

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 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.

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

2. Consent Items

- a. Minutes-February 24, 2025 - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- b. Financial reports - Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES (all consent items)
- c. Claims
- d. Payroll
- e. Personnel Report

Certified

- Leaves/Resignations-none
- Employment
Amanda Younggreen as Varsity Track Coach (Girls) - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- Adjustments-none

Classified

- Leaves/Resignations-none
- Employment - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
Gregory (Archie) Howard as substitute teacher
Jordan Brumm as substitute teacher (pending background check)
Norma Garner as substitute teacher
- Adjustments-none

3. Public Comments on Agenda Items - none

4. Reports

Principal's Report - Last week, our 2nd and 3rd graders completed the IREAD, with strong performance and engagement demonstrated across both grade levels. Additionally, all juniors completed the SAT.

In our robotics program, we had five teams qualify for the 2025 Indiana Robotics State Championship. Notably, one of these teams has advanced to the World Championship, in Dallas, Texas. Congratulations to our robotics students, coaches, and families on these impressive achievements.

Our teachers recently participated in professional development sessions focused on AI and Smekens writing program.

The spring sports season is underway, with our teams preparing for a successful season. We have reintroduced our Tiger Pride tickets to recognize and reinforce positive student behavior.

Superintendent's Report - With strategic planning we have identified core values: personalized learning, community and connection, opportunity and growth, accountability and excellence, and innovation and readiness. These are still in draft form. We were also able to come up with goals: goal 1 is to enhance student learning and achievement. Goal 2 strengthens school and community and culture. Goal 3 expands student opportunities. Goal 4 improves communication and engagement. Goal 5 insures financial and operational sustainability. We are also celebrating staff through Roaring Recognitions. This is an opportunity that was shared in the most recent corporate newsletter. We've already received seven recognitions. We want to continue to encourage families, staff and anyone in our communities to recognize staff through Roaring Recognition. In marketing, Dr. Moore was recently on the sound-off podcast. Our first community newsletter was a huge hit and we're working on a spring edition. We're also working on designing yard signs for families, to display their tiger pride. We're still offering tours on the last Friday of the month. We are also beginning planning for our next "Come Experience Tri-Township" day which will be on Sunday, May 4. Our new cafeteria furniture is scheduled to be delivered this week. We are continuing to explore options to upgrade our athletic facility. The work on the track has resumed and our auction items are up for bids. Brian W. is working in the Tiger Den, on some upgrades with flooring. We're also working on creating a hall of fame in the cafeteria and adding fencing and sidewalks throughout our property.

5. Action Items

- a. Second reading and approval of Policy 1310-Electronic Participation by Board members in Board Meetings - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- b. Approve the Resolution to waive the minimum length of a student instructional day - 45 minute late starts on Fridays - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- c. Approve the list of items from the LaCrosse school building for Kraft Auctions - Aaron Rust motioned to approve, Nick Poort seconded. ALL AYES
- d. Approve stipends for Robotics Coach and Assistant Coaches awarded through the Robotics Grant - Chad Howell motioned to approve, Melanie Mills seconded. ALL AYES
- e. Accept \$1,060 in donations from Cancer Awareness Night gifted to the Vernich Family - Melanie Mills motioned to approve, Chad Howell seconded. ALL AYES
- f. Accept \$850 donation from Kankakee Valley REMC to be applied to outstanding student lunch account balances - Nick Poort motioned to approve, Aaron Rust seconded. ALL AYES

6. Discussion Items

- a. First reading of Policy 4410-Use of Seclusions and Restraints

7. Board Comments - none

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

Our next regular meeting will be held on April 28, 2025.

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