

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 24, 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.

In attendance were: Dr. Paige McNulty, Tim Guse, Aaron Rust, Chad Howell, Melanie Mills, Nick Poort, Scott Cherry, Brian Rossmann, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Irwin, Mr. Fred McNulty, Tori DeMoss, Alissa Clemons, Dara Guse, and Theresa McArdle.

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.

- a. Presentation by Scott Cherry from Skillman/Gilbrator
- b. Presentation by Brian Rossmann from Veregy

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

Certified

Leaves/Resignations

Employment

- Jaxzee Peeples, High Ability, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Adjustments

Classified

Leaves/Resignations

Employment

- Gayla Porch, Study Hall supervisor, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Adjustments

- 3. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only**, Jim Irwin proudly shared his bowling award from 1957.

4. Reports

- a. Principals' report (see attached)
- b. Superintendent's report: Dr. McNulty reported, as we move ahead, we'll hear more about AI. It's a remarkable tool, but like anything new, we'll be putting thoughtful policies in place to make sure it supports students in a healthy, educational way. We're also grateful to share that we received a grant to help local families with clothing needs and hotspots — this will go a long way for our community. On the athletic front, we'll be hosting the Girls Basketball Tournament on January 2nd and 3rd, while also celebrating 75 years of our gym. Tickets are now on sale, with only 800 available, so don't wait too long. Our athletic director has announced his retirement. The position has been posted, and we've already received over 50 applicants. A committee is in place, and we hope to bring a recommendation to the board at the next meeting. Wishing everyone a very Happy Thanksgiving. May your holiday be filled with good food, family, and friends.

5. Action Items

1. Approve the PERF contribution for non-classified employees, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
2. Approve increasing our sub pay from \$80 to \$100 per day, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
3. Approve increasing our starting para pay, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
4. Approve the Veregy contract for the Bus Port and Solar Panels (paid for out of the bond)(presentation by Veregy), Chad Howell motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
5. Approve the Skillman/Gilbrator contract (presentation by Skillman/Gilbrator), Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES

6. Discussion Items, none

7. Board Comments, none

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

Our next regular meeting will be held on December 22, 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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Elementary Principal Report by Alissa Clemons

I. Celebration of Students, Staff, or Families

- a. The Elementary teachers held successful Parent/Teacher Conferences
- b. We had a strong attendance by parents in person
- c. Those who could not attend were contacted by phone or email
- d. Thank you to all staff for preparing quality data and student progress for the parents and special thanks to the parents for participating

II. Teaching and Learning

- a. PLCs (Professional Learning Communities)
 - i. We continue to discuss our chapters in our “Mindfulness” training with our book “Teach, Breathe, & Learn”
- b. Professional Development
 - i. We used our professional development day to learn how to “Unpack our State Standards”.
 - ii. Teachers learned how to look at our state standards and see the value and purpose of unpacking the standards for their subjects to ensure that we are explicitly and systematically teaching our students for the goal of achieving mastery.
 - iii. Teachers were given time during this PD session to work on a standard of their choosing to break it down into the skills, knowledge, and context.
 - iv. Then they were to work on developing a strong academic vocabulary for their standard and understanding the prerequisite knowledge that students need to achieve mastery.
 - v. Next, we will need to begin working on creating authentic and valuable Formative and Summative assessments for our standards

III. Data:

- a. Checkpoint #1 has been completed for the first nine weeks
- b. We are also using this data to help look at student deficit areas that were assessed
- c. Each of these areas can then be addressed to help remediate and prepare them for the ILEARN this spring

IV. Events:

- a. Positive participation in Fields of Flags
 - i. We raised \$250.00 in donations to help the Disabled American Veterans
 - ii. We also had a positive Veterans Day program
 - iii. Each elementary class presented a special presentation

- b. Positive participation for “Red Ribbon Week”
 - i. The School Resource Officer, Corey Chavez, and the School Social Worker, Mrs. Bowman, partnered to deliver an engaging and age-appropriate presentation to our elementary students. They focused on safety awareness, positive and healthy decision-making, and knowing who their trusted adults are (who they can turn to for help in unsafe situations).
 - ii. There was also a Coloring contest & dress-up days and fun facts each morning on the announcements to help them learn how to stay drug free & make good decisions
- c. We had Hearing Screenings by our school nurse for 1st grade and 4th graders
- d. Elementary Sports
 - i. We have 11 5th graders playing basketball and 13 cheerleaders
 - ii. Green & White scrimmage game was last Friday where the players and cheerleaders were introduced
 - iii. Tiny Tigers skills camp has begun and will run for 4 Saturdays
- e. We also ended last week with a successful Turkey Bingo! We had a good turnout and great donations!!

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JR/SR High Principal Report by Brian McMahan

First, I want to congratulate our students, along with Ms. DeMoss and Ms. Warren, on a great performance of our fall play, *Super Potato*. I had the chance to see the show on Saturday night, and the students did an excellent job. Many returning cast members continue to grow in confidence, and our new performers stepped up in impressive ways. It was a strong production and great to see.

On November 11th, we held our annual Veterans Day Program. This year, my family started a new tradition: the Kenneth D. McMahan Veterans Day Essay Contest. Students wrote essays on the theme “Freedom Isn’t Free,” and our winner—6th grader Braelynn Doms—read her essay during the ceremony. She received a \$100 Barnes & Noble gift card, and we are proud of her accomplishment.

Academically, I continue to follow Indiana’s new accountability rule. Beginning next November, schools will once again receive letter grades. I am tracking updates closely and reviewing how these changes will impact both our school and our corporation.

We are also expanding our pathway for students to earn the Indiana College Core, which requires 30 dual-credit hours across six areas. Right now, we offer 15 hours in person through our credentialed teachers, and we provide additional dual-credit opportunities online through Ivy Tech. We hope to add more credentialed staff over time and continue strengthening that partnership.

I recently met with 220 Learning to discuss their work-based learning options and their online courses. Two new required courses—Computer Science and Personal Finance—are available online if they do not fit into a student’s schedule.

Looking ahead, we are exploring offering high school credits in 7th and 8th grade. Under the new accountability model, schools receive additional points when middle schoolers earn high school credit. Early credit opportunities also help open up space in students’ schedules for work-based learning during their senior year. As we build next year’s master schedule in the coming months, we’ll be looking closely at how these pieces fit together.

We are also preparing to expand our work-based learning placements in the Wanatah and LaCrosse communities, as well as surrounding areas.

Regarding staff development, our PLCs have shifted from expectations and classroom norms to a new focus on assessment. During our recent early-dismissal PD, teachers worked with Mrs. O’Hare to break down standards, and we also showed them how AI can assist with that process. This work sets the foundation for developing aligned assessments in the coming weeks.

Finally, we are beginning the use of Global PD from Solution Tree. This platform gives teachers access to videos, articles, and e-books on instruction, intervention, assessment, classroom

management and more. Teachers will use these resources throughout the week, and we'll incorporate discussions into our Friday PLC time.