

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, March 2, 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, Chad Howell, Melanie Mills, Nick Poort, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Irwin, Jim Sheely, Tim Stabosz, Kelly Kiel, Lisa Rosenkranz, Attorney Jackie Pillar, Alissa Clemons, Dara Guse, and Theresa McArdle. Absent: Aaron Rust

- 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. Student Presentations** - HS Econ./Gov. class to present on trip to the Statehouse - Senior, James McDowell spoke about the Senior Class's visit to the Statehouse in early February to meet with State Representatives about the cell phone legislation.

- 3. Consent Items**
 - a. Minutes - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - b. Financial reports - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - c. Claims - Nick Poort motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - d. Payroll - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
 - e. Personnel report

Certified

Leaves/Resignations

Employment

Adjustments

Classified

Leaves/Resignations

Employment

- Approve Greg Howard as a full-time in-house substitute for the remainder of the school year - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- Approve Brian Wozniak as 5/6th Girls Basketball Coach - Nick Poort motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES - President Tim Guse abstained from vote.
- Approve Amy Wozniak as 5/6th Girls Basketball Assistant Coach - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES - President Tim Guse abstained from vote.
- Approve Christian Porter as 7/8th Girls Basketball Coach - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- Approve Allyson Stills as Junior High Boys Volleyball Assistant Coach - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- Approve Allyson Stills as Varsity Boys Volleyball Coach - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES

Adjustments

- Tara Soller resigned from the LaPorte Co-op as a para in the Elementary SPED room. Her new adjustment placement will be in the PreK room as a para in the morning and 1st grade para in the afternoon. - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES

4. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only - Jim Sheely and Tim Stabosz both spoke about the LaCrosse high school building and the benefits of turning it into a community center for the town of LaCrosse.

5. Reports

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

6. Action Items

1. Second reading and adoption of all Neola policies - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES

7. Discussion Items - none

8. Board Comments - none

9. Adjournment - Nick Poort motioned to adjourn, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

Our next regular meeting will be held on March 30, 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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Board Meeting-February, 2026

Elementary Principal Report by Alissa Clemons

I. Celebration of Students, Staff, or Families

- a. It was a super quick month with all the cancellations and delays.
- b. I am excited to celebrate our Weekend Food program!!
- c. We are off and running!
- d. My first distribution we packed turned into a snow day so I was glad to know students had food ready available!
- e. We will hopefully continue this for the remainder of the year!

- f. I also would like to celebrate our spelling bee winners!
- g. The school-wide Spelling Bee was held on Friday, Jan.30.
- h. We had two levels; Elem.3-5 and M.S.6-8.
- i. Students were chosen from classroom bees and competed.
- j. Our first place winner will head to Westville for Regionals on March 19!!
- k. Elementary winner was Aidan Vinciguerra. (Jr.High-Orion Pottle)

II. Teaching and Learning/PLCs (Professional Learning Communities)

- a. The elementary staff met and finalized their collective commitments
- b. Then we worked on Data trends and also had professional development today on how to look at Growth data and Stretch data. We divided the data into groups to see how their benchmarks are progressing.

IV. Events:

- a. The winter sports season sports for Elem. is off and running.
- b. 5/6 grade girls basketball has begun and the girls are learning a lot.

Principal Report- February

1 message

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Mon, Mar 2, 2026 at 12:28 PM

To: Theresa McArdle <tmcardle@tritownship.k12.in.us>, Alissa Clemons <aclemons@tritownship.k12.in.us>, Paige McNulty <paigemcnulty@tritownship.k12.in.us>

Principal's Report – February Update

February was a very productive month at Tri-Township Jr.-Sr. High School, with strong progress in academics, scheduling, and student achievements.

We ended January meeting with Ivy Tech's dual credit partnership team to review and expand our offerings. Currently, we offer 15 dual credits in English and Chemistry. Next year, we plan to add Speech and are exploring additional dual credit and/or AP options in Math and Social Studies. Our long-term goal is to move closer to the Indiana College Core by offering more in-house courses while still maintaining online options when needed. We are also working toward launching an AP program and credentialing additional teachers.

The school counselor and I have nearly finalized the master schedule. The structure allows flexibility to add programs as needed. We have successfully transitioned all sophomores to the new diploma requirements, and juniors are moving that direction when it benefits them. We continue working through diploma pathways and work-based learning requirements.

I also met with 220 Learning to discuss integrating simulated work-based learning opportunities, along with flexible options for Personal Finance, Computer Science, and college/career prep courses.

February was an excellent month for student success:

- Several students advanced to state through ISSMA.
- A group qualified for the Personal Finance state finals in Indianapolis.
- Brecken Ramirez won his region in the statewide NBA 2K Esports tournament and will compete at Gainbridge Fieldhouse on March 29.
- Our elementary and middle school robotics teams had a strong showing at the Caston Buzzer Beater tournament this past weekend.

Finally, our Go-Kart program continues to move forward. Our first kart is up and running, and we've begun testing as we prepare for competition in approximately two months.

Overall, February reflected strong momentum in academics, programming, and student achievement.

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



March 2, 2026

Superintendent Report

- We've had a great February here at Tri-Township. We had a great turnout to the Homecoming Dance. I loved chaperoning and seeing all the kids dressed up and having fun. Great job to Ms. DeMoss and the student council for decorating and organizing the dance.
- I had the opportunity to attend two superintendent forums this month to listen to state leaders about upcoming legislation. SB 78 did pass and will be in effect for the following school year. The final version states that all students' personal devices must be powered off and stored away. We will work on updating our policy and begin talking with students, parents and staff on the implementation of this for the Fall. The other bill I was closely following was the consolidation bill. I personally met with several legislators and our superintendent lobbyist to make sure we had a voice at the table. As it stands right now, the bill reads that small corporations like ours will be left alone as long as we are financially solvent, which we are, and as long as our academics are solid, which they are. We also continue to show the state that we are working hard on sharing services with our neighboring schools for cost purposes as much as possible. For example, we will be taking students in from Westville next year for a few hours a day to service them in both Spanish and Music. We are also having some students zoom in to classes from other schools as needed.
- We are busy preparing for next year already with kindergarten round up and pre-school sign-ups happening next week. We have big plans for both these programs next year that we will be announcing soon.
- We will have our bond hearing at the next board meeting, March 30th. We had to push it back due to the weather last week and because of that we had to report the bond hearing for 10 days. We have updated the bond projects on our website and will continue to upload pictures as the projects unfold. In the next few weeks, the servers, cabling and camera projects will begin.
- I want to thank community for its continued support. We've had lots of volunteers, parental involvement and support for our students and staff. As we continue to work and grow together, so will our school.