

Trempealeau Valley Cooperative —TVC 2.0—

Redesigning Education to Create a World Class, Collaborative System in a Rural Setting



Mission:

We will be a world-class collaborative educational system in a rural setting.

Vision:

Developing Future Ready students by providing high caliber learning experiences, preparation and pathways in partnership with the greater community to create and maintain regional stability and a greater quality of life for the citizens of central Trempealeau County, Eastern Buffalo County, and Western Jackson County.

Key Components:

- Regional stability and growth must become the primary perspective as we plan at all levels inside our schools and communities coupled with recruiting and retaining staff and using all resources in the most cost-effective way.
- Decision-making processes must focus on attracting people to and retaining people in our region given our wealth of opportunities if we are to remain viable as school districts and communities.
- Regional career opportunities must be focussed on as we plan and implement curriculum prepare kids for anything anywhere, but show them what is here.
- Schools at multiple levels must work collaboratively to meet the modern and wide-ranging needs of regional employers with both K-12 and adult education.
- Meaningful partnerships between schools, communities and big and small regional business & industry must become an expectation and part of daily operations for all.
- We must create a regional perspective that retains individual school district identity as well as demonstrate and model a modern vision of cooperation for the betterment and greater good of a region.
- Local leaders must create reasons for our young people to stay in our region while we, as school districts, must prepare them to go anywhere they want to go.

Reviewed - July 2022

Revised - Winter 2019

Approved at Joint Board Meeting - Fall 2017

TREMPEALEAU VALLEY COOPERATIVE 2.0

JOINT POWERS AGREEMENT

Original Adopted May 2, 2018

AGREEMENT FOR the TVC 2.0 (Trempealeau Valley Cooperative 2.0)

Arcadia School District
Blair-Taylor School District
Independence School District
Whitehall School District

Witnessed that:

NOW THEREFORE, The parties to this Agreement hereby agree as follows:

- 1. <u>ESTABLISHMENT OF A COOPERATIVE GOVERNING BOARD.</u> That hereby there is established an education cooperative governing board to be known as the Trempealeau Valley Cooperative 2.0 Board of Governance, as approved by each school board of each participating district and shall be in place for a period of not less than seven (7) years beginning on July 1, 2018.
- PURPOSE OF AGREEMENT. The purpose of this Agreement shall be to provide, by cooperative effort, comprehensive educational programs and other such services as can be efficiently and effectively operated by this group of districts.
- ACCOMPLISHMENT OF PURPOSE. The general purpose shall be accomplished by the creation of a Cooperative 2.0 governance board, which shall, on behalf of the Member Districts, make educational decisions directly related to the cooperative.
- 4. TVC 2.0 GOVERNING BOARD.
 - a. The Cooperative Board shall consist of two school board representatives from each member district. Each member district shall be entitled to two votes. A Board member may send an alternate representative in his/her absence.
 - b. The representative shall serve at the pleasure of the appointing school board and may be recalled by a majority vote of the appointing school board. Any member school board recalling its representative to the Cooperative shall give the Cooperative Governance Board written notice of its action.
 - c. A board vacancy is filled for the unexpired term by appointment from the school board of the member district whose seat is vacant.
 - d. The elected offices of the TVC 2.0 shall be Co-Chairs and a Clerk/Treasurer.

- e. The election of the TVC 2.0 Governing Board officers is by a majority vote of the members of the TVC 2.0 Board at its July meeting each year. A term of an officer is for one year and such term shall expire at the meeting at which the new officers are elected.
- f. The TVC 2.0 Board shall create rules, procedures, and bylaws subject to the official agreement of the Member Districts. The Agreement and Bylaws will be reviewed annually or when required due to a change in membership. Changes to any bylaws will require a ¾ Majority vote and will require two readings at two separate meetings.
- g. The TVC 2.0 Governing Board shall hold quarterly meetings and may meet more frequently at the request of its Co-Chairs.
- h. Any new programs and/or major expenditures proposed by the TVC 2.0 Governing Board shall require ¾ majority vote of TVC 2.0 Governing Board members before being initiated.
- i. A quorum of the Board must be present for official business to occur. A quorum for this Board shall consist of at least one member from each member school being present.
- 5. <u>BOARD OFFICERS RESPONSIBILITY.</u> Board officers shall have the parliamentary duties usually ascribed to such offices as well as those specifically assigned:
 - a. <u>The Co-Chairs</u> conducts the meetings, executes undertakings as directed by the advisory board, and is the official representative of the TVC 2.0 advisory board.
 - b. <u>The Clerk/Treasurer</u> shall be responsible for all minutes taken at the TCV 2.0 Governing Board meetings and managing any financial actions or business specific to the Board. Minutes may be taken by a third party selected by the Clerk/Treasurer and then verified by the clerk treasurer.
 - c. <u>The Executive Director</u> (if one is determined necessary and employed) shall be responsible for the coordination and day to day management of all aspects of the TVC 2.0. This will include all aspects of instruction, financial management, required reporting, as well as any other duties as assigned by the Governing Board.
 - d. The Superintendents (or the Executive Director) working together with the Co-Chairs shall prepare the agenda for the meetings of the TVC 2.0 Governance Board. Such agenda shall be emailed / mailed,to the board members representing the district and the

superintendents of the schools of each of the members' districts at least five days prior to the regular meeting. Within five calendar days following the meeting of the TVC 2.0 Governance Board, the Co-Chairs or designee shall prepare and email/mail to the board member representing each district and the superintendents of schools a copy of the minutes of the meeting of the TVC 2.0 Governance Board meeting.

- 6. <u>TVC 2.0 GOVERNANCE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES.</u> The responsibilities of the TVC 2.0 advisory board shall be:
 - a. The Governing Board will provide for a thorough and continuing system of communicating with the school boards of each member district.
 - b. The Governing Board, may employ or identify an Executive Director who shall be appropriately licensed and who shall be responsible to the Governing Board for the administration of the educational programs. Any and all costs of the Executive Director shall be shared equally between all members. An Executive Director shall be selected by a majority vote of the Board, if one is deemed necessary.
 - c. The Governing Board shall have the authority to employ other persons as deemed necessary with costs to be shared equally between all members when a ¾ majority vote of the full Board authorizes the position.
 - d. The Governing Board will hold an annual organizational meeting in July of each year and regular meetings each quarter at a time and place agreed upon at the annual meeting. Special meetings of the Governing Board may be held upon the request of the Co-Chairs, or upon the written request of two or more member districts.
 - e. The Governing Board shall adopt bylaws to govern the operation of the TVC 2.0 and its programs. Bylaws will be included in the Joint Powers Agreement until such time as it is found necessary to create a separate document.
 - f. The Governing Board shall organize and establish educational programs and services for the TVC 2.0.
 - g. The Governing Board members shall report to each respective member district regarding programs and services provided by the TVC 2.0 after each Governing Board Meeting.

h. Any Governing Board member may request that an item be placed on any meeting agenda by contacting one of the Co-Chairs. In the event that the Co-Chairs will not place the item on the agenda, the member may appeal to the entire Board to have the item placed on a subsequent agenda. If a simple majority of Governing Board members present approve, the item will be placed on the next meeting agenda.

7. PROGRAMS AND SERVICES.

- a. Support for students with disabilities participating in courses will be coordinated.
- b. Vocational and regular educational programs may be coordinated for Member Districts.
- c. (ACP) Academic and Career Planning will be a focal point for the TVC 2.0.
- d. Joint research, evaluation, planning and program and/or staff development will be carried out by the TVC 2.0 member districts.
- e. Summer school programs may be coordinated through the consortium for enhanced educational opportunities.
- f. Technology for education and related services will be explored and be employed whenever reasonable and agreed to for special instructional needs.
- g. Improved learning will be an ongoing goal and function of the TVC 2.0 governing board.
- Teachers and other staff vacancies and personnel policies will follow district contracts and handbooks and will be consistent with law.
- j. Comprehensive and strategic planning will be an ongoing function and goal.
- 8. <u>MEMBERSHIP.</u> Membership in the TVC. 2.0 shall consist of those member districts listed on page one.
- 9. <u>ADDITION OF MEMBER DISTRICTS.</u> Any school district, whether or not an original signatory, may become a member upon application to the TVC 2.0 governance board, consent of each of the current member districts with a majority vote of each Board, and a unanimous vote of the Board of the requesting District(s). An initial fee for inclusion may

be determined at the time of application based on ongoing programming.

10. <u>WITHDRAWAL OF MEMBER DISTRICTS.</u>

- a. All members of the TVC 2.0 shall be bound by the terms of this agreement during any fiscal year in which it is a member. Any member district may withdraw from this agreement by giving notice of its intention to withdraw by December 15. Such withdrawal, however, shall become effective only on June 30 of the fiscal period in which the end of such 18 months' written notice occurs.
- b. Upon termination of membership in this agreement, the terminating member district shall forfeit their proportionate share of current depreciated value of any real or personal property they helped purchase unless the entire TVC 2.0 is deemed no longer necessary at which point, all assets will be divided as equal as practical.
- 11. <u>DISSOLUTION OF TVC 2.0 and its Governing Board.</u> Should the TVC 2.0 Governing Board decide to dissolve, the dissolution shall comply with any and all applicable Wisconsin statutes pertaining to such dissolution and all assets of the TVC 2.0 shall be distributed to the districts which are members at the time of the dissolution on a proportionate basis to be determined by the TVC 2.0 governing board.
- 12. <u>SAVING CLAUSE</u>. Should any provision of this agreement be found unlawful, the other provisions of this agreement shall remain in full force and effect if by so doing the purpose of this agreement taken as a whole can be made operative. Should any provisions be found unlawful, the School Boards of each participating district shall attempt to agree upon an amendment to this agreement to replace the unlawful part.

THIS AGREEMENT may be amended by at least a $\frac{3}{3}$ majority of the full membership of each school board.

THIS AGREEMENT shall become effective when executed by all of the parties hereto.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties through their respective Co-Chairs and clerks of each individual member district have caused this instrument to be executed pursuant to authority of the Board of Education of each district.

Arcadia School District Arcadia, WI	
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By Board President	
Board President	Date
Ву	
Clerk	Date
Blair-Taylor School District Blair, WI	
Ву	
By Board President	Date
Ву	
Clerk	Date
Independence School District Independence, WI	
ByBoard President	
Board President	Date
Ву	
Clerk	Date
Whitehall School District Whitehall, WI	
Ву	
Board President	Date
Ву	
Clerk	Date

MSL students for 2019-2020 (for credit, not MS exploratory classes)

Arcadia	Blair-Taylor	Independence	Whitehall
9	7	14	24

MSL students for 2020-2021 (for credit, not MS exploratory classes)

Arcadia	Blair-Taylor	Independence	Whitehall
60	11	1	42

Projected MSL students for 2021-2022 (for credit, not MS exploratory classes)

Arcadia	Blair-Taylor	Independence	Whitehall
40	21	6	12

Industry Recognized Certifications (Based on current seniors)

Arcadia	Blair-Taylor	Independence	Whitehall
56 total	22 total	13 total	24 total

Students taking courses at other schools 20-21 and projections for 21-22

	From Arcadia	From Blair-Taylor	From Independence	From Whitehall
To Arcadia		"5" (21-22 "0")	"4" (21-22 "18")	19 CTE, 21 other (21-22: 20 CTE, 27 other)
To Blair-Taylor	16 ('21-'22 - 16)		"0" (21-22 "3")	9 CTE, 18 other (21-22: 38 CTE, 22 other)
To Independence	3 ('21-'22 - 3)	"0" (21-22 "32")		1 CTE, 13 Health (21-22: 10 CTE, 8 other)
To Whitehall	19 ('21-'22 - 23)	"2" (21-22 "33")	"4" (21-22 "2")	

^{***} No money moves between Districts ***

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Governing Board and Joint School Board Meeting Wednesday, July 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m. Whitehall Memorial Elementary School - Balcony

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**Boards of Education from the Arcadia, Blair-Taylor, Independence, and Whitehall school districts will be meeting in a Joint Board Meeting for the purpose of holding the semi-annual TVC 2.0 Meeting along with other business as defined in the agenda below.

The Governing Board of the Trempealeau Valley Cooperative will also be in session

AGENDA

Call to Order/Roll Call

- TVC 2.0 Governing Board
- Each TVC 2.0 School Board may convene its own meeting

Approve Agenda

Discussion Items

- Leadership team and Board member transitions/changes Introductions
- Review Talking Points TVC 2.0 Summer 2022
 - Additions or modifications necessary?
 - o Do all staff members in all schools understand each of these pieces?
- Overall status of TVC 2.0 and Wisconsin Public Education as we look forward
 - Budget 2023-25
 - o Impact of Politics on Public Education
 - o Curricular challenges
 - Staffing shortages
 - Staff movement / competition
- General budgeting for 2022-23 TVC 2.0
 - o MSL for 2022-23
- TVC 2.0 Strategic Plan Review
 - Cross-District PLCs
 - Shared Staffing concepts and incentive schedule
 - Dual Credits
 - What are employers really looking for?
 - What are educators really looking for?
 - **Post-Secondary Collaborative Efforts**
 - Career Pathways
 - Major needs for 2022-23 and 2023-24
 - Employment data
 - Marketing
 - Restart branding and communication
 - What is our goal?
 - What are the target audiences?