

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

Regular Session

February 13, 2023

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on February 13, 2023. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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; Mr. Orion Lemler-Triton Social Media; Mrs. Christine Cook-Elementary Principal; Mr. Nate McKeand-Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Kenny Barnhart-Triton Social Media; Ethan Howell; Ava Brandon; Grace Miller; Morgan Feldman; Kaitlyn Jackson; Brandon Young; Trenton Conley; Cole Irvine; Amari Snyder; Joshua Lemler; Ana Lemler; Jason Weaver; Tracie Knisley; Brookelin Wilhite; Reagan Yoder;

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Barnhart called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #4936 –#4944, #5018-#5048, and #5049- #5089 in the amount of \$521,580.93; payrolls #25, #26, TAG payroll and stipend payroll in the amount of \$559,276.98 for a grand total of \$1,662,962.02; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on January 9, 2023. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5–0.

Patrons' Comments

What is a consensus agenda? Mrs. Barnhart gave an explanation.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Lana Hostrawser as a 5th grade girls' basketball volunteer coach. Mr. Miller moved to approve Mark Elliott as varsity baseball head coach, Bryan Watkins as JV/V volunteer assistant baseball coach, Steve Watkins as the JH baseball head coach, Paul Williams as JH volunteer assistant baseball coach, Brandon Young as JH volunteer assistant baseball coach, Jeremy Riffle as varsity volunteer assistant baseball coach, Robby Pope as the varsity assistant baseball coach, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Lisa Bemish as the high school track supervisor, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Enidza Deynes-Wallace as the high school Spanish teacher to cover for Kandace Haines maternity leave, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve Susan Dietzel as the drama director for the 2022-2023 musical production, Mr. Boyer seconded and it carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Robyn Reuter as a volunteer piano accompanist for choir, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Ralph Berkeypile as a truck/trailer driver for band performances, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve President's Day for non-certified staff members as a paid holiday, Mr. Rettinger seconded and it carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve paternity leave for Troy Sherk, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve retirement for Bruce Gephart, Mr. Boyer seconded and it carried 5-0.

Business

Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the 2023-2024 school calendar, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the purchase of a warmer and freezer for the elementary cafeteria from Central Restaurant Products, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the Indiana ESC school food coop agreement 2023-2024, Mr. Stichter seconded and it carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer motioned to approve the high school management class overnight field trip to Ohio/Cedar Point, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 5-0.

Superintendents
Report

Continuous Improvement - Today's continuous improvement core value goes to congratulate and thank Mr. Bruce Gephart for his dedication to Triton School Corporation as a maintenance and grounds employee and our Maintenance Director since 2014. His servant leadership, mentorship, and others over self-attitude is what we appreciate about Bruce and what we hope to find in our next maintenance director. A lot of time, effort, and customer service goes into this position and Bruce has been second to none!

Shared Leadership – Areas of focus at this time include multiple areas of the Strategic Plan including but not limited to:

1. Encourage Student Academic Success
2. Foster Social and Emotional Growth
3. Invest in Teacher and Staff Success

Strategic Planning - Approved April 11th TSC Strategic Plan 2022

Last week was National Counselor's Week, and I think I speak for all of us that we are incredibly grateful for their service in making connections with local business internship and CTE possibilities for our students. Tours the last two weeks produced nearly 75 students wanting to either be in career and technical education or an internship next year. Thank you for meeting individually with students, for recognizing students when committing to a secondary institution or job placement, for working through difficult times with our students, and continuing to invest in others. They are continuing to invest in others by inviting nearly 40 local counselors to Triton School Corporation tomorrow for a counseling roundtable discussion.

Social Responsibility - Mr. McKeand, Mr. McFarland, Office Watkins, and I had a good meeting with the Kosciusko Sheriff's Department designees to discuss school safety and how we can continue to partner to keep our students safe. We will continue to work on this partnership that will lead to more training and being more prepared as a county/school.

Thank you to Sierra Hawley, Cheyanne Hawley, and Brooke Kitch for representing Triton in last weekend's Dancing with the Stars for the Neighborhood Center, helping to raise over \$120,000 for that organization!

Accountability - The fire marshal revisited last week and both the high school and the elementary passed inspection without fines or incident. Thank you to our building level leaders and Mr. Gephart for taking this seriously and making the needed corrections.

High Expectations - This has to happen even when our teachers are out of the building. I want to take this time to thank our substitute teachers and volunteers for their role in helping Triton School Corporation to maintain high expectations and standards in the classroom. It was shared at our last leadership meeting how this situation has improved and we are very thankful for that. That being said, we are always looking for good people who want to positively invest in kids to substitute in our buildings.

Evidence Based Decision Making - Triton Staff will be working on professional development on Thursday for our final delayed start day of the year. This day will be used to continue to work together to come up with alignment solutions for:
Elem- Looking at math data, trend data and research on interventions, brainstorming
HS - will continue to work on our instructional model
Triton School Corporation will begin the day on a two hour delay on Thursday, February 16th to allow for this professional development to take place at both buildings.

Congratulations:

- Elijah Cox on making it to semi state and giving it his all. We are so proud of his accomplishments and even more proud of the young man he has become.
- Vincent Prater and Esai Lemler on qualifying for Freshman/Sophomore State Wrestling Competition
- Triton Cheerleaders on a first place performance on Saturday
- Kimberlyn Potter for being selected as the winner of the Learn More Indiana Scholarship Contest. She will receive \$5000 to go towards her College Choice 529
- Aiden Ford - Representing Triton in the precision machining class and continuing to rack up the certifications.
- Mitchell Powel, Pierce Brookins, and Brady Snyder for passing the ASE Tests in the automotive program.
- I continue to love sharing the artist of the month and our Trojan PRIDE T-shirt winners from Triton Elementary School.
- Congratulation to Coach Jason Groves on his 300th win as the Triton Varsity Boys Basketball Coach. This milestone was achieved with a win vs Culver on January 13th!

Patrons' Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building Reports

Mrs. Cook gave a brief building report for the elementary. Mr. McKeand gave a brief building report for the high school.

Other

There were no other comments.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:41 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ March 13, 2023

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Steve Stichter

Kevin R. Boyer

Wesley M. ...

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