

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

Work Session & Regular Session

March 13, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met for a Work Session at 6:15 PM; and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on March 13, 2017.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Steve Stichter were present for all of the meetings.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mrs. Tracie Vermillion – DECA Sponsor, Miss Abigail Powell, Mr. Wyatt Stephan, Miss Haley Hooley, Mr. Adam Stevens, Miss Tiffaney Hughes, and Miss Karianne Dunifin – DECA Members, Mr. Tim Pitts – Emtor Representative, Mr. Jami Krynski – PGP Energy Group, Ms. Julia Hughes, Mr. Brandon Hoffer, Mrs. Melea Powell-Hoffer, and Mr. Victor Duke – Parents, Mr. James Master – Reporter, and Mr. Gabriel Duke – Student/Boy Scouts Member.

*** * * * WORK SESSION * * * ***

The Work Session was called to order at 6:15 PM. Mrs. Middaugh, Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and Mrs. Burroughs were present at the work session.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Building project discussion.

No other subject matter was discussed during the work session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 6:45 PM.

*** * * * REGULAR SESSION * * * ***

Mrs. Middaugh called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Middaugh, Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and everyone listed in “Others Present” were present at the Regular Session.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #2686 - #2872 in the amount of \$510,616.29, and payrolls #3 – #4 in the amount of \$364,371.26, and the voided vendor check #21714 in the amount of (\$196.62) for a grand total of \$874,790.93; and to approve the minutes of the work session and regular session that was held on February 13, 2017. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Certificates were presented to students in recognition of their participation in the State level of competition for DECA.

Personnel

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

- Hire Mrs. Amy Chizum as a part-time Custodian at the Elementary,
- Accept the retirement notice of Mr. Rick Collins as an Elementary Teacher,
- Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Kathy Blackford as an Instructional Assistant at the Elementary,
- Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Peggy Patrick as the Elementary Cafeteria Coordinator,
- Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Denise Voreis as an Elementary Teacher,
- Hire Mrs. Carolyn Alexander as a part-time Corporation Media Specialist,
- Approve hiring Mr. Luke Stichter for an extended substitute teacher position at the Jr./Sr. High School (*It is duly noted that Mr. Steve Stichter recused himself as a voting Board Member for this personnel item only*),
- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Teresa Watkins as the Seventh Grade Girls Basketball Coach,
- Approve Mr. Jason Groves as the Girls Varsity Track Coach,
- Approve the following as Summer School Teachers and Instructional Assistants:
 - Countdown to Kindergarten: Mrs. Sarah Melling – Teacher, and Mrs. Johna Snyder – Instructional Assistant,
 - Kindergarten: Mrs. Jill Finley – Teacher, and Mrs. Mary Hayes – Instructional Assistant,
 - First Grade: Mr. Curt Kreft – Teacher, and Mrs. Lisa Kreft – Instructional Assistant,
 - Second Grade: Mrs. Samantha Phenix – Teacher, and Mr. Taylor Long – Instructional Assistant,
 - Third Grade: Mrs. Brittney Brosman – Teacher, and Mrs. Denise Shafer – Instructional Assistant.

Other
Business

Mr. Tim Pitts and Mr. Jami Krynski gave a presentation on solar energy and the potential savings the Corporation could realize each year. Discussion occurred.

Following Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the Sponsorship Agreement between Triton School Corporation and Lutheran Health Network of Indiana, LLC, commencing on April 1, 2017 and ending on March 31, 2027. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter moved to approve the quote from Lee Company, Inc., in the amount of \$23,320.50, for cafeteria tables in the Elementary cafeteria. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller made a motion to accept the generous donation of a used automobile from Swanson Auto that will be given to a random high school student that had perfect attendance during the 2016/2017 school year. This was followed by a second from Mrs. Barnhart. The motion carried 5-0.

Other
Business
(Cont.)

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to authorize the Administration to advertise and sell the following items in the FFA auction on April 8, 2017: filing cabinets, rolling carts, multiple types of chairs, multiple types of desks, a softball scoreboard, exercise bikes, large metal cabinets, projectors and screens, world maps, lunch trays, sheet metal brake and other steel working tools, large tables, record players and old records, film, and a kiln.

Mrs. Burroughs informed the Board of the request from Plymouth Community School Corporation to use the Triton tennis courts during the girls' tennis season for practices only and this will be only when our courts are not being utilized by the Triton tennis team, as Plymouth's courts are currently being resurfaced. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the request as presented, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified the following core values that have been recognized since the previous meeting:

Continuous Improvement: The DECA students that qualified for the State competition is evidence of continuous improvement.

High Expectations: Miss Samantha Middaugh and Mr. Travis Barnhart were recognized for their success at the science fair that was held at Notre Dame.

Shared Leadership: The varsity boys' basketball team was recognized for shared leadership. The team had a great season this year.

Social Responsibility and Evidence-Based Decision Making: Triton staff members are visiting other school corporations to observe counseling programs that have facets that could potentially be implemented into our counseling program shows social responsibility as well as evidence-based decision making. The counseling grant is being utilized to fund the trips, some of which are out-of-state.

Accountability: Our students being well-prepared for the recent ISTEP tests is proof of accountability.

Mrs. Burroughs reminded the Board that spring break will be March 27 through April 7, and April 14 is a student make-up day.

The *Triton Tribute* newsletter has been mailed to patrons living in Triton School Corporation, and has been provided to families of our students that are enrolled at Triton, but do not live in the Corporation.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building
Reports

Mr. Riffle updated on the Board on events at the Elementary and he expressed his sincere appreciation to the staff members whose retirement notices were accepted earlier this evening.

Mr. Ross gave a report on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:43 PM.