



Tri-Village Local Schools
School of Excellence
Regular Board News Release

Prior to the regular board meeting Mrs. Kimberly Chowning, Treasurer, discussed the use of federal Special Education IDEA Part B funds and Title funds for the annual requirement.

During the regular school board meeting Mrs. Chowning presented and discussed her synopsis regarding the five year forecast.

Mr. John Siegrist presented to the board the possibility of adding an indoor Archery Club as a club sport. Mr. Siegrist stated he was going to reach out to Pheasants Forever, Ducks Unlimited and local wildlife groups to generate support and/or sponsorship. He concluded by stating this program would be good for those students who do not participate in other extracurricular activities. The archery club would run from the middle of January to spring.

Mr. Shane Mead, Elementary Principal, began by stating he had positive feedback from staff and parents on the smooth start to the year. We had a lot of personnel changes but we are off and running. To date the elementary has 423 students enrolled. Again, this year we will have multiple teachers taking advantage of professional development.

Mr. Mead shared the preliminary aggregate results for our local MAP assessments. Students who require reading improvements and monitoring plans (RIMPs) based on local data will receive the necessary intervention beginning as soon as possible. Parents will receive notification this week.

On September 30, the Darke County Center for the Arts in Education will present to all students in kindergarten through third grade on the Underground Railroad. Fire Prevention Program will be held on October 8, 2015. Lunch with the Principal and Patriot of the Month will start in October. The elementary fundraiser kickoff was held on September 11th.

Sign-ups were held on Wednesday September 23 from 3:00-5:30. Cookies and punch for the Dads signing up will be provided. It is a very tight schedule this year. Due to a number of things, particularly the new testing schedule of our students, we are limited on the amount of open days. If you were unable to make it to the signups, please email Angie at angie_harrington@darke.k12.oh.us.

Mr. Lee Morris, JH/HS Principal, distributed enrollment numbers of students in grades seven through twelve, including the students who are taking college credit plus classes.

We are pleased to announce the addition of a mobile computer lab housed with 16 Google Chromebook for the 2015-2016 year. These are utilized by both blended learning students as well as college credit plus students. Mr. Morris publically thanked Mr. John Lay, IT Coordinator for his work on setting up the mobile lab.

This year the STEM lab houses three different teachers working out of the lab every day. Mrs. Gutierrez, Mr. Kowalski and Mr. Lowrie are all teaching courses based out of the STEM lab and there is still room for more growth. This year the students transitioned from block scheduling to an eight period day, Mr. Morris stated he has only heard positive comments from both staff and students. Mr. Morris is pleased with the eleven new high school course offerings and three CCP offerings for this year. (Ceramics, Art 1, World Geography, Geology, Drama, Sports Management, Personal Finance, French I, JH Drawing, JH Word Processing, Weightlifting. CCP: College Algebra, Communications and Anatomy & Physiology.)

Energy Optimizers improvements in lighting through the school building have been very impressive. The new art room has opened, the kiln room is also beginning to take shape nicely.

Mr. Morris and the Safety Team reported the first safety drill was a successful one. Everything went very well.

Mr. Morris was excited to unveil a bench project in the memorial garden. The following groups and individuals have joined together to spearhead this endeavor. Brenda Miller (NMPL), Key Club, Debbie Frech (Student Council), MVCTC, Mr. Brian Pohlman (FFA), Mrs. Shawn Thomas (PATS), Cedar Grove Church, Art Department, Yearbook and TV News. A flyer will be accompanying students later this week. Please start saving your recyclable lids and send them in with your students.

Tri-Village School Fair "From Old Roots to New Beginnings" runs from October 2-3. The king and queen candidates are: Seniors: Knox Morris and Jenna Fisherback, Juniors: Josh Wiford & Payge Malott, Sophomores: Josh Hollinger & Morgan Sparks, Freshman: Corbin Holzapfel & Breanna Locke.

The New Madison Kiwanis club is going to serve food from their sausage barn on Saturday, October 3, starting around 3:00 p.m. A big thank you to Mr. Kenny Baker and Mr. Rick Bell for their efforts.

Starting October 12 and ending October 22, the junior high students will be selling Yankee Candles for their annual Student Council Fundraiser. Please see any junior high student or Mrs. Debbie Frech if you are interested in ordering Yankee Candles.

Mr. Josh Sagester, Superintendent, was pleased to report the district waiver day on September 20 went very well thanks to our administration and staff. This a vital day for our staff to create student learning objectives and analyze all the data that has been gathered the last few weeks.

Mr. Sagester encouraged the board to continue to check out the Cross County Conference website. Mr. Sagester commended Mr. Dale Barger on the work and time he dedicates to our students.

Mr. Sagester reported on the 2014-2015 Local Report Card release date. Additional, he discussed the 2015-2016 assessments and the particulars pertaining to them. More information can be found on our website.

If you would like your assigned seat from last year you will need to renew your seat by Tuesday October 15th. After that date all seats not paid for will be released.

Mr. Sagester was pleased to report there is a lot of positive things happening on and off the court/field. There is more kids getting positive recognized in the paper that may or may not have had the opportunity before. He is very excited to see the high participation in all of our extracurricular activities.

Mr. Sagester concluded by giving an update on the field house progression.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 19, 2015.

- A. Approved a daily rate of \$72.00/day for substitute teachers for fiscal year 2015-2016.
- B. Issued a one year (2015-2016) limited supplemental contract to Karen Bietry, Freshman Class Advisor.
- C. Approved the following as classified substitutes for the 2015-2016 school year as recommended by the Superintendent.
- D. Issued a one year (2015-2016) limited supplemental contract to Jim Maples, Head Baseball Coach, Scott Warren, Head Boys Track Coach, Christy Sarver, Head Girls Track Coach, Dawn Green, JH Girls Track Coach, Tracy Barhorst, Head Softball Coach, Robert Barhorst, Assistant Softball Coach, Steve Brewer, 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach, Dawn Reed, Senior Class Advisor.
- E. Approved Chris Pearson, site manager for FY2016 at a rate of \$50.00 per home baseball and softball games to be paid from the athletic fund.
- F. Hired Dottie Denniston as a Wee Patriot Preschool employee at a rate of \$11.75/hour for the 2015-2016 school year, retro-active to August 19, 2015. *(This is a correction to board resolution #16-40)*

NEW BUSINESS

- A. Accepted the following donations as presented by the Treasurer.
- B. Accepted the following donations to the Capital Projects Fund to benefit the Outdoor Athletic Complex, as presented by the Superintendent:
- C. Approved the FY2016 Five Year Forecast, as presented by the Treasurer.
- D. Approved an overnight field trip for select high school baseball players to visit Vero Beach Training Complex in Orlando, Florida from March 24 - 28, 2016, under the direction of Mr. Jim Maples.
- E. Rescinded board motion 15-160 (Boston, MA Trip) as recommended by the Superintendent.
- F. Approved an overnight field trip for select FFA members to attend National FFA Convention in Louisville, KY from October 28-31, 2015 under the direction of Mr. Brian Pohlman.