

Tri Star Superintendent's meeting on February 1, 2024.

Those in attendance were Adam Puthoff, Brenda Boeke, Kim Waterman, Mike Pohlman, Doug Mader, Bill Ruane, Josh Meyer, Jason Schrader, Tim Buschur, Brian Stetler and Tony Stahl.

The meeting was opened with a roll call and a motion by Doug Mader, seconded by Josh Meyer to approve the meeting minutes from the previous meeting on November 2, 2023.

All approved.

Director Tim Buschur provided the superintendents with class list sign ups and mentioned that it is still changing, but numbers show it is ahead of this past year.

A motion by Jason Schrader, seconded by Doug Mader to enter into executive session to discuss personnel matters. All approved.

A motion by Josh Meyer, seconded by Doug Mader to enter back into open session. All approved.

The Quality Program reviews were discussed, and Tim has met with most of the area schools and everyone seemed on their way to completing.

The CTE 26's were all complete for Tri Star and Tim was able to approve them.

Tim should be able to use Perkins dollars and put money towards field trips, Marcia and Julie's salaries. Using it for items like this should help lower Tri Star's costs.

Tim and other members from our districts met with the Department of Education to discuss the Cooperative, and the meeting went very well. They were glad that we were not pushing to have this in place for next school year already and it gives them time to develop the model that works for if we decide to go this route. Tim expressed our desire to be included in the future grant opportunities if we implement this model for Tri Star.

A Special Ed timeline/guideline will be created for when IEP will be needed for each feeder school. That timeline will be sent to each home school.

The building maintenance fund was discussed, and Tim will meet with Michelle Mawer and Andy Wilker to come up with a recommendation for us on the amount they feel can be budgeted from the remaining funds into a capital improvement fund.

Equipment/Expansion Grant – Coldwater Schools has applied for a grant and the state has delayed the grants by a couple weeks. They have doubled what they anticipated, and the quality of grants are not good. There will be a second grant period.

The State will have some covid funding and Tim is working with Angie King and Matt Huffman to apply for these funds for upgraded equipment.

Tim discussed the new horns put in at Tri Star. Initially put in nine horns in the labs and will be adding three more in the hallways after testing. Threat Extingusher is installing the new horns. The computer and Neno boards will also display active shooter information. Threat Extingusher is donating part of the cost since other schools have bought the product based on Tri Star recommendation.

Brian Stetler discussed that WebExam scores can be a path to graduation by using overall score. A student can pass one section, but if the other three scores are close, the accumulative score can be high enough to count.

Currently 80 students are participating in Work Based Learning and that will increase in the 4th quarter. Teachers can follow up with students at job sites since we have so many students participating.

Spring Job Fair is Thursday, May 9th. Tri Star will pay for any transportation the schools use to bring students to this event. Will use Career Awareness funds. Tri Star had a good turnout last year. May 9th date should not interfere with prom or other events. All juniors and seniors are encouraged to attend.

All classes are full for the winter adult education classes. Continue to look at new programming and truck driving. It is difficult to find instructors for truck driving.

Future lots for Tri Star house are getting difficult to find. The option we are exploring will probably not be developed at this time.

With no other business, on a motion by Josh Meyer, seconded by Tony Stahl to adjourn the meeting at 1:46 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Mike Pohlman, Marion Local School, Superintendent