

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Executive Session & Regular Session

February 11, 2019

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Executive Session at 6:30 PM; and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on February 11, 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. Bruce Gephart – Maintenance Director, Mr. Brandon Young – Secondary Teacher, Mrs. Carol Anders – Reporter, and including the attached list of students and patrons.

****** EXECUTIVE SESSION ******

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:30 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 #1 - #156 in the amount of \$459,431.51, and payrolls #1 – #2 in the amount of \$359,120.97, the voided vendor check #23286 in the amount of (-\$5.30) for a grand total of \$818,547.18; and to approve the minutes of the work session, finance meeting, reorganization session and regular sessions held on January 14, 2019. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

**Patrons'
Comments**

There were no patrons' comments.

Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation for the achievements of the numerous students that attended the Board meeting and he stated that all of them have received a Certificate of Achievement.

Personnel

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

- Hire Mr. Rodney Younis as the Varsity Football Coach;
- Hire Mr. Jason Arvesen as the Varsity Wrestling Assistant Coach;
- Hire Mrs. Jennifer Schaetzle as a long-term Substitute Teacher to replace Mrs. Rhonda Hostetler and to waive the 15 day substitute pay stipulation since Mrs. Schaetzle is already employed by Triton School Corporation as an Instructional Assistant at the Elementary;
- Accept the resignation of Mr. Jason Groves as the Varsity Girls' Track Coach;
- And to approve new pay rates for all substitutes effective as of January 20, 2019, as follows:
 - Substitute Teachers possessing a high school diploma only = \$75.00 per day and \$45.00 for half-days;
 - Substitute Teachers having 60 hours of college credit = \$80.00 per day and \$48.00 for half-days;
 - Substitute Teachers possessing a valid Indiana Teaching license = \$85.00 per day and \$51.00 for half-days;
 - Substitute Support Staff will be paid at the "zero" experience level for the position in which they are substituting.

Other Business

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to approve the following items as recommended by Mr. Riffle:

- Approve the quote in the amount of \$8001.15 from Polyvinyl Sales to install a retaining wall fence adjacent to the exterior stairs located on the south side of the Jr./Sr. High School gym;
- Approve the quote from Kerlin Motor Company in the amount of \$6,664.00 for the purchase of a 2019 Stealth Trailer. *(NOTE: The new trailer replaces the trailer whose ownership was transferred from the Triton Music Boosters to Triton School Corporation.)*
- Approve the quote in the amount of \$9,277.00 for the purchase of a new AWP30S A/C personnel lift platform from AirWorx Construction Equipment; and
- Approve the Summer School Program.

Superintendent's Report

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

Continuous Improvement: Comprehensive Counseling Grant- Re-Designing Counseling Initiative - Advisory Council met last Tuesday evening to solidify the benefits statement and the mission statement. Our next task is to develop our goals which need to focus on increasing the percentage of students who make targeted choices in areas that impact our ability to move toward our vision. Goals can fall within three areas: Social-Emotional Development, Academic Development, and Career Development. The next meeting will be on February 21 at 6:00 PM.

Shared Leadership: Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation to Ms. Diana Westphal, Ms. Tracie Knisley, Mr. Matt Arvesen, Mrs. Jenny Mevis, Mrs. Melissa LaShure, Mr. Al Peckham, Mr. David Seel, Mrs. Sarrah Davis, Mr. Mason McIntyre, Mr. Jordan Ickes, Football Coaches, Teachers, Administrators, the Triton Board of Trustees, and Community Member, Ms. Lana Ball, for coming in to speak with our business classes.

Social Responsibility: I want to thank Mr. Orion Lemler, Mr. Andy O'Hara, and Mr. Kenny Barnhart for continuing to give back to their community and Triton School Corporation as they televise many events for the patrons or our Corporation and surrounding corporations.

Accountability: Due to our schools outstanding performance on State Standardized Assessments, Triton School Corporation was recognized as a Standard Performance School. This designation allows us to meet the "hour requirement" for the year which will permit us to keep our graduation date on June 9th as previously set.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

High Expectations: Not only do we have high expectations as a Board, but I think it is imperative that we continue to recognize students and staff who meet these high expectations. Seventy-five of our students were recognized recently with Certificates of Achievement for their continued success and achievement.

Evidence Based Decision Making: Cafeteria staff work diligently to provide nutritious meal for our students. They will be instrumental in helping us complete "The Corporation Wellness Plan" in March. The Wellness Committee will consist of students, parents, Physical Education Teachers, Administrators, and a Board Member.

Alignment: I would like to thank Mrs. Brittney Brosman for leading the Corporation-Wide Tech Tuesday in January on the topic of "digital breakout", and Mrs. Jenny Mevis and Mrs. Teresa Watkins who will be leading Tech Tuesday tomorrow on the topic of "digital graphic organizers and how to share them on Google Classroom". Mrs. Mevis and Mrs. Watkins attended the Ditch Summit over break and will be sharing some of the items they learned at the conference with their colleagues.

Student make-up days will be February 18, April 19, and June 3 – 5.

Building Reports

Mrs. Cook gave a report on happenings at the Elementary.

Mr. Ross reported on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Patrons' Comments

A patron inquired about the need to be licensed in a specific area as a requirement to become a substitute teacher. Mr. Riffle explained that there are no specific requirements, other than having a valid Substitute Teacher Certificate or a valid Indiana Teacher License, to be able to become a substitute teacher.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 PM.

Steven D. Stichter, Secretary

Approved: March 11, 2019

President: *Lee Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Kevin R. Bogen

Wesley M. Adams
