

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, December 23, 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** - Meeting was called to order by Tim Guse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

- **Consent Items**
 - a. Minutes - November 25, 2024, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - b. Financial reports, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - c. Claims, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
 - d. Payroll, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - e. Personnel Report, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Certified

- Leaves/Resignations - none
- Employment - none
- Adjustments - none

Classified

- Leaves/Resignations
Amanda Cox, resigned as the Varsity Girls Golf Coach
- Employment, Morgan Wozniak 5th and 6th Grade Girls Basketball Head Coach
Brian Wozniak 5th and 6th Grade Girls Basketball Assistant Coach
Alyssa Rippe, Substitute Bus Drive
- Adjustments
Carol Webster, transfer from kitchen worker to bus driver effective 12/10/24.

- **Public Comments on Agenda Items**

None

- **Reports**

- **Principal's Report**

Mr. McMahan would like to celebrate the end of the first semester taking time to reflect on and celebrate the achievements of staff and students. There has been significant academic growth among K-8th students in NWEA and Ilearn checkpoint results. Beyond academics, students have demonstrated outstanding sportsmanship while competing on the playing field. Staff has shown remarkable dedication working diligently to enhance instruction and refine our curriculum. The semester also highlighted the power of collaboration with strong partnerships and shared efforts evident across classrooms. Teaching and learning, Mr. McMahan would like to thank Mrs. O'Hare and Miss Wright for leading our recent professional development sessions. Both sessions were highly informative and thought provoking providing valuable insights for reflection in our daily instruction and classroom management practices. The information shared during these sessions is in line with our mission statement and serves as a meaningful step forward in achieving our goals. In January and February we'll begin instructional rounds with elementary teachers. This process will provide an opportunity for educators to observe classroom practices, share insights and collaborate on strategies to improve student learning. These sessions aim to foster professional growth and align instructional practices with our school wide improvement goals.

- **Superintendent's Report**

Dr. Moore reported we are continuing with our strategic planning and she's very happy with the number of applicants we received for our Student Advisory Council, we had 15 applicants, 6-12 grades. We're working on choosing the students and setting up a meeting schedule. She will also be scheduling meetings for small groups of staff members to work on strategic planning in January and have also sent out a form for families who are interested in engaging with Dr. Moore for strategic planning. We are marketing and advertising for regular opportunities for interested families to tour our school. We will have the last Friday of every month be a designated time to be available for tours with the option of scheduling out of those times to accommodate different schedules if needed. Will be working with a media company on a mailing showcasing all we have available here at Tri-Township. This will go out to all community members. We will also be planning a PreK and K roundup being held prior to spring break and will be announced in February. We are also working on designing yard signs,

banners and signage for the East side of our building, making it visible to Hwy. 421 traffic. Safety update, we're setting up a new bus routing system, bus cameras have been updated. We're also working on upgrading our card reading system. Our new Safe Visitor System is up and running . We've initiated training and set up with Sandy Hook Promise. Project updates, looking for estimates on transforming our barn space into an athletic space. Track work will continue, weather permitting, through January. Jr. and Sr. restrooms are almost complete. The LaCrosse school building is encumbered with our bonds so we cannot move forward with making any changes to it, selling, or renting, etc. We're continuing to make updates to our cafeteria space. Also looking to auction off items left in the LaCrosse school building.

- **Action Items**

- a. Approve staff appreciation stipends for staff who were employed during the 2023-2024 school year, are currently employed as a Tri-Township staff member, and did not receive a TAG stipend. Chad Howell motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- b. Approve the appointment of Susan Engel to the LaCrosse Public Library Board, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- c. Approve the appointment of Gregory Benham as Library Trustee of the Wanatah Public Library Board, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- d. Approve the appointment of Alissa Clemons as Library Trustee to the Wanatah Public Library Board, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- e. Approve the quote for new cafeteria furniture, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- f. Approve the Board Organizational Meeting for January 13, 2025 at 5:30pm, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- g. Approve the Board of School Trustees Meeting Schedule for Calendar Year 2025, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- h. Approve the 2025-2026 school calendar, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES

- **Discussion Items**

- a. First reading of policy 4402 Use of Metal Detectors, first reading was completed.
- b. First reading of policy 6110 Federal Grants and Awards Administration, first reading was completed.

- **Board Comments, none**

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

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Next Board Meeting is scheduled for January 27, 2025.