

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

October 11, 2021

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 October 11, 2021. 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. Ken Miller, Mr. Steve Stichter and Mr. Wes Rettinger.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist; Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Elementary Principal, Mr. Brandon Young – High School Social Studies Teacher, Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media, and Miss Courtnie Doll, Miss Lauren Snyder, Miss Jolie Groves, Mr. William Weissert, Mr. Austin Weissert, Miss Emma Lemler, Miss Sarah Weber and Miss Kate Kaufman – High School Students.

Pledge of
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #3385 – #3559 in the amount of \$414,541.94, payrolls #18 and #19 in the amount of \$397,876.48, for a grand total of \$812,418.42; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on September 13, 2021, and the minutes of the regular session held on October 4, 2021. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter made a motion to utilize the volunteer services of Miss Emma Hepler in the volleyball program. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to hire Mrs. April Leeper as the Agriculture Teacher and FFA Sponsor, retroactive to her start date of October 5, 2021. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Rettinger moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to hire Mrs. Helen Schmidt as an Instructional Assistant at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Ms. Diane Murphy as a Little Hoosiers Sponsor.

Other
Business (Cont.)

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the 2022 Budget as presented, and to adopt the Reduction Resolution which authorizes the Superintendent or Treasurer to reduce line 15, line 5, or line 18 of the 2022 Budget if necessary. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the School Services Agreement between Triton School Corporation and Crossing National, Inc., for the period of July 2021 through June 2022 for providing educational services for eligible students. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the first reading of Corporation Policy, Volume 33, No. 2.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the quote of Klingerman Welding in the amount of \$100.00 for removal of all of the football bleachers and concrete pilings. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the quote from Mug Bug Power Washing, LLC, in the amount of \$14,400.00 for power washing the exterior of the Elementary School. (Note: The building will be power washed during the summer of 2022).

Mr. Stichter moved to approve the out-of-state senior class trip to Washington D.C., April 26 – April 28, 2022. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

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 Elementary held Parent-Teacher conferences today while Triton Jr./Sr. High School held professional development. Both are areas that show the want for continuous improvement and will lead to better outcomes for Triton scholars.

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

This continues to be a strength within our district. Directors, Administrators, parents, scholars, and community leaders' work together to make progress. Triton Gives Back, held on October 1, was a prime example of shared leadership. Mobilizing over 1,000 individuals for a cause takes so many people to do their part.

Another example of shared leadership is a tentative agreement on a teachers' contract that was voted on tonight. Two parties, coming together, for the good of Triton employees takes shared leadership and alignment. Congratulations to the Triton teachers on a nice raise, and a well-deserved display of confidence in the service you continue to provide our scholars and community.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

High Expectations (Continued):

Congratulations to Travis Barnhart, Jocelyn Faulkner, and Jayden Heckaman. They are headed to Regionals in Cross Country. Also, congratulations to the Distinguished Young Woman winner, Miss Hanna Hooley, and Junior Mister, Maclain Middaugh.

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.

Triton Elementary and Triton Jr./Sr. High School are doing everything in their power to give our scholars the support they need to be successful. Parent-Teacher conferences are held to continue to increase accountability, increase the chances of success by looking at the data and creating a plan for improvement and dedicating to continuously improve on the school and the parent end. Triton Jr./Sr. High School has adapted their SLC time to be more intentional to help those scholars who are struggling, they are continuing to provide a study table for those who need extra assistance, and are continuing to look for ways to proactively engage with those who need a little extra support socially and emotionally. All efforts are to align with our common goal of doing what is best for our students, their families, and our community.

Patrons' Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building Reports

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

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

Mr. Boyer made a motion for the Minutes to reflect that today is Madam President, Teresa Barnhart's birthday. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Adjournment

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

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ November 8, 2021

President: *Jay Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Kevin R. Boyer

Wesley M. ...

Kenneth W. ...