Financial reports, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded, ALL AYES.
- Claims, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded, ALL AYES.
- Payroll, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded, ALL AYES.
- Personnel Report, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded, ALL AYES.

**Certified**

**Leaves/Resignations**

- Jacob Hepner-resignation as Business Teacher effective 7/26/24 for the 24/25 school year
- Sydney Wehde-resignation as Preschool Teacher effective 7/26/24 for the 24/25 school year

Employment  
Adjustments

Classified

Leaves/Resignations

- Loudon Becker-Softball coach effective 7/26/24 for the 24/25 school year

Employment

Adjustments

- Theresa McArdle-Administrative Assistant to become a 12 month employee effective 8/1/24
- Head of Maintenance & Custodial Position- change Vacation Days from “Every year after the first year, 10 vacation days, an additional vacation day will be added for each year worked beyond 10 years, up to a maximum of 15 days” to “An additional vacation day will be added for each year worked, up to 15 days maximum.” effective 8/1/24

**Public Comments on Agenda Item**

A concerned citizen in attendance inquired about the phone number for our central office which is (219)754-2709. Corporation Treasurer Dara Guse explained that this number was transferred to the new corporation office at Wanatah School. If you dial the school number (219)733-2815 you will still be able to get in touch with the central office staff. All numbers “roll over” to each other when called.

A concerned citizen in attendance inquired about the possibility of reports that are being approved be visible to the meeting attendees. School board president Tim Guse said the board would discuss the possibility with Dr. Moore. The same concerned citizen asked if the term “claim” on the agenda could be explained. Board president Tim Guse explained that a claim is simply a bill for a payment that the school owes.

**Reports**

- Principal’s Report - Mr. McMahan wanted to recognize and congratulate our local students and families that have participated in 4 H Fairs. Also, congratulations to Sydney Hudson and Caloe Peretti, who recently participated at Girls State. Our maintenance staff has been working hard to be back to school ready with several projects this summer. Tara O’Hare and Mr. McMahan attended literacy training July 15-19 in Indianapolis in collaboration with University of Indianapolis focusing on enhancing Mrs. O’Hare’s experience in the science of reading, coaching, modeling, and co-teaching. She will primarily work with K-3

educators. The knowledge they learned will assist us in supporting our students. It will also help our elementary staff in further refining their skills using assessment data. Mr. McMahan also participated in the Indiana Principal Leadership Institute Training on July 17-18 at Indiana State University. This is year two of this program, working on himself as a Principal and also the school. This year two teachers have joined him discussing development of professional learning communities and strategies for enhancing student achievement and behavior. He will be conducting an action research project that will focus on professional development, professional learning communities and he will participate in future training throughout the year to support ongoing professional development. Ilearn results were shared with the public recently, we will now analyze school-wide data to assess achievement and growth trends. This information will be shared on our district website. Our goal is to take the data collected and look at how we influence school wide goals and support our students. We will incorporate this into the school improvement plan. Our enrollment was 303 students at the end of the school year. We are currently accepting new students.

- Superintendent's Report - Dr. Moore expressed how great it was to meet everyone at Tri-Township and begin to learn our strengths and challenges. This will help prepare for the future of our school. She will be looking at data to help us to move forward in developing our strategic plan. The staff meetings she has held and the survey that was sent out have both been well received. Dr. Moore attended the most recent PTO meeting making sure we're connecting with our community. She will appear on a local podcast, August 5, The Sound Off, 96.7 Eagle. We will continue to offer tours for anyone interested in seeing what we have to offer. We are currently working on another radio advertisement for Indiana 105. Current projects update: Wanatah restrooms on schedule to be completed by August 1. The LaCrosse gym locker room project will be completed by August 30.

#### **Action Items**

- Approve MOU between Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation and Ivy Tech Community College, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded, ALL AYES.
- Approve Principal's Contract, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded, ALL AYES.

#### **Discussion Items**

None at this time

### **Board Comments**

Board members expressed their thanks and gratitude to Dr. Moore for all of the hard work she has put in thus far since her hire.

### **Adjournment**

Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded, ALL AYES.

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.

\*Public comments or questions will be noted by the School Board and Superintendent, but we will not conduct dialogue during the meeting. Follow-up discussion through phone call, email, or scheduled meeting can be arranged through the Superintendent's office. This will allow us to focus on school business on behalf of students and staff, as well as provide better information to our public after time to research. Thank you for understanding.