

Tri Star Meeting  
February 23, 2023

Roll call was taken. Board members present were: Dorothy Kiel, Sandra Schulze, Tim Rosenbeck, Scott Bertke and Preston Meyer. Absent were: Paul Moorman, Tim Pohlman, Joe Rose, Chris Falk, Rick Kremer, Randy Kunk and Sandy Mast

Motion by Tim Rosenbeck to approve the December and January minutes as read, second by Sandra Schulze, motion carried.

Director's Report:

- Perkins Audit – Mr. Buschur discussed the Program Improvement Plan (PIP). Several infractions were found such as not holding advisory board meetings, not signing off on meeting. 7 out of 9 local Ag programs had infractions. Each infraction will be addressed with the teacher. There is a possibility that CTE 26 money will be held back if standards are not met.
- Celina City Schools / Tri Star Audit – Tim and the superintendents met with the auditor and agreed 9-0 to accept the findings and accept a corrective action plan. Several options were discussed. Celina Schools will transfer approximately \$425,000 to Tri Star.
- Teacher Licensure – A CTE group, which Tim is on, is looking at more options to get CT teachers. There are parts of state where colleges do not offer CT teacher license. Career Centers are pushing to do their own training. Many feel CT teachers need college credit, and it must be in person. The colleges that do on on-line, are not as effective. Tim feels important for new teachers to interact with other teachers.
- State Budget – The State is proposing \$200 million dollars for building additions / renovations and \$100 million for equipment for career tech. Tri Star is looking at creating a senior only program by adding 2,000 sq feet for a STEM area. This could be used for other programs also. Must start a new program or show a waitlist to expand.
- Referral #134 – Passed by all nine schools to approve the new Tri Star agreement.
- Maintenance Fund – Need to have funding for maintenance for the Tri Star facility. Has been discussed but no action taken. Concern for the large projects ie. sealing the parking lot, soon.
- Senate Bill 1 – SB 1 similar to the backpack bill, talks about an overhaul for public school funding.
- Water Damage – All ceiling tiles have been replaced. Custodians are watching for any carpet coming loose. An insurance report has been filed for damage to cabinets and other items. It was discovered that a sprinkler head was broken to cause the water damage. SecurCom has completed an evaluation on both the fire and flood alarm to prevent any future mishaps. Many thanks to Tri Star custodian, Mike Uhlenhake, maintenance supervisor, Jeff Everman and Brett McGillvary, Tri Star construction instructor. Their work saved Tri Star a good amount of money.
- Student Driving – All students are working on safer driving. Speeding, running stop lights have been a great concern. Mercer County Sheriff Department has assigned extra patrol to watch our student drivers.

Asst. Director's Report:

- STNA – Med Prep offered an optional STNA program. Seventeen senior students passed the skills test and sixteen students passed the written test. Many hours from the instructors and the students was needed from on the job training, working in a nursing home, and lab hours.
- Tractor Troubleshooting – Mr. Platfoot hosted Ag IT diagnostic competition for 23 area high school teams. The top student was from Celina Schools.
- Teacher Education – Mandy Diller, ECE teacher, has initiated community involvement with WSU-Lake Campus, JFS – working with foster children. Mandy's students are volunteering childcare for the Mercer County Head Start program.

- WBL – Capstone – WBL (work base learning) Tri Star programs such as Ag IT & Engineering have students placed in a co-op with Crown, Precision Strip, Fanning Howey etc. Tracking work hours and observations in the workplace are all shared with Mr Stetler.
- Welding – Welding program uses a curriculum NC3, sponsored by Lincoln Electric. Students earn points toward employability. A student needs 12 pts to graduate along with 250 hrs. and 2 seals.

Recruitment/Replacement:

- Advertising – Tri Star has a contract with two digital billboards in Wapakoneta to promote the Spring Job Fair. The billboards are located on Auglaize St and on St Rte. 33. A contract for the digital billboard on St Rte. 29 outside of Celina is in the works.

Adult Education:

- Adult Education – Winter Session has begun. Welding and FANUC classes are being held with full capacity. Tri Star is fortunate to have great instructors.
- Scavenger Hunt is planned for March 30 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders in the evening throughout the Tri Star building. The hunt is offering an art project and clues to have students figure out and learn about the Tri Star programs. Early Childhood Education program is assisting with the scavenger hunt.

Good of the Order:

- Scott Bertke suggested Yellow Belt / Green Belt to the advisory board.

Reserve Capital Fund - \$110,424.65

Motion to adjourned by Preston Meyer, seconded by Dorothy Kiel, meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Next Meeting April 27, 2023, Star Room, Tri Star Building @ 7:00pm

# Superintendent's Meeting

March 27, 2023

10:00 am-12:00 pm

1. Election of officers for Board of Directors
  - a. President
  - b. Vice President
  - c. Secretary
  
2. Tri Star Cooperative Update
  - a. Dee Smith- will become Executive Director for Ohio ACTE
  - b. Do you want to move forward?
  - c. Will need contract for 2-3 months with Pappas & Associates
  
3. State Funding
  - a. Expansion Grant
    - i. \$200,000,000 for building/renovation
    - ii. \$100,000,000 for equipment
  - b. Career Awareness
    - i. FY'22- \$26,335
    - ii. FY'23- \$53,037      NOTE: Audit Included this funding
    - iii. FY'24- \$79,739- Est.
    - iv. FY'25- \$106,074- Est.
  - c. Industry Recognized Credentials
    - i. Will increase funding for each Innovative Workforce Incentive Program. Each credential is worth \$1,250.
    - ii. WBL (Work Based Learning) \$1,000 per student who gets 250 hours. Need agreement, advisory board, sign off, etc.
  - d. CCP- 15 million over biennium
  - e. Vo-Ag- 5<sup>th</sup> quarter grant- 2.4 million increase.
  
4. Other Funding
  - a. Credential money earned from students
    - i. FY'21- \$313
    - ii. FY'22- \$34,578
    - iii. FY'23- \$47,054- Total of \$81,945    Audit DID NOT include
  - b. Adult- \$33,500

- c. Associated Services
    - i. FY; 22- \$59,142
    - ii. FY'23- \$52,956
  - d. Weighted Dollars and Special Education dollars not subject to state share for 8 of our schools
5. Building Maintenance Fund- possible funding sources
- a. Transfer some Adult Ed. Money
  - b. Transfer some credential funding
  - c. Transfer some savings from retire/rehire
  - d. Transfer some funding from carryover funding (if it exists)
  - e. Charge a fee per student like is done for reserve capital grant
6. Future Employees at Tri Star
- a. Everyone can retire in the office as of today (Marcia is paid as a consultant)
  - b. Career Awareness (Career Development) position history
  - c. What kind of combination? Future needs? Ie: Adult Education, career awareness, counseling services, testing, recruitment, etc. Do not need to hire more, just a different background.
7. QPR – Quality Program Review- Done
8. Perkins- PIP (Program Improvement Plan)
- a. Ag. Programs- 7 dd not do advisory meetings correctly
    - i. Will hold a meeting with all schools to go over areas of concern. Would like an administrator to also attend.
  - b. Funding reimbursement- \$2,000
- 
9. Career Pathways- Looking at funding- good shape
10. Job Fair- May 5 from 9:00 am-12:30 pm
- a. Job signing and kick off the 40<sup>th</sup> year of Tri Star
  - b. Lt. Gov. Husted might be attending
11. Award Ceremony- May 1 starting at 6:30 pm at Celina Romers
12. Graduation Ceremony- May 17<sup>th</sup> starting at 11:30 am- Food Truck
13. May 4<sup>th</sup>- Next Superintendent's Meeting
14. Good of the Order

## Superintendent's Meeting

March 27, 2023

10:00 am-12:00 pm

Attendance: Ken Schmiesing, Larry Brown, Julie Gaerke, Bill Ruane, Jason Schrader, Josh Meyer, Mike Pohlman, Brian Stetler, Doug Mader, and Tim Buschur

1. Election of officers for Board of Directors:
  - a. President- Ken S. nominated Bill Ruane: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug M. Bill Ruane elected.
  - b. Vice-President- Ken S. nominated Jason Schrader: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Josh M. Jason Schrader elected.
  - c. Secretary- Julie G. nominated Mike Pohlman: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Jason S. Mike Pohlman elected.
2. Cooperative Update:
  - a. Dee Smith will become Executive Director for Ohio ACTE and Tom Pappas will be the person working with the board on the cooperative. Tim stated had to decide if wanted to move forward to get into legislation. It would take 3–4-month agreement to continue with Pappas & Associates. A great deal of work was done and 90-95% done. Everyone agreed to move forward and were several questions. Tim will set up a zoom with Pappas & Associates before formally approved moving forward. Everyone agreed time was important as the budget process is moving along.
3. State Funding- proposed
  - a. Expansion Grant- Proposed \$300,000,000 for expansion of career tech in Ohio. \$200,000,000 for new facilities and \$100,000,000 for equipment. Tim is on two committees and guidelines do exist. Tri Star will apply for equipment monies.
  - b. Career Awareness
    - i. FY'22- \$26,335
    - ii. FY'23-\$53,037 NOTE: This was included in the Auditors report
    - iii. FY'24- \$79,739- Est.
    - iv. FY'25-\$106,074- Est.These funds assist all schools to promote and market career tech k-12.
  - c. Industry Recognized Credentials
    - i. Will increase funding for Innovative Workforce Incentive Program to \$1,250 per credential.
    - ii. WBL (Work Based Learning) \$1,000 per student who gets 250 hours. Need advisory board, sign off, agreement, etc.
    - iii. CCP- 15 million over biennium
    - iv. Vo-Ag-5<sup>th</sup> quarter grant- 2.4 million increase.

4. Other Funding
  - a. Credential money earned from students.
    - i. FY'21- \$313
    - ii. FY'22-\$34,578
    - iii. FY'23-\$47,054- Total of \$81,945 Audit DID NOT include
  - b. Adult- \$33,500- Amount in the account. Has increased.
  - c. Associated Services
    - i. FY'22- \$59,142
    - ii. FY'23-\$52,956
  - d. Weighted Dollars and Special Education dollars not subject to state share for 8 of our schools. Celina students are subject to state share and generate less funding.
5. Building Maintenance Fund- Possible funding sources:

Discussed where funding could come from for a maintenance fund. Concern that there is no budget for maintenance of building. Has been discussed for several years. Possible options: Adult Ed. Funds, credential funds, savings from retire/rehire, transfer if carryover funding, or charge a fee per student like reserve capital fund.
6. Future Hires. Tim and Brian discussed what future hires at Tri Star will be. All administration can retire in the next year. Tim discussed the Career Development position and its history. What will be the future needs at Tri Star? Adult Education, testing, recruitment, counseling services? Not necessary to hire more people, just a different background?
7. QPR- Quality Program Review- Those have been completed. Had one Tri Star program (Interactive Media) and one Celina program (Job Training) that had to complete one. Tri Star was one student short and Job Training program did not do follow up.
8. Perkins- PIP (Program Improvement Plan)- Tim had to do a PIP. Seven of the nine agriculture programs did not hold advisory programs correctly. Four did not have a sign in sheet and three did not hold a meeting. Tim will hold a meeting in May with all the schools and invite an administrator. Tri Star also sent back \$2,000 for not approved expenses that were approved in previous years.
9. Career Pathways- funding has been strong with this program.

Job Fair will be May 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am-12:30 pm. Will have job signings and short ceremony celebrating 40<sup>th</sup> year of Tri Star. Award Ceremony May 1<sup>st</sup> and Graduation Ceremony on May 17<sup>th</sup> am with a food truck.

**Tri Star Superintendents Zoom Meeting**

**April 4, 2023**

**7:30 am**

- A. Introduction
- B. Cooperative Update by Dee
- C. Discussion/Questions
- D. Decision on moving forward with Legislation.
- E. Good of the order

## **Tri Star Superintendents Zoom Meeting**

**April 4, 2023**

**7:30 am**

Attendance: Doug Mader, Ken Schmiesing, Tim Buschur, Brian Stetler, Mike Pohlman, Julie Gaerke, Jason Schrader, Josh Meyer, Bill Ruane, and Larry Smith.

- A. Introduction- Introduced everyone including Tom Pappas. Tom will be leading the cooperative discussion since Dee is becoming Executive Director of Ohio ACTE.
- B. Cooperative Update by Dee- Went over the timeline of the cooperative discussion from the initial meeting with Willa Ebersole and Dee Smith in September of 2021. Amendment with LSC was paused since had a problem with the bond issue and language of Tri Star agreement. The agreement had to be changed due to unintended consequences. Bond lawyer was hired, and agreement was changed to satisfy bonding agent. Senate President Matt Huffman willing to assist with the cooperative language with legislative amendment. He wanted to see a report from the auditors before he moves forward. Was concern of money that was sent to the fiscal agent. A board of directors was elected to mov forward with the discussion.
- C. Discussion/Questions-Need to reengage Sen. Huffman on the Tri Star Cooperative District so Tri Star can be a CTPD or a "Career Technical Cooperative District". Also need to make contacts with other local legislators. Dee and Tom mentioned the biggest question on the proposal s why not be a JVSD? They feel if want to be able to tax why not just become a JVSD. Dee explained to them that Tri Star wants the ability to tax but does not want all the requirements needed by a school district. This would be duplicated since the sending schools offer those services. The Board of Directors said would be a PI levy only, not an operating levy. Is this a deal breaker for approval?
- D. Decision on moving forward with Legislation- Decided to move forward with the legislation and not committing to the tax language. Agreed to put the taxing ability in the language but to withdrawal the language if it is a problem. Tom said could add language later. Motion made by Jason Schrader to move forward with amendment: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Doug Mader: motion passed unanimously. Tom P. then went through the timeline and budget process. Said will have to start advocating soon.



Motion made by Doug Mader: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Julie Gaerke to contract with Pappas & Associates for no more than four months for services. Motion passed unanimously.

E. Good of the order- Meeting adjourned at 8:30 am

## **Tri Star Superintendent Board of Directors Meeting Minutes April 11, 2023**

**Attendance:** Tim Buschur, Brian Stetler, Bill Ruane, Ken Schmiesing, Jason Schrader, Josh Meyer, Julie Garke, Mike Pohlman, and Tom Pappas

Tom Pappas from Passas and Assoc. Reviewed the “Career Technical Cooperative District” legislative write up with our group. This would force ODE to directly fund this model through the passage of this legislation because Tri Star would be provided an IRN #. There was a question on the funding flow of money and it was explained that our students feeding into Tri Star are not considered open enrollment and would be funded how it is currently set up. It was also asked if we entered into this cooperative, can we go back to a compact model if we ended up seeing unforeseen consequences. We would most likely address this in our agreement that would need revised if we act on this particular legislation.

Tom plans on discussing many of our questions with ODE and the legislative service commission which is a nonpartisan group. Tom reviewed the timeline and legislative process with us such as finalizing a draft around May and then the Senate potentially producing a substitute bill and then the House producing their version. He encouraged us to let Legislators know that we are working on this. Tom will create a one page narrative for us to give to legislators when we see them. In conclusion Tim plans to work on the narrative and answering questions that we have about what is provided by the homeschool and what is provided by Tri Star in this legislation so we are not duplicating services.