

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, May 19, 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 were in attendance: Dr. Pamela Moore, Tim Guse, Aaron Rust, Chad Howell, Melanie Mills, Nick Poort. Lisa Rosenkranz, Jim Sheely, Shirley Stonecipher, Larry Beckler, Dara Guse, Alissa Clemons, Michael Clemons, Jim Irwin, Tori Lantz, and Theresa McArdle.

- 1. Open Board Meeting** - The meeting was called to order by Tim Guse, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 2. Consent Items**
 - a. Minutes-April 28, 2025, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES
 - b. Financial reports, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - c. Claims, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
 - d. Payroll, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
 - e. Personnel Report . . .

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Leaves/Resignations

- Jennifer Abernathy retired as First Grade Teacher effective May 30, 2025, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- Joe Clifford resigned as High School Engineering Teacher effective May 30, 2025, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Employment

- Chris McGowen hired as Head Girls Golf Coach, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- Allyson Stills hired as Head Girls Volleyball Coach, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

- Kristina Urban hired as Permanent School Counselor for the 2025-2026 school year, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Adjustments

- Alissa Clemons from Dean of Students to Elementary Principal effective July 1, 2025, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES
- Brian McMahan from Pre-K to 12 Principal to Jr. Sr. High School Principal effective July 1, 2025, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES

Classified

Leaves/Resignations

- Amber Jessen resigned as Study Hall Teacher effective April 29, 2025, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- Amanda Cox resigned as Preschool Assistant effective May 16, 2025, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- Aiden Duncan resigned as custodian effective May 26, 2025, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Employment-none

Adjustments-none

3. Public Comment-none

- Principal's Report**, Dr. Moore spoke on behalf of Mr. McMahan. Celebrations - We had a successful Enrichment Day at the elementary level, offering students engaging and meaningful experiences. Our Junior Achievement Day was introduced at the Jr./Sr. High School, focusing on employability skills, career pathways, and personal finance—an exciting and valuable addition to our programming. Students enjoyed a successful end-of-year trip to Indiana Beach last week, a fun and rewarding way to celebrate their accomplishments. We'd like to give special recognition to Alissa Clemons for her leadership and outstanding coordination of all state testing this spring. Her work ensured a smooth and successful testing season for our students and staff. Congratulations to Chayse Boomfield, who earned Conference Champion honors in both the High Jump and Long Jump at the recent PCC Track Meet! Chayse is the first conference champion the school has had in many years. Teaching & Learning - Our district continues to focus on strengthening instruction and supporting student learning. Recent highlights include: Implementation of a new phonics program to support early literacy development. Ongoing professional development on the Smekens writing strategies for K–12 teachers. Introduction of Professional Learning Communities (PLCs) to foster collaboration and

shared instructional goals.

At the elementary level, we launched instructional rounds to promote teacher collaboration and reflective practice.

Teachers across grade levels have engaged in professional development focused on effective instruction, vertical alignment, and a review of classroom assessment practices to ensure consistency and rigor.

We are proud of the continued growth, collaboration, and commitment to student success across all levels.

- 5. Superintendent's Report,** Dr. Moore spoke about wrapping up the school year. There's so much to celebrate across our district. Here are just a few highlights that make us proud to be Tigers: We kicked things off by celebrating our incredible Robotics Team, who competed at the World Robotics Championship and placed 21st in the world—a phenomenal achievement! We honored their hard work and success with a schoolwide parade, presented them with a banner, and recognized both students and coaches with certificates of achievement. Way to go, Team 46390T! Our drone teams continue to soar, with one of our middle school teams recently crowned Regional Champions, and our high school teams currently competing. We are proud of their innovation, teamwork, and focus! We held our Academic Awards Night, honoring students for their hard work, dedication, and achievements throughout the year.

Upcoming events include our Junior High Awards Ceremonies on May 28 and 29.

Graduation will take place on May 30 at 7:00 PM as we celebrate the Class of 2025 and wish our seniors all the best in their next chapter.

Our last student day is May 29, and the last teacher day is May 30, which will include our first-ever Staff Recognition Celebration—a new tradition we're excited to start!

We're proud to share that we've been selected as a PCAP School—one of only four in Indiana! This initiative will bring \$36,000 in funding over the next three years to support and expand our post-secondary and career readiness programs. We will be offering Summer School in June to support continued learning.

We're thrilled to keep growing successful programs like Robotics, Drama, and Academic Competitions, and look forward to exciting new opportunities in Esports and Bowling in the coming year! We're also grateful for the positive momentum in our community, including our beautiful new sign, the success of our community newsletter, and the continued support from families and local partners. We are small, but mighty.

With strong programs, dedicated staff, and students who continually rise to the challenge, we couldn't be prouder. Thank you for being part of the Tri-Township family—we can't wait to see what's ahead.

6. Action Items

- a. Approve invitation to join the Midwest Area School Employees' Insurance Trust (MASE), Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- b. Approve the job description for IT Specialist, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- c. Approve the agreement with NIESC for Director of Media, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- d. Approve the agreement with NIESC for Dietitian Services, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- e. Approve the agreement with NIESC for School Counselor, Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- f. Approve roof repairs to the LaCrosse Tiger Den, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- g. Approve fencing and sidewalks for the Wanatah campus, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- h. Approve boilers for Wanatah campus, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- i. Approve the agreement with Newby, Lewis, Kaminski & Jones LLP, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

7. Discussion Items - none

8. Board Comments - none

9. Adjournment - Aaron Rust motioned to adjourn, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

Our next regular meeting will be held on June 23, 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.

