

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

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

Work Session

February 8, 2016

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met for a work session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana at 6:30 PM on February 8, 2016.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Steve Stichter.

Members Absent: Mrs. Terri Barnhart.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Sponsorship Policy and Calendar Discussion

Adjournment

No other subject matter was discussed in the work session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. The meeting adjourned at 6:59 PM.

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Regular Session

February 8, 2016

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 February 8, 2016.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Steve Stichter.

Members Absent: Mrs. Terri Barnhart.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Tom McFarland – Treasurer/Business Manager, Mr. Bob Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Administrative Assistant/Curriculum and Assessment, Mr. Ron Brown – Secondary Teacher/Wrestling Coach, Mr. Gavin Eads – DECA Member/Student, Mrs. Laurie Johnson – Patron, and Ms. Tisha Maher – Reporter.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Middaugh made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #1361 - #1468 in the amount of \$417,127.61 and payrolls #1 - #3 for \$519,293.15, for a grand total of \$936,420.76; and to approve the minutes of the January 11, 2016, executive session, work session, Board of Finance session, Reorganization session and two regular sessions. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Patrons'
Comments

None.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the following personnel items:

- Approve a maternity leave request for Mrs. Natalie Branda commencing on approximately April 20, 2016 and continuing through the end of the 2015/2016 school year;
- Approve a maternity leave request for Mrs. Jordan Smith commencing on approximately April 12, 2016 and continuing through the end of the 2015/2016 school year;
- Approve hiring Mrs. Susan Dietzel as the Music Productions Assistant;

Personnel (Cont.)

- Approve the revised contracts for the 2015/2016 school year for the certified staff members;
- Hire Mr. Matt Pitney as the Junior Varsity Baseball Coach; and
- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Paige Miller as the Varsity Volleyball Assistant.

Corporation
Policy

Mrs. Burroughs stated this is considered the second reading on all of the revisions on the Corporation Policies as recommended by NEOLA. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the second reading and revisions as recommended. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

2016/2017
School Calendar

Mr. Stichter moved to approve the school calendar for the 2016/2017 school year as presented. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bus
Bids

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the following bus purchases, less trade-in's, in the total amount of \$136,808.00 from Kerlin Bus Sales & Leasing:

- purchase a 54 passenger Thomas lift bus in the amount of \$90,637.00;
- purchase a MyBus activity bus in the amount of \$51,171.00;
- less the trade-in of our 2003 GM/Thomas 14 passenger activity bus in the amount of \$3,500.00; and
- less the trade-in of our 2002 International Bluebird 66 passenger bus in the amount of \$1,500.00.

Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Other
Business

Mrs. Burroughs recognized Mr. Gavin Eads as a DECA student winner. He and Cody Anderson are advancing on to the State competition.

Mrs. Burroughs apprised the Board of the bid process for trash/waste removal that was ascertained by the Northern Indiana Educational Services Center. Their negotiations with Republic Services, our current trash/waste removal vendor, has netted a savings of approximately \$200.00 per month. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the bid of Republic Services for trash/waste removal through the NIESC bidding process. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation allowing current freshmen students enrolled in the English 9 classes to take an out-of-state class trip to Boston, Massachusetts, from June 21 – 24, 2017, and to approve a trivia completion fund raiser to help defray the cost of the trip. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the request allowing the Art Club to take an out-of-state field trip to Chicago, Illinois, on April 8, 2016. This was followed by a second from Mr. Boyer. The motion carried 4-0.

Mrs. Burroughs requested approval of the Summer School Program dates and postings for June 13 – July 1, 2016. Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve Mrs. Burroughs' Summer School Program request.

Other
Business (Cont.)

Mr. McFarland provided a financial update comparing 2015 financial data with the 2016 financial projections.

Mr. Riffle reviewed the Elementary School Improvement Plan for the 2015/2016 school year, and Mr. Ross reviewed the 2015/2016 Jr./Sr. High School Student Improvement Plan.

Mrs. Burroughs presented the annual “scorecard” for Triton School Corporation. This report compared data for the 2012/2013, 2013/2014, and 2014/2015 school years in the areas of student learning outcomes, student and stakeholder focused results, budgetary, financial and market results.

Superintendent’s
Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified the following core values that have been realized:

Continuous Improvement: The girls’ and boys’ basketball teams were recognized.

High Expectations: Gavin Eads and Cody Anderson were recognized for their participation in the DECA Program and for advancing on in the State competition.

Shared Leadership: The high school wrestling team was recognized as being the HNAC Conference champions and for having two members of the team, Malachi Greene and Gage Waddle, advancing on to the Semi-State competition.

Social Responsibility: Mrs. Burroughs stated that she has been working on the Promise Indiana grant application in an effort to receive funds for students living in Marshall County that will provide financial assistance to students pursuing a college education after high school.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: Mrs. Burroughs cited school improvement planning as an example of evidence-based decision making.

Accountability: Mrs. Burroughs recognized Triton wrestling coaches, Mr. Ron Brown and Mr. Matt Arvesen, for receiving the HNAC Coaches of the Year Award.

Mrs. Burroughs apprised the Board that the Indiana Department of the Interior has added the old gym to the National Register of Historic Places.

Mr. Boyer moved to approve Mrs. Burroughs’ request to utilize February 15 and May 6, 2016 as student make-up days. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mrs. Burroughs reported that we currently have 910 students enrolled in Triton School Corporation.

Mrs. Burroughs notified the Board of the evaluation status for all Triton staff members.

Patrons’ Comments

There were no patrons’ comments.

Building Reports

Mr. Riffle and Mr. Ross provided an update on their respective buildings. Mrs. Burroughs added that Mr. Riffle and Mr. Ross have been nominated for Life Changer Awards.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.