

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, November 25, 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.

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

2. **Consent Items**
 - a. Minutes-October 28, 2024, 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, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
 - d. Payroll, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - e. Personnel Report:

Certified

- Leaves/Resignations-none
- Employment
Matt Wellsand, Head 7th and 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES
Sam Weller, Head 5th and 6th grade boys Basketball Coach, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
Allyson Stills, Varsity Assistant girls Basketball Coach, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- Adjustments-none

Classified

- Leaves/Resignations
Allee Garner, Head Varsity Volleyball Coach effective 11/6/24, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

- Employment
Morgan Wozniak, Assistant 7th and 8th grade Boys Basketball Coach, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- Adjustments
Melissa Riba to move from Substitute to Permanent in the Kitchen, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items

A concerned citizen requested clarification regarding the joint agreement with South LaPorte County Special Education Cooperative as well as the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation. This was provided by Dr. Moore.

4. Reports

- Principal's Report

Mr. McMahan would like to celebrate students, staff, and families on the success of the drama production. Also, our drone team excelled at their first event this year winning the entire event along with 4 trophies and a bid to Regionals. Our student council delivered 1300 items to the Hanna Food Pantry, donated by students and community members. PTO Bingo was very successful. Our winter sports season is underway and we're celebrating Homecoming with a Girls/Boys Varsity double header with Westville on 12/6 with the dance following 12/7. Mr. McMahan attended an Administrator Workshop for the Literacy Cadre focusing on science of reading and strategies for supporting our Literacy Coach and coaching strategies.

Mr. McMahan, Mrs. Sonaty, and Mrs. VandeBunte attended ILearn Checkpoint Workshop to enhance target interventions focusing on math and ELA.

Ms. Horton has been visiting Westville PreK to observe and collaborate.

During our November staff meeting we focused on enhancing two key areas: how we greet students daily and the use of attention getters during class. These will assist in creating a positive classroom environment, improving behavior management, and support student's engagement. By creating a welcoming start to each day we hope to cultivate a positive attitude in our students, enabling us to better guide them into achieving our mission of high level learning and development.

- Superintendent's Report

Dr. Moore is continuing to work on strategic planning by putting together a Superintendent/Student Advisory Council for grades 6-12. This will continue through December with the first meeting in January. The goal is to create

meaningful dialogue between Dr. Moore and students, providing students an opportunity to share views and perspectives. In January she will be meeting with small groups of staff members to work on strategic planning, looking at core values, environmental scans, strengths, opportunities, short and long-term goals and to communicate with all stakeholders. In February & March she will be creating opportunities to meet with school families making sure they have a voice in future planning. Safety updates: we now have double locked front doors, a new visitor check in system and we are updating safety plans and evacuation routes. We're also working on updating our bus camera software and creating a multi disciplinary threat assessment team.

Project updates: athletic facility planning is underway, soon will be looking at bids to update our new building. Track work will continue through the new year with a pause for weather and resume around March.

5. Action Items

- a. Approve the donation of \$500 from Modern Woodmen as a match for our music program, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- b. Approve the quote for EZrouting, school bus routing software. Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded.
- c. Approve the contract with Indiana ESC Food Co-op, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- d. Approve the joint agreement with South LaPorte County Special Education Cooperative, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- e. Approve the MOU with Sandy Hook Promise Foundation and Tri-Township Consolidated School Corporation, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- f. Approve the Tri-Online 2024-2025 Handbook, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

6. Discussion Items, none

7. Board Comments, none

8. Adjournment, Aaron Rust motioned to adjourn, 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.

Next Board Meeting is scheduled for December 23, 2024.

