BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES
Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation
MINUTES
Regular Meeting
Tri-Township Schools
Tri-Township Schools Library
309 School Drive
Wanatah, IN 46390
Monday, September 28, 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, Scott Cherry, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Irwin, Dara Guse, Alissa Clemons, Brian McMahan, Lisa Rosenkranz, Jim Sheely, Kutler Russell, 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.

- **Presentation** - Scott Cherry with Skillman presented a building project update. Sophomore, Kutler Russell spoke about Tri-Township's Kindness Club where they practice random acts of kindness.

- **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, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
  d. Payroll - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES
  e. Personnel report

Certified

Leaves/Resignations

- Approve Christian Porter's resignation - Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Employment - none

Adjustments - none

Classified

Leaves/Resignations - Aaron Rust motioned to approve all resignations listed, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES

- Approve Tara Soller's resignation
- Approve Carol Webster's resignation

- Approve Julia Allen's resignation

Employment

- Approve Natalie Nunemaker for Kitchen - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- Approve Dillon Stewart for LC Custodian - Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- Approve Alyssa Rippe for Bus Driver - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

Adjustments

- **Public Comment on Agenda Items Only** - none

- **Reports**
  a. Superintendent's report - see attached
  b. Principal's report - see attached

- **Action Items**
  a. Approve Dillon Stewart for JV Boys Basketball Coach for 26/27 - Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
  b. Approve Joint Agreement for South LaPorte County Special Education Cooperative - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
  c. Approve increase in Adult Breakfast Price from $2.85 to $3.25 - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES

- **Discussion Items** - none

- **Board Comments** - Chad Howell spoke about all of the good work and positive changes happening at Tri-Township.

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

Our next regular meeting will be held on October 26, 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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Principal Report

1 message

Brian McMahan <bmcmahan@tritownship.k12.in.us> Wed, Sep 23, 2026 at 3:14 PM
To: Paige McNulty <paigemcnulty@tritownship.k12.in.us>, Theresa McArdle <tmcardle@tritownship.k12.in.us>

Principal's Report

September 2026

SAT preparation and interventions. Our students in grades 9–11 recently completed an SAT practice test. This is part of a preparation process that begins in freshman year. Students take three SAT practice tests each year in grades 9 and 10, followed by two more before the SAT School Day administration in March of their junior year. They also take the PSAT twice during this period.

Our English and math teachers are reviewing the recent results to identify specific skill gaps. We will use that information to provide targeted interventions during Student Resource Time (SRT). Students can move between groups as their needs change, and future practice tests will help us measure progress and adjust instruction. A new SRT scheduler will help us organize these groups and make effective use of intervention time.

ILEARN. ILEARN results have returned, and we saw improvement among our students in grades 6–8. Students have also completed ILEARN Checkpoints, and teachers have begun forming intervention groups based on those results.

Work Based Learning. We are working with Skyepack to organize our Work Based Learning documents and student information. The program will help us keep records accessible and ready for state reporting.

Student activities. Middle school esports has started with Minecraft. Our go-kart team will compete in the Fall Championship at Purdue University on Tuesday, September 29.

Appreciation. Thank you to our Robotics members and parents for creating the float that our staff rode on during Saturday's parade. Thank you also to Mr. Grace for creating the new WORK initiative in our sports program. It has been a huge success.

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



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Elementary Principal Report by Alissa Clemons

I. Celebration of Students, Staff, or Families:

Shout out to our Wonderful Secretary who has helped the new year!

a. Special thanks to these three special groups.

i. Andrea Weinkauff
   1. Great start to her new position and a huge help daily

ii. Parent and teachers for continued flexibility during construction

iii. Shout out to a smooth flow every day
   1. Kaylan Edgington for Parent drop-off
   2. Dana Kiser & Colleen billings for parent pick-up
   3. Amber Rust for Bus transportation director

II. Teaching and Learning: PLCs & / PDs:

a. PLCs:

i. The elementary staff continues to work diligently on our PLC goals.

ii. Each week we continue to take a close look at our data.

iii. We have chosen Math to be our concentrated focus this year.

iv. With an emphasis on Number Sense across every grade level-this vertical alignment is huge in my opinion!! This vertical alignment will be an important part of strengthening math instruction across our entire elementary at every grade level.

v. Teachers are examining student data, vertically aligning skills across grade levels, and developing common strategies for intervention and instruction. Our goal is to create greater consistency from kindergarten through fifth grade and build strong mathematical foundations for our students.

b. ILEARN Checkpoints #1 were given.

i. This will just give us extra data for our WIN intervention time

ii. This is also a great way to assess them and pace them with pre and post assessments to use for student support

c. K-2 New State mandate for Math Screener is complete

i. We have worked as a committee to identify students

ii. This is a small percentage of our elementary students

iii. They will get daily targeted support and interventions per state mandates

III. Events:

a. Scarecrow Fest 25-27

i. My personal favorite time of the year is here!!

ii. Great way to foster our Community Connections!

iii. We have 6 coloring contest winners!
iv. Our staff will be walking in the parade showing our school pride!
v. Several groups will also be in the parade
    1. Including Cheer & Robotics
    2. Cheerleaders will also help with the Baby Contest
    3. Amber will be driving our Sports bus
    4. And the Race will take place Saturday morning

Closing:
It has been wonderful welcoming our students and families back to Tri-Township Elementary. We are off to a great start and have a lot to be proud of already. I am especially excited about the work our teachers are doing together to strengthen math instruction and provide targeted support for our students. We look forward to continuing to build strong academic foundations, positive relationships, and opportunities for every student to be successful. It's a great time to be a Tiger!

Superintendent Report

9-28-26

- Our School Corporation participated in the Scare Crow festival this weekend. We had 68 runners in the morning race, our robotics team had a float and our dance and cheer team also had a float. Our school corporation won a prize from the scarecrow committee as well. Well done to all the students, staff and families that participated.
- We continue to make progress on our construction updates. The front entry way is almost complete and the canopy should be going up soon. The Brick pavers have been ordered and will be installed next month. The windows and green panels will start to be installed on Oct. 10th and the bus port steel port will be erected in the next few weeks as well. The asphalt will be done by Oct. 30th. We continue to be happy with the work Skilllman and Veregy are doing and we are also happy to report that we are on budget.
- We continue to partner with many local businesses so that we can place our students in work placed opportunities for credits. This is going well and we are happy to be able to expand our options to our students.
- Our I-Learn scores are in and we have made growth. Our principals plan on presenting all the data and how we are focusing our professional development on gaps that have been identified at next months board meeting.
- We wish our go-cart crew good luck tomorrow as they travel to Purdue for the race!