

The meeting of the Tri-County North Board of Education was held on November 20, 2023, at 7:30 p.m. in the Tri-County North Lecture Room.

**This is a meeting of the Board of Education in public and is not to be considered a public community meeting.**

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Schaar – Present  
Mr. Seibel – Present  
Mr. Baughman – Present  
Mr. Wagoner – Present  
Mrs. Woodyard – Present

Five Members Present.

**#256-23      APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

Mr. Seibel moved and Mrs. Woodyard seconded the motion for the approval of the October 16, 2023 Regular Board Meeting minutes and November 1, 2023 Special Board Meeting minutes.

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.                      PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

PRESIDENT’S COMMENTS

Moment of Silence: LaDonna Michael

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Joe Finkbine	P-4 Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>See attachment.</b></li><li>• Letter sent home to parents on Dyslexia Screening</li><li>• 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Guarantee- Give the power to the District (Local Control)</li></ul>
Tom Misenko	5-8 Principal <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>See attachment.</b></li></ul>
Kristen Mills	9-12 Principal

- See attachment.
- ODE Assessment
- Xello

William Derringer

Superintendent

- Resignation: Stephanie Adelsperger – Head Cook, effective December 15, 2023
- Resignation: Jennifer Kerby – Cook, effective November 24, 2023
- Update on the Levy
- Great Veterans Day Program

Tony Augspurger

Athletic Director

- Update on Fall/Winter Athletics
- Numbers low in enrollment
- We have received \$7,000 + in donation to cover the free admission for all students

#### TREASURER’S REPORT

#### **#257-23 APPROVE FINANCIAL REPORTS FOR OCTOBER, 2023.**

Mrs. Woodyard moved and Mr. Seibel seconded the motion to approve financial reports for October, 2023. (see attachment)

#### ROLL CALL:

Mr. Seibel – Aye  
 Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
 Mr. Baughman – Aye  
 Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
 Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

#### **#258-23 APPROVE THE ATTACHED CHECK REGISTER LISTS.**

Mr. Seibel moved and Mrs. Woodyard seconded the motion to approve the check register lists. (see attachment)

11/14/2023	\$1,152,166.37
11/20/2023	<u>\$ 614,911.36</u>
	\$1,767,077.73

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

INVESTMENT REPORT

**#259-23 APPROVE THE FOLLOWING PURPOSE CLAUSE FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Mr. Seibel moved and Mrs. Woodyard seconded the motion to approve the following purpose clause for the 2023-2024 school year.

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|------------------------|----------|
| 1. TCN Drama Club      | 200-9390 |
| 2. TCN MS/HS Book Fair | 300-9203 |
| 3. TCN Middle School   | 200-9278 |
| 4. TCN Science Club    | 200-9364 |

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

**#260-23 APPROVE THE FIVE YEAR FORECAST FOR FY 2024.**

Mrs. Woodyard moved and Mr. Wagoner seconded the motion to approve the five year forecast for FY 2024.

ROLL CALL

Mr. Schaar-Aye  
Mr. Baughman-Aye  
Mr. Seibel-Aye  
Mr. Wagoner-Aye  
Mrs. Woodyard-Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED

NEW BUSINESS

**#261-23 ACCEPT DONATIONS**

Mrs. Woodyard moved and Mr. Seibel seconded the motion to accept the following donations.

WHEREAS the gift herein described has been unconditionally offered to the Tri-County North Local School District

WHEREAS the Board has the statutory authorization to accept such gifts, providing such acceptance does not remove any portion of the public school from the control of the Board,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED under the provisions of ORC 3313.47 the Board hereby accepts the gift; and

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED that the Board is appreciative of the generosity of this gift and the remembrance of this school district and the students.

1. Benefactor: Pratt  
Gift: Monetary Donation to the TCN Fund  
Value: \$300.00
2. Benefactor: Pratt  
Gift: Monetary Donation to the Panther Pride Cards for Students  
Value: \$600.00
3. Benefactor: Cora Helms  
Gift: Genesis Bow to the Archery Club  
Value: \$150.00
4. Benefactor: DM Tools & Plastics  
Gift: Monetary Donation to TCN Cheer  
Value: \$150.00

- 5. Benefactor: Anonymous
  - Gift: Monetary Donation for High School Girls Basketball Program
  - Value: \$600.00
- 6. Benefactor: Anonymous
  - Gift: Tri-County North Athletics Record Board
  - Value: \$795.00
- 7. Benefactor: Community of Faith
  - Gift: Monetary Donation for the purchase of sound system Equipment for the press box at the field
  - Value: \$300.00
- 8. Benefactor: Alan Whipp
  - Gift: Monetary Donation to the Hot Meal Program
  - Value: \$100.00

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
 Mr. Seibel – Aye  
 Mr. Baughman – Aye  
 Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
 Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

**#262-23      ACCEPT THE CONTRACT WITH THE MONTGOMERY COUNTY EDUCATIONAL SERVICE CENTER FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR FOR LOW VISION/ORIENTATION & MOBILITY SERVICES.**

Mr. Wagoner moved and Mr. Seibel seconded the motion to accept the recommendation of the Superintendent to approve a contract with the Montgomery County Educational Service Center for the 2023-2024 school year for low vision/orientation & mobility services.

WHEREAS the MCESC and the TCNBOE hereby find and determine the

services for the handicapped provided by the MCECSC are in the best interests of the students and related services from students with handicaps, and

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WHEREAS through adoption of identical resolutions, under which the MCECSC will provide certain services specified in the agreement;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the contract between the MCECSC and the TCNBOE be adopted. (see attachment)

ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

**#263-23 APPROVE TO SANCTION THE FOLLOWING ACTIVITY**

Mrs. Woodyard moved and Mr. Wagoner seconded the motion to approve to sanction the following activity.

WHEREAS the following request has been made to the Tri-County North Board of Education to sanction the activity outlined herein;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board sanction the proposed event.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the district cooperate with these endeavors in every way possible. (NOTE: The Board of Education will not collect rental fees)

1. Group: TCN Junior Panthers  
Area: Middle & High School Gymnasiums  
Date: January 7, 14, 28 and February 11, 2023

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

**#264-23 AUTHORIZING SOUTHWESTERN OHIO EDUCATIONAL  
BIDDER SUBMITTED TO CONSORTIUM AND AUTHORIZING THE  
BOARD TO PURCHASE COMPETITIVE RETAIL NATURAL GAS  
PURCHASING COUNCIL**

Mr. Seibel moved and Mr. Baughman seconded the motion authorizing southwestern ohio educational bidder submitted to consortium and authorizing the board to purchase competitive retail natural gas purchasing council, acting jointly as a member of the ohio school consortium (“consortium”)<sup>1</sup>, to issue a request for proposal for the purchase of competitive retail natural gas service from the lowest and best service from such bidder.

WHEREAS, the School District is a member of SOUTHWESTERN OHIO EDUCATIONAL PURCHASING COUNCIL, a body authorized by state statute to aggregate the purchasing needs of schools and of related nonprofit educational entities so as to take advantage of economies of scale when purchasing essential products and services;

WHEREAS, in prior years, the SOUTHWESTERN OHIO EDUCATIONAL PURCHASING COUNCIL has joined with other school districts and educational purchasing councils, acting jointly as a member of the Consortium, to conduct a Request for Proposal (“RFP”) for competitive natural gas service commencing on or about mid-February 2024;

WHEREAS, through prior RFP processes, the Consortium has selected the lowest and best bids submitted in response to RFPs; and the School District has previously elected to enter into a Master Supply Agreement with the lowest and best bidder for competitive retail natural gas service for all of the School District's natural gas supply;

WHEREAS, the Consortium intends to issue a new RFP for competitive retail natural gas service commencing with the July 2025 billing cycle and terminating no later than the end of the June 2030 billing cycle for participating school districts and education purchasing councils;

WHEREAS, the School District wishes to participate in this upcoming RFP process and potentially execute a Master Service Agreement with the lowest

and RFP bidder; and

WHEREAS, the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee will review the lowest and best bid and corresponding terms when the RFP is concluded and determine whether the RFP resulted in the lowest and best bid for competitive retail natural gas service for all of the School District's natural gas supply.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY TRI-COUNTY NORTH SCHOOLS, COUNTY OF PREBLE, STATE OF OHIO, as follows:

Section 1. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby consent, as a member of the SOUTHWESTERN OHIO EDUCATIONAL PURCHASING COUNCIL, to the conducting of an RFP process by the Consortium for competitive retail natural gas service commencing with the July 2025 billing cycle and terminating no later than the end of the June 2030 billing cycle, with bids to be submitted for one, two and three year periods on such terms and conditions as the Consortium deems appropriate.

Section 2. The Board of Education of the School District does hereby authorize the Superintendent or the Superintendent's designee to execute a Master Supply Agreement between the School District and the lowest and best bidder in the RFP so long as the Superintendent or his appointee finds that the price reflects the results of a public and competitive RFP process.

Section 3. The Board of Education hereby directs the Treasurer to review the lowest and best bid once received and the Master Supply Agreement and determine if the School District has sufficient funds to certify this resolution and, if the Treasurer so finds, to certify this resolution.

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

**#265-23 EXECUTIVE SESSION FOR CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS PROVIDED FOR IN ORC 121.22.**

Mrs. Woodyard moved and Mr. Seibel seconded the motion that the Tri-County North Board of Education go into Executive Session at 8:09 p.m.

The meeting was called out of Executive Session and into Regular Session at 9:27 p.m.



ROLL CALL:

Mr. Schaar – Present  
Mr. Seibel – Present  
Mr. Baughman – Present  
Mr. Wagoner – Present  
Mrs. Woodyard – Present

Five Members Present.

CERTIFICATED PERSONNEL

**#266-23 APPROVE SUPPLEMENTAL CONTRACTS FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Mr. Siebel moved and Mrs. Woodyard seconded the motion for employment of substitute teachers for the 2023-2024 school year.

WHEREAS upon recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools, the following recommendation for employment of certificated personnel is made; and

WHEREAS to prepare for temporary absences of certificated personnel as needed to provide educational services for students; and

WHEREAS ORC 3319.10 grants authority for the Board to employ eligible personnel on such a temporary, as needed, on call substitute basis,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of ORC 3310.19 the following employment action is taken.

1. Bridegette O’Connell                      Saturday School Monitor
2. Dawn Grube                                      Saturday School Monitor
3. Caroline Boeckman                      Saturday School Monitor

ROLL CALL:

Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

**#267-23 EMPLOY LONG TERM SUBSTITUTE PERSONNEL AS REPLACEMENTS FOR VACANT FIFTH GRADE SCIENCE AND SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER POSITION**

Mr. Wagoner moved and Mrs. Woodyard seconded the motion to employ long term substitute personnel as replacements for vacant intervention specialist and art teacher positions.

WHEREAS ORC 3319.13 provides for employment exclusively for the purpose of replacing a regular employee who has resigned; and

WHEREAS when a properly certified applicant is found, the temporary replacement will be subject to termination of employment under the provisions of ORC 3319.13.

1. Name: Mackenzie Dear for Ben Mangan (transferred)  
Position: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Sciences & Social Studies  
Term: October 30, 2023 – May 23, 2023

**ROLL CALL:**

Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

**CLASSIFIED PERSONNEL**

**#268-23 APPROVE EMPLOYMENT OF CLASSIFIED EXEMPT NEXT LEVEL ATHLETICS COORDINATOR FOR THE 2023-2024 SCHOOL YEAR.**

Mrs. Woodyard moved and Mr. Seibel seconded the motion to approve employment of Classified Exempt Next Level Athletics Coordinator for the 2023-2024 school year.

WHEREAS the non-certificated individual herein recommended has been determined to meet the standard adopted by the State Board.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that under the provisions of ORC 3313.53 the following persons are employed for the 2023-2024 school year at the same salary offered to certified persons for the pupil activity program as indicated.

1. Trace Smitherman NLA Coordinator (December – May)



ROLL CALL:

Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED

**#272-23 ADJOURNMENT.**

Mr. Seibel moved and Mrs. Woodyard seconded the motion that the Tri-County North Board of Education adjourn at 9:30 p.m.

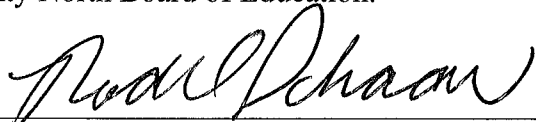
ROLL CALL:

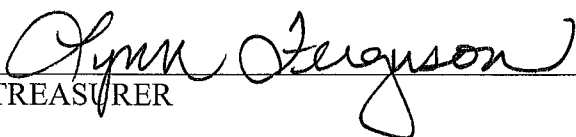
Mr. Seibel – Aye  
Mrs. Woodyard – Aye  
Mr. Baughman – Aye  
Mr. Wagoner – Aye  
Mr. Schaar – Aye

Five Ayes.

PRESIDENT DECLARED MOTION ADOPTED.

The above is a true and correct record of the proceedings of the October 16, 2023, Regular Board Meeting of the Tri-County North Board of Education.

  
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PRESIDENT

  
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TREASURER