

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

November 9, 2020

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 November 9, 2020. Due to the Center for Disease Control's direction on COVID-19 to not gather in groups, the Regular Session 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. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, and Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media.

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

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 #2288 – #2448 in the amount of \$376,010.71, and payrolls #21 – #22 in the amount of \$399,920.36, the voided vendor check #32409 in the amount of (-\$418.50) for a grand total of \$775,512.57; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on October 12, 2020. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to utilize the volunteer services of the following individuals in the girls' and boys' basketball programs:

- **Girls' Varsity Basketball:** Shana Anderson, Krystal Sellers, Amy Middaugh, Emily O'Dell, and Delanie Groves.
- **Boys' Varsity Basketball:** Josh Moore

Mr. Stichter made a motion to hire Mr. Andrew Bass as the Junior High Wrestling Coach, and to utilize Mr. Bass as a volunteer assistant coach in the varsity wrestling program. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Rettinger moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to hire Ms. Rachelle Norman as a Substitute Custodian.

Other
Business

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the agreement with Go Solutions Group, Inc., for assistance in maintaining the Corporation's certification as a Title XIX provider, and with filing and reconciling Medicaid claims and reimbursements for the period of January 1 through December 31, 2021. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Riffle presented new/updated Board Policies for the first reading. Mr. Rettinger moved to accept the first reading of the Board Policies, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip request allowing senior students to travel to Washington D.C., May 6 – 10, 2021. This was followed by a second from Mr. Rettinger. The motion carried unanimously.

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.

Triton School Corporation staff continue to work with our scholars on preparing for the digital learning day. They continue to practice what it would be like if indeed this is needed even before then.

Shared Leadership: We work as a team. Each member provides essential leadership in support of our common goals.

Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation to our food service team as they sprang into action when called upon to cover for teammates as the Jr./Sr. High School Administrative team proactively quarantined members in hopes of mitigating the spread.

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.

On Thursday, November 19, Mrs. Becky Savage from the 525 Foundation will come to tell her story to our student body in hopes to continue to help them understand that their choices do not just impact them. Mr. Riffle expressed appreciation to Attorney Nelson Chipman for his generous donation to make this visit possible

Accountability: Each person affiliated with the TSC system, 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.

Triton School Corporation submitted a waiver to the state to qualify for our school year to be determined by "hours" instead of "days". This will give much needed flexibility for the remainder of the year if needed. Mr. Riffle will make calendar recommendations as needed moving forward if the waiver is approved by the State Board of Education on November 10.

High Expectations: Our learning organization requires that we maintain high expectations for one another and for self.

Mr. Riffle stated, "Despite our current reality, I thank our students, teachers, and staff for the unwavering commitment to the educational process and our community."

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

Triton School Corporation continues to monitor the impact of COVID and how best to adapt to the ever changing demands that it brings. Mr. Riffle proposed that the December 14th Board meeting be held in the Jr./Sr. High School Library in order to provide more space for social distancing.

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.

"Alignment" wasn't addressed.

Patrons' Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building Reports

Mr. Riffle provided a report for the Elementary, and Mr. McKeand provided a report for 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 7:34 PM.

Steven D. Stichter, Secretary

Approved: December 14, 2020

President: *Jay Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Kevin R. Bager

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