

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
100 TRITON DRIVE
BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

***** BOARD MINUTES *****

Work Session

October 12, 2015

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met for a work session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, at 6:15 PM on October 12, 2015.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Discussion of recent and upcoming events.

Adjournment No other subject matter was discussed in the work session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. The meeting adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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Regular Session

October 12, 2015

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in regular session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana at 7:00 PM on October 12, 2015.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Tom McFarland – Treasurer/Business Manager, Mr. Robert Ross – High School Principal, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Elementary Administrative Assistant, . Mrs. Dawn Slein – Biology Teacher, Ms. Katie Hepler, Mr. Jeremy Jones, Mr. Nick Harker and Ms. Lexie Miller – Students; Mr. Tim Shively, Mrs. Paula Poisel, Mrs. Tabitha Poisel, Mr. Dacota Poisel, Ms. Gretchen Wadkins, Mr. Johnny Wadkins, Mr. Braeden Wadkins, and Mr. Grant Wadkins, Patrons, and Ms. Robin Myers – Reporter.

Pledge of Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #970 - #1092 for \$629,804.44, a voided vendor check to Master Lock Company in the amount of \$116.30, and payrolls #19 - #20 for \$362,165.11 for a grand total of \$991,853.25, and the work session and regular session minutes of the September 14, 2015 meeting. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons’ Comments

Mrs. Tabitha Poisel read a prepared statement regarding students that are home schooled being allowed to participate in sports and other extra-curricular activities at Triton School Corporation. She requested the Board re-visit the School Board Policy for home schooled students and to reconsider their position on allowing home schooled students to participate in extra-curricular activities. Mrs. Middaugh expressed her appreciation for Mrs. Poisel being well prepared and for her research on this subject. She stated the Board has engaged in conversation recently concerning home school students participating in extra-curricular activities. Mrs. Burroughs distributed the current Board Policy regarding home schooled students. She addressed the State requirements and IHSAA requirements for home schooled students to be allowed to participate in school

Patrons'
Comments (Cont.)

sponsored sports. One of the requirements of the State and of the IHSAA is that home schooled students must be enrolled in at least one class in a public school to be eligible to participate in an extra-curricular activity. The State of Indiana also requires home schooled students that participate in extra-curricular activities to take the ISTEP test. Additional discussion occurred.

Personnel

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 for the following personnel items:

- Approve Mr. Jeffrey Koenig as a volunteer driver for the Helping Hands Service Trip;
- Hire Mr. Brad Hargrave as the eighth grade boys' basketball coach;
- Hire Mr. Jared Ambrose as the seventh grade boys' basketball coach;
- Hire Mr. Roger McKinney as the sixth grade boys' basketball coach;
- Hire Mr. Joe White as the fifth grade boys' basketball coach;
- Approve Mr. Skyler Reichert as a volunteer coach for the seventh grade boys' basketball; and
- Approve Mr. Tim Shively as a volunteer coach for the fifth grade boys' basketball.

Adopt 2016
Budget, CPF, &
Bus Replacement
Plan

Mrs. Burroughs reminded the Board that the public hearing on the 2016 Budget, CPF Plan and Bus Replacement Plan was held during the regular session on September 14. Mr. Stichter made a motion to adopt the 2016 Budget, the resolution to adopt the 2016 Capital Projects Fund Plan, and the resolution to adopt the 2016 Bus Replacement Plan as presented during the public hearing on September 14. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Other
Business

Following Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to adopt the Reduction Resolution to reduce the General Fund Appropriations in the amount of \$155,250.00; and to adopt the resolution authorizing the Superintendent or Corporation Treasurer to reduce lines 1, 2, or 3 of the 2016 Budget as necessary. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to approve the revised salary schedule retroactive to September 14, 2015, for the Treasurer/Business Manager position.

Mrs. Burroughs presented quotes for the installing cooling units and electrical work for the kitchen area in the Elementary cafeteria. Mr. Stichter moved to approve quote #6323 and quote #6438 from Griffen Plumbing and Heating for a total of \$15,351.00 for installation of the cooling units and also approve quote #P2372 from Schwartz Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$3,425.00 for the electrical work associated with this project. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mrs. Slein, Miss Katie Hepler, Miss Lexie Miller, Mr. Nick Harker, and Mr. Jeremy Jones gave a presentation on the biomedical classes that have been added in the science department at the Jr./Sr. High School as a result of Project Lead the Way.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified the following core values that have been realized:

Continuous Improvement: Mrs. Burroughs recognized Mr. Mason McIntyre for his recent mission trip to the Dominican Republic as an example of how we can find ways to give more to others that are less fortunate.

High Expectations: Mrs. Burroughs recognized Mrs. Heather Sell who is an instructional assistant at the Jr./Sr. High School for providing a pizza lunch for students in the resource room because each of them scored 100% on their science exam.

Shared Leadership: Mrs. Burroughs recognized Mr. Riffle for his articles on Triton Elementary School that was published in the newspapers. She also acknowledged the participants in the Triton Distinguished Young Woman contest.

Social Responsibility: The Lions Club was recognized for distributing dictionaries to third grade students at the Elementary.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: Mrs. Burroughs recognized kindergarten classes and the Indiana Promise Program. Kindergarten students went on a field trip to Ancilla College to introduce the students to a college campus. The students toured the classes and they learned about various careers that require a college degree.

Accountability: Mrs. Burroughs reported that the PSAT will be given to tenth and eleventh grade students and the cost of the PSAT is funded by the Indiana Department of Education. In addition, she acknowledged Triton students who are enrolled in dual credit classes.

Mrs. Burroughs reported that some of our students have had parents that are now deceased within the last couple of weeks and staff members have graciously offered their support during this time of loss.

Patrons'
Comments

None at this time.

Building
Reports

Mr. Riffle gave a report on events at the Elementary. The VIP day that was held on October 9 was very successful again this year. Parent/teacher conferences are scheduled for October 13. Fifth and sixth grade students will travel to Warsaw on October 15 to participate in the "Feed My Starving Children" program.

Mr. Ross gave a report on events at the Jr./Sr. High School. The VIP day at the Jr./Sr. High School was also very successful this year. The FFA provided lunch for the FFA students and their VIP's as well as the staff members on VIP day. The Triton Marching Band received a gold rating at the ISSMA district competition that was held in Crown Point. The first edition of the student newsletter, "Triton Tribune" has been published and distributed. October 13 is a staff development day for the Jr./Sr. High School.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, at 7:59 PM, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned.