

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

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

Executive Session

December 9, 2013

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in executive session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana at 6:15 PM on December 9, 2013.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Kevin Boyer.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Personnel/Mid-Year Superintendent Evaluation as per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

No other subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. There being no other “Personnel” items to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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Regular Session

December 9, 2013

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 December 9, 2013.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Kevin Boyer.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mr. Michael Chobanov – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Curriculum/Assessment Coordinator, Mr. Ronald Brown, Mr. Ted Doty, and Mrs. April Leeper – Secondary Teachers, Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry – Reporter, Miss Brooklyn Bitting, Mr. Bryce Carswell, and Mr. Andrew Chupp – Students/FFA Members, Mrs. Jamie Bitting, Mrs. Heather Chupp, Mrs. Shelly Brown, and Mr. Wes Pugh – Patrons.

Pledge of
Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #1296 - #1411 for \$419,601.94, payrolls #23 - #24 for \$392,952.77 for a grand total of \$812,554.71; and the Minutes of the November 11, 2013 regular session. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Patrons’
Comments

None.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter made a motion that was followed by a second from Mrs. Barnhart to accept the retirement notices of Mrs. Connie Feldman as a bus driver effective on January 23, 2014; and Mr. Kris Berger as the bus mechanic effective on January 3, 2014. The motion carried unanimously.

Personnel (Cont.) Following Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved to hire the following personnel for coaching positions:

- Mr. Steve McBride as the varsity softball coach,
- Mr. Steve McBride as the junior high softball coach,
- Mr. Bill Keyser as the varsity softball assistant coach,
- Mr. Brad Hargrave as the varsity baseball assistant,
- Mr. Jake Burnett as the junior varsity baseball coach,
- Mr. Dave Carpenter as the junior high boys golf coach,
- and to utilize the volunteer services of Mr. Jeff Mellott in the softball program.

Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the 2013/2014 individual teacher contracts and retro pay back to August 1, 2013, as per Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other
Business

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mrs. Anders moved to approve the bond for Mrs. Janet Barker as the Corporation Treasurer. This was followed by a second from Mrs. Barnhart. The motion carried 4-0.

Members of the Triton Future Farmers of America (FFA) gave a presentation on the national convention that they attended in Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Riffle gave a presentation on the Elementary School Improvement Plan for 2013 – 2016, and Mr. Brown presented the 2013 – 2016 School Improvement Plan for the Jr./Sr. High School. The plans were developed by a committee for each of the respective buildings. The plans address actions being taken by staff members for continuous improvement. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the 2013 – 2016 School Improvement Plans as presented for each building and Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

The first reading on a new Board Policy entitled Dual Enrollment Policy for Extra-Curricular Activities was held. Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve the first reading of the Board Policy and this was followed by a second from Mrs. Anders. The motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Burroughs reviewed the "Annual Scorecard" for Triton School Corporation. This is an annual report that is part of the Corporation strategic plan.

Superintendent's
Report

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

Continuous Improvement: 87% of fourth grade students, and 78% of sixth grade students passed the science portion of the ISTEP. Scores have gone up and are 10% or more above the state average.

High Expectations: Adding the Junior Achievement Program to prepare students for real life.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

Shared Leadership: Board Members continue to work together to make positive things happen for our students. We've had a wonderful year!

Social Responsibility: Numerous staff members and students participated in fund raisers for causes such as "Shop with a Cop", and the Triton Christmas Project, food donations were collected for local food pantries, items such as shampoo and deodorant were donated by students to help at the battered victims shelters, etc.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: The transportation department is evaluating the current bus routes to see if all of the routes will be necessary next year.

Accountability: State Acuity Assessments and data analysis meetings are being held.

Patrons'
Comments

Mr. Scherer-Berry stated that he had recently interviewed Mr. Richard Anders, Maintenance Director, regarding the trash compactors that were purchased in August. As a result of the interview, he complimented the Corporation for doing a good job in helping to save the environment by utilizing the trash compactors, and for saving additional funds that would have been spent on the monthly trash bill.

Building
Reports

Mr. Riffle gave an update on events at the Elementary.
Mr. Chobanov reported on happenings 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.