

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

May 13, 2022

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 May 9, 2022. The meeting 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; Mrs. Ashley Stayton – Corporation Receptionist; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Cook – Elementary Principal; Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media; Mr. Sean McGill; Mrs. Megan Hammond; Mr. Joshua Hammond; Mr. Brayden Hooley; Mr. Ben Firestone; Mr. Addison Hammond; Mr. David Cox; Mrs. Kristen Younis; Mr. Rodney Younis; Mrs. Melissa Lashure.

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 #3998 – #4179 in the amount of \$437,927.44, payrolls #7 – #9 in the amount of \$597,359.86, less voided vendor checks totaling (\$327.00), for a grand total of \$1,034,960.30; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on April 11, 2022. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to hire Mrs. Ashley Stayton as Corporation Receptionist/Payroll Clerk/Insurance Coordinator. Mr. Miller moved to hire Gayla Lemler as a full time bus driver and Shelia Thompson as a Special Education bus driver. Mr. Rettinger seconded and it carried 5-0. Mr. Miller moved to hire Ms. Margo Lemler as Corporation Food Service Director, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to hire Mr. Rodney Younis as Athletic Director, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0.

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to accept the resignation of Tina Zechiel as High School Science Teacher, effective at the end of the school year. Mr. Rettinger seconded and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to regretfully accept the resignation notice from Ms. Grace Smith as the Primary Resource Teacher, effective at the end of the school year. The vote carried 5-0.

Other

Mr. Sean Gill made a presentation regarding future Bond Sale. Mr. Riffle recommended to proceed with Bond which was motioned by Mr. Boyer and seconded by Mr. Rettinger.

Mr. Stichter moved to approve Elementary math textbook/license adoption. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Riffle recommended to replace the Elementary Café flooring. Mr. McFarland mentioned the schedule allows the floor to be replaced summer 2023 and the pricing will hold. Mr. Stichter moved to grant permission to proceed, Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Riffle referenced a plan for continuous improvement including but not limited to the Jr/Sr High Auditorium, High School Electrical, Elementary and High School office upgrades for safety, security and efficiency. Mr. Riffle also recognized the flexibility of all spring sports, and Vincent Prater for his first record breaking performance.

Mr. Cox spoke on behalf of the student-led committee about the interview process for hiring Mr. Younis as Athletic Director. The committee includes three additional High School athletes who were seeking an Athletic Director to help take students to the next level, provide a route to college, and unify all sports.

Mr. Riffle spoke about Teacher Appreciation Week as a reminder of the importance of everyone in Triton School Corporation. Mr. Riffle congratulated the 29th class of Kosciusko County Youth Leadership Academy which included eight Triton students. Mr. Riffle commended staff and students for their effort over the last two weeks on taking ILEARN.

Mr. Riffle recognized the Work Based Learning and Career and Technical Education Students who were honored as well as Mrs. Sarah Arvesen, Mrs. Ashli Faulkner, Mrs. Kim Stetzel, Mr. Blake Schori, and Mr. Nate McKeand for putting in the time and effort to make this first time event possible.

Mr. Riffle reported over the last two weeks 20 scholars were awarded Trojan Pride T-shirts as a way to recognize them for showing Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Determination, and Enthusiasm. Congratulations for the winning Jr. /Sr. High School T-shirt design, Maddy Wright.

Patrons' Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building Reports

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

Mr. McKeand reported on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Other

Mr. Lemler congratulated Mr. Younis on his new position in addition to recognizing the boys' golf team for their win on Saturday at the Marshall County meet.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: June 13, 2022

President: *John Binkhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Kevin R. Boyer

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