

**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, January 27, 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.

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

2. **Consent Items**
 - a. Minutes-December 23, 2024 & January 13, 2025 - Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - b. Financial reports - Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills 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 -

Certified

- Leaves/Resignations
Kami Kramer - resigned as School Counselor effective 2/4/25 - Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- Employment
Jennifer McCormick - Middle School Boys Volleyball Head Coach
and
Tara O'Hare - Morning Duty Supervisor - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- Adjustments - none

Classified

- Leaves/Resignations-none
- Employment

Bryan Holem - Bus Driver - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES

Andrew McCormick - Middle School Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Carolyn Pryor - Kitchen Worker - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

- Adjustments - none

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items - A letter from South County Community Coalition was presented to the Board by Jim Sheely.

4. Reports

- a. Principal's Report - Mr. McMahan wishes to recognize staff, students, and community members as well as Girls Basketball, Cheer and Katy Dibkey for all of their support for the Vernich family at our Cancer Night basketball game. All of the proceeds from the game went to support Kenny Vernich. Senior athletes were recognized at the annual PCC banquet earlier this month. Jayde Pryor won the PCC Mental Attitude Award, Kylee Shoupe and Kennedy Cox were chosen for PCC All Star Dance team and Taylor Tarter and Caloe Peretti were chosen for the PCC All Star Cheer team.

Teaching and Learning: We've started data meetings and are happy to say we're able to remove some students from the Title 1 program who no longer need that extra assistance. Our 2nd & 3rd grade teachers have a plan in place for IREAD using Title 1 services and classroom aids to get kids ready. We are also working on a program to challenge our High Ability students. Mr. McMahan attended the IPLI conference regarding curriculum. Looking ahead this month we will be focusing on AI during our professional development and how to use it in the classrooms. We will also have Smekens Education here to work with Elementary and ELA teachers focusing on persuasive and argumentative writing. Our High School staff will work on some backward planning and assessment development.

- b. Superintendent's Report - Dr. Moore reports our Strategic Planning has been going well. The first meeting of the Student Advisory Board is scheduled for this week and the meetings with small groups of staff members will continue through January. The first Family Strategic Planning meeting will be February 10. Marketing; we have a photographer coming at the end of January to take photos for the upcoming community newsletter. Areas we'll be focusing on in the first

newsletter are Robotics and Drones, Drama Club, Band and Choir, our literacy coach and our new phonics program. We will also highlight our new track, our new athletic facility as well as honoring the Tiger Den.

We're also advertising two opportunities for our upcoming PreK & Kindergarten Round Up. We'll be sending out postcards and displaying fliers with information. We are continuing to explore options for new signage on the east side of the building. We are also continuing to offer tours on the last Friday of each month. Project updates; the permit has been approved for the athletic facility. We are accepting three bids from general contractors for the work that needs to be completed. The transformation will include a batting cage, golf simulator, weight room, and track equipment storage. Bids are due by February 14. The JR/SR high school restrooms have been completed. The new cafeteria furniture will arrive in April. Dr. Moore and Mr. McMahan met with an auction company in regards to items in the LaCrosse building. The building will be open to the public and a list of items will be given to the board for approval prior to the auction.

In regards to legislation, Representative Teshka will be visiting February 7th. He, as well as others, have been communicating with us and it's been great to share how well our students are doing. Special thank you to the staff, families and community of Tri-Township for helping to make our school a great place to be. Dr. Moore would also like to thank the Teachers Union, Mr. McMahan, the school board and our community for their support and for helping to speak up against these bills.

Dr. Moore was recognized for all of the amazing work and effort she has done for our school in such a short amount of time.

5. Action Items

- a. Approve the IRS mileage rate - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- b. Approve the distribution of funds received from the IDOE Early Literacy Grant - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- c. Approve the resolution opposing Indiana House Bills 1136 and 1501 - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- d. Second reading and approval of policy 4402 Use of Metal Detectors - Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- e. Second reading and approval of policy 6110 Federal Grants and Awards Administration - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- f. Accept donations as listed: - Aaron Rust motioned to approve all donations, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

- TTCSC received a donation of \$750.00 for our Blessings in a Bag program from the LaCrosse Lions Club. These bags were filled with food for students in need to take home before Christmas Break.
- TTCSC received a donation of \$200.00 for our Blessings in a Bag program from the Hansen Family. These bags were filled with food for students in need to take home before Christmas Break.
- TTCSC received a donation of \$1000.00 for our Blessings in a Bag program from the Sacred Heart Church. These bags were filled with food for students in need to take home before Christmas Break.
- TTCSC received a donation of \$300.00 to sponsor a student to attend HOBY from South County Veterinary. This allows us to send a student to the HOBY leadership conference at no charge to the school or family.
- TTCSC received a donation of \$140.00 to pay for T-shirts for the Leo Club.
- TTCSC received a donation of \$760.00 for our Blessings in a Bag program from the Modern Woodman. These bags were filled with food for students in need to take home before Christmas Break.

6. Discussion Items - none

7. Board Comments - none

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

Our next meeting will be held on February 3, 2025. This meeting will be a work session.

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.

Executive Session

Executive Session was held immediately following the regular board meeting on January 27, 2025.

Discussion occurred on the job performance evaluation of an individual employee.