

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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***** BOARD MINUTES *****

Regular Session

July 9, 2018

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on July 9, 2018.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Steve Stichter.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mrs. Melissa LaShure – Incoming Elementary Administrative Assistant/K – 12 Director of Curriculum and Assessment, and Mrs. Jamie Stoner – Reporter.

Mrs. Middaugh called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #4337 – #4528 in the amount of \$859,328.30, payrolls #12 – #13 in the amount of \$408,240.06, for a grand total of \$1,267,568.36; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on June 11, 2018. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Personnel

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the following personnel items:

- Approve a six week maternity leave request for Mrs. Samantha Phenix beginning approximately September 19 and providing there are no complications, returning on November 1;
- Regretfully accept the retirement notice from Mrs. Cheryl Fuchs as a Special Needs Instructional Assistant at the Jr./Sr. High School;
- Accept the resignation of Mr. Michael Baney as a Computer Technician at the Jr./Sr. High School;
- Approve the transfer of Mrs. Tabettha Lisek from her position as an Elementary Instructional Assistant to the position of Preschool Teacher;

Personnel (Cont.)

- Approve hiring Ms. Leah Alderfer as a Sixth Grade Teacher;
- Approve hiring Ms. Nicole Fender as a Sixth Grade Teacher;
- Approve hiring Ms. Cassie Sears as a Second Grade Teacher;
- Approve hiring Mrs. Brea Montalbano as a Second Grade Teacher;
- Approve the transfer of Mrs. Melissa LaShure from her position as a Second Grade Teacher to the position of Elementary Administrative Assistant/K – 12 Director of Curriculum and Assessment;
- Approve hiring Mr. Bert Dodds as a Social Studies Teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School;
- Approve hiring Ms. Brittany Arvesen as a Study Hall Supervisor/Library Assistant at the Jr./Sr. High School;
- Approve hiring Ms. Tori Kistler as a Special Needs Instructional Assistant at the Jr./Sr. High School;
- Approve hiring Ms. Jennifer Meadway as an Elementary Instructional Assistant;
- Approve hiring Ms. Jennifer Schaetzle as an Elementary Instructional Assistant;
- Approve hiring Ms. Marikay DeCrow as a Substitute Activity Bus Driver;
- Approve hiring Ms. Rebecca Wasio as a Color Guard Coach;
- Approve the independent contracted teaching services of Mrs. Susan Mullin in the Education Professions I and Early Childhood Education I program;
- Approve the independent contracted services of Mrs. Jonna Watson as a School Psychologist;
- Approve the step pay increases for classified employees that qualify due years of experience and providing they received an “effective” or “highly effective” rating on their evaluation for the 2017/2018 school year; and the pay increases will start being reflected on the second payroll in August. (*Note: hourly pay rates are as per the rate schedule that was approved on November 14, 2016*);
- Approve extending for an additional year, the administrative contracts and addendums for Mr. Jeremy Riffle as Superintendent in the amount of \$97,500.00; Mr. Robert Ross as the Jr./Sr. High School Principal in the amount of \$85,301.66; Mr. Mason McIntyre as the Dean of Students/Athletic Director in the amount of \$74,301.66; and the contract of Mr. Joshua Van Houten as the Elementary Administrative Assistant/Social Worker in the amount of \$45,000.00; and the contract amounts will remain at status quo until after the Collective Bargaining Agreement is settled between the Triton Teachers Association and the Triton Board of School Trustees (*Note: Mrs. Christine Cook was hired as the Elementary Principal at the June 11th meeting and she was placed on a two year contract at that time in the amount of \$76,500.00*).

Mr. Riffle expressed his sincere appreciation for the 29 years of service from Mrs. Cheryl Fuchs as an Instructional Assistant, and for the four years of service from Mr. Michael Baney as a Computer Technician.

Other Business

Mr. Boyer moved to approve all of the fund raisers for the 2018/2019 school year for the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School and this was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter. Discussion occurred. Mr. Boyer amended his motion to approve all of the

Other
Business
(Cont.)

fund raisers with the exception of the fund raiser that is being requested by the boys' basketball team for pizza sales each Friday during the school year. Mr. Stichter seconded the amended motion and it carried unanimously. The fund raisers are as follows:

- **Elementary Robotics:** Quarter Paddle Auction;
- **Fifth Grade:** Car wash and Tupperware sales;
- **Sixth Grade:** Air fresheners and catalog bag sales;
- **Triton Elementary:** Walk-A-Thon;
- **Junior High and High School Football:** Pizza cards and social campaign;
- **Performing Arts:** Water bottles/tumblers, cheese/sausage sales, and candy sales;
- **Junior Class:** Magazines/candle sales;
- **Cheerleaders:** Food truck Friday, mini cheer clinic;
- **Art Club:** Popcorn sales;
- **High School Wrestling:** Krispy Kreme;
- **Science Club:** Fall bulbs, Thirty-One items;
- **Yearbook:** Cookie dough, popcorn sales;
- **Helping Hands:** Rise 'N Roll, chicken dinner sales;
- **DECA:** Braided pastries, trash bag sales;
- **Boys Basketball:** Apparel sales;
- **FFA:** Fruit/nut sales, Marshall County toy show, consignment auction;
- **Senior Class:** Spaghetti supper;
- **Track:** Team/fan apparel sales;
- **Girls Tennis:** Blanket/fan gear;
- **Athletic Department:** Golf scramble;

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to accept the generous donation of an 8' X 12' storage building from Hostetler's Lawn Furniture to be utilized by the Triton Youth Soccer teams. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Stichter moved to approve Mr. McFarland's request for permission to advertise the annual financial report in the *Warsaw Times Union* and the *Plymouth Pilot News* as required. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Superintendent's
Report

Mr. Riffle updated the Board on the current status of the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School building projects.

Mr. Riffle identified the following core values that have been recognized since the previous meeting:

Continuous Improvement: Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation to Mr. McFarland, Mr. Bruce Gephart, and Mr. Brian Feldman for their assistance in planning for the upcoming capital improvements.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

Social Responsibility: Mr. Riffle noted that many of our students are members of 4-H and they will be representing their families, our school, and community in the coming weeks at the local county fairs. Their time and effort is much appreciated and we wish them the best as they compete in their judged events.

High Expectations: The band and football team begin their practices this evening to prepare for a successful fall season.

Alignment: Mr. Riffle thanked Mrs. Mollie Kintzel and Mrs. Christine Cook for their time and effort in selecting a new music curriculum for our students.

Patrons' Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building Reports

Mr. Ross updated the Board on events at the Jr./Sr. High School, and Mr. Riffle provided a report for the Elementary.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:17 PM.

Teresa L. Barnhart, Secretary

Approved: August 13, 2018

President: *Amy E. Middaugh*

Secretary: *Teresa L. Barnhart*

Kevin R. Boer

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