

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

**\*\*\* BOARD MINUTES \*\*\***

**Executive & Regular Sessions**

**May 15, 2019**

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Executive Session at 6:15 PM, and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on May 15, 2019.

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

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. Christine Cook – Elementary Principal, Mr. Brandon Young and Miss Diana Westphal – Secondary Teachers, and Students and Patrons as per the attached list.

**\*\*\*\*\* EXECUTIVE SESSION \*\*\*\*\***

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:15 PM. Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Stichter, Mr. Miller, Mr. Rettinger and Mr. Riffle were present.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Personnel as per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

No other subject matter was discussed during the Executive Session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Adjournment The Executive Session adjourned at 6:55 PM.

**\*\*\*\*\* REGULAR SESSION \*\*\*\*\***

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

Consensus Agenda Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #295 - #489 in the amount of \$660,398.46, and payrolls #8 – #9 in the amount of \$339,158.13, the voided vendor check #30679 in the amount of (-\$374.70) for a grand total of 999,181.89; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on April 8, 2019. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons' Comments There were no patrons' comments.

Personnel Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to hire Mrs. Jennifer Mevis as the Summer School Robotics Camp Sponsor for the period of June 10 – 13, 2019, from 8:30 to 11:30 AM.

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to hire Mrs. Cathy Strycker and Miss Leah Alderfer as Sponsors for the High Ability Summer School Camp to be held half-days for the period of June 17 – 20, 2019.

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the following personnel items:

- Hire Mr. Tyler Hensley as the Junior High Baseball Coach;
- Utilize the volunteer services of Mr. Jake Burnett in the junior high baseball program;
- Hire Miss Grace Smith as an Elementary Special Education Teacher for kindergarten through third grade.

Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Personnel  
(Cont.)

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to accept the following resignations:

- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Ashley Faulkner as the Junior Varsity Volleyball Coach;
- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Colleen Kitson-Perrin as the High School Spanish Teacher;
- Accept the resignation of Mr. Bert Dodds as a High School History Teacher.

Other  
Business

Mr. Riffle recommended approval of the out-of-state field trip request from Mrs. Tina Zechiel and Mr. Matt Arvesen to take the students that are enrolled in the physics and PLTW engineering classes to Cedar Point in Sandusky, Ohio, on May 17<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Boyer mad a motion to approve the request as presented. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to approve the quote from National Asphalt Solutions LLC, in the amount of \$18,265.05, for preparation and seal coating of parking lots and driveways around the bus garage and high school.

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve increasing the price of a student breakfast at the Elementary to \$1.20, and at the Jr./Sr. High School to \$1.35 per day; and to increase the price of a student lunch at the Elementary to \$2.10 per day, and at the Jr./Sr. High School to \$2.50 per day. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. (Note: The price for adult breakfast and lunch will remain the same.)

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the bid proposal from Republic Services for trash removal service in the amount of \$426.07 per month. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0. The bid proposal was secured by Northern Indiana Educational Services Center (NIESC) and is for a period of two years, beginning on July 1, 2019.

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the following:

- Accept the quote from Sharp School Services for three new hall gates at the Jr./Sr. High School in the amount of \$10,473.00; and
- Approve the request of Miss Montana Golden to utilize the auditorium at the Jr./Sr. High School for a summer theatre workshop and presentation for the period of June 5<sup>th</sup> through June 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the combined quote from Montgomery Well Drilling, Inc., and Banner Electric, Inc., in the amount of \$15,010.00, to install a well near the football practice field. This was followed by a second from Mr. Rettinger and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Superintendent's  
Report

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

**Continuous Improvement:** As good as we are, we know that we can always achieve better results. We constantly try to find better ways of doing our work, and when we achieve our goals, we set higher targets. On June 6<sup>th</sup>, Triton staff members will be trained on Human Trafficking. Also in June, Mr. Rex Cook, Mooresville Superintendent, will be on site to review and instruct on how best to conduct a reunification drill. Mr. Ross and I had the opportunity to attend the School Safety Specialist Conference on May 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. I am happy to say that we learned a lot as we continue to make improvements to keep our students and staff safe.

**Shared Leadership:** We work as a team. Each member provides essential leadership in support of our common goals. Mrs. Laura Baker attended the Marshall County Job Fair today at Plymouth High School. She is representing our school corporation to potential new employees in the area of maintenance, substitute teachers, and potential school bus drivers.

**Social Responsibility:** We ensure that we are good partners within our community and that our students and employees support local individuals and organizations. We demonstrate wise stewardship of public resources and ensure that our graduates are ready to shoulder their civic responsibilities. One of our goals going into next year will be doing a Corporation community service project. A committee continues to work on the details that will result in a very successful day for our staff and students. We also have a committee working on how we can extend Trojan PRIDE to grades 7 – 12 starting next school year as we continue to live out the core values of Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Enthusiasm. The senior squad conceived the idea to recognize someone in our community for their service to our school and scholars. I thank them for living out the Trojan Way for thinking of others over self, even as outgoing seniors. This award will be part of their legacy that will be passed down to next year's seniors.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

**Accountability:** Each person affiliated with Triton School Corporation, including students, employees, parents/family members, and community stakeholders share accountability for our performance results and for providing personal best effort in support of our goals. The *U.S. News and World Report* released their rankings for 2019 high schools in Indiana. Triton Jr./Sr. High School is ranked 31<sup>st</sup> in the state. Triton Jr./Sr. High School was ranked second, only to Penn-Harris-Madison, in our region. This is Triton Jr./Sr. High School's first noted Gold designation from this report. Triton School Corporation is the highest ranked school in Marshall and Kosciusko County. Everyone deserves credit for this ranking. We thank our outstanding scholars, our dedicated staff, and our supportive community for this joint recognition. We are not satisfied, but we are very proud! I want to reiterate, "Great job and this is proof that our "uncommon" approach is truly making a difference!"

**High Expectations:** Our learning organization requires that we maintain high expectations for one another and for self. Our ranking in the *U.S. News and World Report* is evidence of our high expectations.

**Evidence Based Decision Making:** We make decisions after careful consideration of the most compelling research and data analysis.

**Alignment:** We are most successful when everyone in our learning organization works together to achieve common goals. We can enhance efficiency and effectiveness by achieving alignment across our system.

The Indiana Department of Education is implementing new expectations of educators and the necessity in acquiring professional growth points for license renewal.

Patrons' Comments

Students inquired about the budget for the music department, having the choir robes cleaned and repaired, and the need for additional storage space for the music departments props that are used for their programs.

Building Reports

Mrs. Cook reported on events at the Elementary.

Mr. Ross gave an update on happenings at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:29 PM.

Steven D. Stichter, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ June 10, 2019

President: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Jane Barnhart*

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_  
*Steve Stichter*

\_\_\_\_\_ *Kevin R. Bogen*

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