

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 26, 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, Aaron Rust, Chad Howell, Melanie Mills, Nick Poort, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Irwin, Jim Sheely, Alissa Clemons, Brian McMahan, 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.

- 2. Consent Items**
 - a. Minutes (from December meeting and January 15 Board Organization meeting), 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, Nick Poort motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES
 - d. Payroll, Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
 - e. Personnel report

Certified

Leaves/Resignations

Employment

Adjustments

Classified

Leaves/Resignations

- Resignation of preK para, Kelly Conover, Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

Employment

- New Study Hall supervisor, Becca Henderson, Nick Poort motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES

Adjustments, none

3. Public Comment on Agenda Items Only

4. Reports

- a. Principal's report (attached)
- b. Superintendent's report (attached)

5. Action Items

- 1. Approve moving the March Board Meeting to March 30th., Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- 2. Approve cap of non-resident students at 25 per grade level., Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- 3. Approve 1st reading of all Neola policies., Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Melanie Mills 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 February 23, 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-January, 2026
Elementary Principal Report by Alissa Clemons

I. Celebration of Students, Staff, or Families

- a. Jaxzee Peeples received a Cheryl Lynn Welter Grant
- b. This grant will help our K–5 students to provide classroom books so every child—especially those without resources at home—can build strong reading skills and confidence including computer software and headphones for computer class. With these additional tools for reading and technology, our young learners can practice typing, safe internet use, and independent learning.

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

- a. The elementary staff met and started their collective commitments
- b. We will hold each other accountable with these commitments
- c. The teachers had great collaboration time and teacher ownership
- d. These commitments were made together and agreed on together
- e. They are the specific “we will” actions to support students for continuous growth, interventions, and success.

III. Data:

- a. All grade levels are in the process of continuing to use IReady which helps students practice their Math and Reading skills with short daily lessons targeted at specific skills.
- b. Middle of the year testing is in process so we can see their current progress and growth data since the beginning of the year
- c. Teachers in grade 3-5 are continuing with ILearn Checkpoint #2 for continuous ILearn practice. They should be done by Feb.2

IV. Events:

- a. 5/6/and 7th/8th Girls Season will start with their first game on Monday.
- b. 7/8 Grade Boys started their Volleyball practice and will have their first game next Monday.

Principal's Report, Brian McMahan

Board Meeting 1.26.2026

I would like to begin by highlighting the tremendous success of our 75th Anniversary Girls Basketball Tournament held on January 2 and January 3. While the tournament itself took place over two days, it was the result of significant planning and preparation well in advance, and I would like to recognize several individuals for their outstanding contributions.

First, I want to thank Brian Wozniak for his extensive work in the Hall of Fame room and stage area. His efforts in preparing the space, updating the foyer, installing new carpeting in key areas, and enhancing the overall presentation truly elevated the appearance of the Tiger Den.

I would also like to recognize Christian Porter and Aaron Rust for their vision and leadership in the new gym decor, including the installation of the new sectional banners and PCC banners. Additionally, thank you to Tim Guse and Signature Graphics for their support and commitment to bringing this project to completion in time for the tournament.

Over the past several years, we have made numerous renovations to the Tiger Den, and these improvements have transformed it into what I truly believe is one of the best home courts in Indiana. Thank you to everyone who has played a role in that progress. I also want to extend my appreciation to all of the workers, including several board members and other volunteers, who assisted on both nights of the tournament. Their efforts were critical to the success of the event. It was especially rewarding to see our girls compete at a high level and have the opportunity to play for a championship on their home court—an experience that had never occurred before in girls' basketball at Tri-Township. This is a memory our student-athletes will carry with them for a lifetime, and that, to me, is one of the most meaningful outcomes of the event.

As we began the second semester, the combination of weather delays and e-learning days created some challenges in re-establishing routines for both students and staff. However, I want to commend our teachers and students for their flexibility and commitment to maintaining high-quality instruction despite the disruptions.

We are looking forward to settling back into a consistent routine in the coming weeks, with the hope that improved weather will allow us to do so. As we move forward, our focus remains on preparing students for state testing while, most importantly, ensuring they continue to learn, grow, and succeed each day.

Superintendent Report 1-26-26

- The Board and myself will be reviewing the next list of capital projects that have been identified, and I will post them on the website as we move forward with the next anticipated bond procurement that will begin in February. At next month's meeting, I will bring the bond lease for board approval.
- Work is set to begin in the next few weeks on the Tri-Township energy savings program. We must remove a couple of trees, and I've asked the tree cutting company to leave the firewood out front so that anyone from the community who may want it can take it for free.
- In addition, both the energy/solar company as well as the trades such boring, electrical, and architectural have asked us for student interns to work side by side with them through this process so our students can earn credit and learn along the way. We have slots for about 12 students, and they can begin as early as March.
- Lastly, we have been following the legislative bills that are being discussed right now in session. One of them is the proposed bill that bans all cell phones, apples watch or personal devices from students to use at school. I am working with our government teacher, and we are taking a group of our high school students to Indy in the next week to watch the legislative session live and then the students will have an opportunity to meet with several senators and ask questions. I think it's a great opportunity for them to learn how mandates happen and then come back and be a part of the process of problem solving a solution to implement at the school for next year.