

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, September 22, 2025 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.

The following individuals were in attendance: Dr. McNulty, Tim Guse, Aaron Rust, Chad Howell, Melanie Mills, Nick Poort, Theresa McArdle, Brian McMahan, Alissa Clemons, Tori DeMoss, Chad Blacklock, Dara Guse, Lisa Rosenkranz, and Mr. and Mrs. Irwin.

1. Open Board Meeting - Meeting was called to order by Tim Guse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance

2. Consent Items

- a. Minutes, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- b. Financial reports, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- c. Claims, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- d. Payroll, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES
- e. Personnel report

Certified

Leaves/Resignations

Employment

- Sally Clark as High Ability/Computer Specials teacher, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

Adjustments

- Sarah Horton from full-time to part-time PreK teacher, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES

Classified

Leaves/Resignations

Employment

- Tracie Vernich as substitute bus driver, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Adjustments, none

3. Public Comment, none

4. Reports

5. Principals' report,

- a. Mrs. Clemons shared several exciting updates from the elementary. She celebrated Mrs. Kiser for her hard work in completing all of the I-Ready testing so that Title I and Tiger Time small group instruction could begin smoothly. With recent professional development, teachers now feel confident in reading I-Ready reports and using the data to form effective small groups. On September 5, we hosted Grandparents Day/Donuts for Grown-Ups with over 200 guests and 230 donuts served — a huge success thanks to our PTO. Teachers have also been collaborating in their PLCs to develop unified rules for hallways, the cafeteria, the playground, and recess, ensuring consistency for students across the building. Mrs. Clemons also explained her approach to teacher evaluations, making rubrics clear and modeling examples of effective teaching. She is looking forward to launching the new High Ability program, while also taking Ball State courses and working closely with Sally to bring more rigorous curriculum opportunities for students. In addition, vision screenings are underway this week, and the school is looking forward to the upcoming Scarecrow Festival.
- b. Mr. McMahan reported that in August the staff began work on Professional Learning Communities (PLCs). The focus has been on the three pillars of the PLC process: a focus on learning, building a collaborative culture, and maintaining a results-oriented mindset. Staff created a list of commitments to one another and to students, helping ensure accountability while keeping aligned with the school's mission and vision. Teachers are also developing cause-and-effect goals, each tied back to that mission and vision. In addition, work is being done to refine how Student Resource Time (SRT) is used so that it provides the greatest benefit for students.

6. Superintendent's report,

- a. Dr. McNulty celebrated once again the district's award of a \$32,000 robotics grant, which will allow for projects that are even bigger and better than anticipated. She also thanked families for their strong turnout at Donuts with Grown-Ups, noting it was a full house and a very successful event. In addition, Dr. McNulty shared that the district had a successful collective bargaining session, resulting in a new two-year contract, with required documents to be posted soon. Teachers continue to work hard in their PLCs, and one area of focus

moving forward will be enhancing classroom behavior management strategies. The district is also exploring mindfulness training and regulation strategies to help students stay in class, self-regulate, and be ready to learn. At the high school level, the principal has been tasked with developing university partnerships to expand dual credit and AP options for students. Dr. McNulty reported that the athletic facility renovations are nearly complete and should be ready for use within the next week. Finally, she shared excitement about participating in the Wanatah Scarecrow Festival once again, with the school hosting the pork chop dinner on Friday and the spaghetti dinner on Saturday, as well as a go-kart entry in the parade to showcase the work of the robotics team.

7. Action Items

- a. Approve rescheduling the October board meeting to October 21, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- b. Approve the Resolution for Additional Appropriation, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- c. Approve the Resolution of Fund Transfer from Education to Operations Fund, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- d. Approve the Superintendent Contract, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

8. Discussion Items, none

9. Board Comments, none

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

Our next regular meeting will be held on October 21, 2025.

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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