

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

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

Regular Session

December 13, 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 December 13, 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; Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mrs. Laura Baker – Transportation Director; Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Cook – Elementary Principal; Mr. Brandon Young – High School Social Studies Teacher; Mrs. Tori Kistler – Parent, Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media; and Miss Taren Yates, Miss Paige King, Mr. Gavin Butler, Miss Sadie Barber, Miss Allison Barber, Mr. Bruce Johnson, Miss Alyssa Haines, Mr. Romio Vuittonet, Mr. Nicholai Fink, Mr. Ayden Scarberry, Miss Kylie Musilli, Mr. Breyton Wareham, Mr. Cameron Shively, Mr. Dalton Irwin, Mr. Caden Graham, Miss Zaira Wilson, Miss Nelly Reinholdson, Miss Maria Sofia Casabona, Miss Leeah Webb, Mr. Tyson Yates, and Mr. Isaac Lemler – High School Students.

Pledge of
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #3653 – #3777 in the amount of \$522,472.01, payrolls #23 through #24A in the amount of \$551,044.97, less voided vendor check #33603 in the amount of (\$2,549.78) for a grand total of \$1,070,967.20; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on November 8, 2021. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve all substitute teachers and substitute support staff as presented.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the request from Mrs. Katie Smith for a maternity leave of absence from approximately March 17, 2022, through the end of the 2021/2022 school year. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Personnel
(Cont.)

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to hire Mrs. Lindsay Shively as the Eighth Grade Girls' Basketball Coach; Mrs. Allison Stuart as the Seventh Grade Girls' Basketball Coach; Mr. Jeremy Riffle as the Sixth Grade Girls' Basketball Coach; and Mrs. Ashli Faulkner as the Fifth Grade Girls' Basketball Coach; and to utilize the volunteer services in the girls basketball program as follows: Mr. Sam Stutzman – eighth grade girls'; and Mr. Garrett Howell – sixth grade girls'.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to hire Mrs. Samantha Phenix as the Drama Director for the 2021/2022 play production. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to hire Mrs. Stephanie Andrews as an Elementary Instructional Assistant for kindergarten.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to hire Miss Kay Church as a Substitute Teacher and Substitute Nurse. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0 to accept the resignation from Miss Natalie Branda as an Elementary Special Education Teacher.

Other
Business

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the CIESC cooperative purchasing bid for two (2) 2022 Thomas C2 66 passenger school buses from Kerlin Bus Sales in the amount of \$204,466.00 less the trade in of our bus #4 (2008 Thomas Safe-T-Liner C2 66 passenger bus) in the amount of \$4,500.00 for a total purchase price of \$199,966.00; and to purchase one (1) Thomas 54 passenger school bus with a wheelchair lift in the amount of \$111,761.00 also from Kerlin Bus Sales. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. McFarland provided a financial update. He informed the Board that the auditors have completed the financial audit and they've stated there are no concerns with the finances.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to approve providing transportation for the Youth Leadership of Marshall County's day of community service.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the first reading of the Corporation Policy as presented. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it 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.

The first workshop for the Corporation Strategic Plan was scheduled for December 10. Unfortunately, the workshop was postponed due to fog and school being cancelled as well. The workshop will be rescheduled at a later date. Mr. Riffle will be meeting with Mr. McKeand and Mrs. Cook to plan the details of the January 3rd Professional Development Day and recommend a date for the workshop.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

Continuous Improvement (cont.): 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.

Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation to the Board for attending one of Mr. Michael Adamson's final presentations for the Indiana School Boards Association. Mr. Riffle stated, "Mr. Adamson does a great job of keeping superintendents and boards accountable for their jobs and responsibilities."

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

Filming has begun on the Triton Gives Back Documentary. Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation of Mrs. Sarrah Arvesen and Mrs. Ashli Faulkner for scheduling and rescheduling this to assure the finished product will be back, sooner than later. He also thanked Mr. Nick Rice from Red Feather West for his partnership and his compliments of Triton School Corporation, our staff, and students.

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.

Triton School Corporation continues to work closely with the Town of Bourbon to plan how best to put the finishing touches on the Bourbon lift station project and coordinate how to best improve the south side of the Triton property with new fencing when the project is complete.

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.

Students and staff are currently in the process of completing mid-year testing which has been a "test of will" due to finding available substitute teachers and making up tests by students who were absent.

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

In our current reality, extending or expanding expectations has been extremely difficult. Mr. Riffle commented, "That being said, I am so very proud of our teachers and instructional assistants."

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Building
Reports

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

Mr. McKeand gave a report on events at 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 7:36 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: January 10, 2022

President: *Jessie Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Kevin R. Bogen

Wendy M. A.

Kenneth W. Mill