

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

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

Work Session

June 9, 2014

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 6:00 PM on June 9, 2014.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mrs. Jerilyn Anders, and Mr. Steve Stichter.

Members Absent: Mr. Kevin Boyer.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mr. Curt Pletcher – H. J. Umbaugh.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: General Obligation Bond Issue.

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 6:25 PM.

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Regular Session

June 9, 2014

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 June 9, 2014.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mrs. Jerilyn Anders, and Mr. Steve Stichter. (*Mr. Boyer arrived at 7:10 PM during the "Other Business" portion of the agenda, which explains voting by only four Board Members prior to that portion of the agenda.*)

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Michael Chobanov – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Curriculum/Assessment Coordinator, Mrs. Jennifer Shaw – Guidance Counselor, Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry – Reporter, and Mrs. Anita Hull – Retiree.

Pledge of
Allegiance

The "Pledge of Allegiance" was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #514 - #607 for \$366,799.32 and payrolls #10 - #11 for \$386,362.99 for a grand total of \$753,162.31, and the minutes of the May 12, 2014 executive session, work session and regular session. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Patrons'
Comments

None

Personnel

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation for the following personnel items:

- Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Anita Hull as a Family and Consumer Science Teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School;
- Approve a "reduction in force" in the business department terminating the teacher contract for Mr. Ted Doty;
- Hire Ms. Kaley Bickel as a first grade teacher;

Personnel (Cont.)

- Hire Ms. Carley Biddle as a second grade teacher;
- Hire Mrs. Jenny Mevis as a fourth grade teacher; and
- Hire Ms. Courtney Harris as a color guard coach.

Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Balanced
Calendar

Mrs. Burroughs stated that the balanced calendar will be a regular agenda item for upcoming Board meetings to allow patron input and discussion. A decision will be made in the fall on whether to proceed with a balanced calendar for the 2015-2016 school year.

Other
Business

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to appoint Mrs. Michelle Babcock as the Corporation Treasurer and to approve the Treasurer's bond for this position. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mrs. Burroughs reported that 3M Company which is located in Plymouth donated \$5,969.00 in supplies to Triton Jr./Sr. High School. The donation is sincerely appreciated by the high school staff.

Mrs. Cook gave a presentation on data that has been collected regarding student progress in reading and writing in kindergarten through sixth grade throughout the 2013-2014 school year.

Mr. Boyer arrived at this point in the meeting.

Mrs. Shaw gave a presentation on activities in the guidance department for students in grades 9-12.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 textbook rental fees for the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School and also noting that fees for the Jr./Sr. High School are dependent upon the classes each student is enrolled. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mrs. Barnhart moved, Mrs. Anders seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve a bond for each of the secretaries at the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Burroughs expressed her appreciation for everyone that participated in the "Drive for Your School" fund raiser on May 31. A final total for the amount raised is not yet available. In addition, she expressed appreciation for everyone that assisted with the Elementary field day and with commencement exercises.

A presentation will be held on June 26 at 7:00 PM in the old gym for patron input on how to proceed with the fate of the old gym.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

Mrs. Burroughs identified the following Core Values that have been realized in the past month:

Continuous Improvement: Language Arts ECA – 86% of the tenth grade students passed the test this year. 54% of this same class passed as an eighth grade student.

High Expectations: The Academic Honors Banquet that was held at Christos in Plymouth on May 16th to honor the students' high academic standards they set for themselves.

Shared Leadership: The “family” field day event for all elementary students and the awesome amount of help by the high school, community volunteers and staff members to make the day successful for our students.

Social Responsibility: The softball team project to “Strike Out” juvenile diabetes.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: The Board retreat that was held on June 6th.

Accountability: The energy star certification that was received for renovations and improvements made to the buildings and the building signs noting this.

Patrons'
Comments

Mrs. Hull stated that she plans to become a lobbyist for education in Indianapolis now that she is retired from her teaching position. She also expressed her appreciation for her time at Triton School Corporation.

Building
Reports

Mrs. Cook gave an update on events at the Elementary.

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

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of School Trustees, at 7:48 PM Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned.