

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular & Executive Sessions

May 14, 2018

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Executive Session at 6:30 PM, and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on May 14, 2018.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mrs. Christine Cook – Interim Elementary Principal, Mrs. Dawn Slein – Secondary Teacher, Mr. Bruce Gephart – Maintenance Director, Mrs. Margo Lemler – Elementary Cafeteria Coordinator, Miss Brittany Gregory, Mr. Isaias Kurosky, Miss Michelle Schwartz, Miss Lauren Snyder, Mr. Drew Stichter, Mr. Matthew Hefner, Miss Arminda Chapman-Dreibelbis, Mr. Jade Kieninger, and Mr. Agosto Salgado – Students, Mrs. Jamie Stoner – Reporter, Ms. Allena Peacock, Mrs. Lori Schwartz, Mr. Harry Schwartz, Mr. Orion Lemler, Mr. Tim Stichter, Mrs. Evelyn Stichter, Mr. Mark Gregory, and Mr. Juston Kieninger – Patrons.

* * * * **EXECUTIVE SESSION** * * * *

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Middaugh, Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and Mr. Riffle were present.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Personnel as per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

No other subject matter was discussed during the Executive Session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Adjournment

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:55 PM.

* * * * **REGULAR SESSION** * * * *

Mrs. Middaugh called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #4120 - #4310 in the amount of \$448,920.29, payrolls #8 – #9 in the amount of \$333,499.72, and voided vendor checks #23099 in the amount of \$5,477.00 and #23105 in the amount of \$100.00 for a grand total of \$776,843.01; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on April 9, 2018. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Personnel

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0 to approve the following personnel items:

- Accept the with regret the retirement notice of Barry Davis as the Elementary Art Teacher,
- Accept the resignation from Mrs. Ana Bumbaugh-Hoffer as an Elementary Instructional Assistant,
- Accept the resignation from Mrs. Mary Hayes as an Elementary Instructional Assistant,
- Approve hiring Mrs. Kimberly Stetzel as the Guidance Secretary at the Jr./Sr. High School retroactive to her training/starting date of May 7th,
- Approve transferring Mrs. Kaley Alber from a First Grade Teacher to a Fifth Grade Teacher
- Approve hiring Mrs. Gwenda Gard as a First Grade Teacher (*note: Mrs. Gard was hired on a temporary teaching contract for the 2017/2018 school year*)
- Approve transferring Mrs. Karyn McFarland from her current position as a Sixth Grade Teacher to the Elementary Art Teacher position,
- Approve the transfer of Mr. Adam Heckaman as a Sixth Grade Teacher to the position of Title I/Interventionist,
- Approve hiring Mr. Robert Ross as the Summer School Online Test Administrator for the Jr./Sr. High School.
- Approve the request of Mr. David Seel for three days off without pay on May 30, May 31, and June 1, and
- Approve the new pay scale for bus drivers effective at the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year so as to remain competitive with area schools.

The following students were recognized for their achievements and those in attendance were presented with a certificate:

DARE Competition Winners: Miss Brittany Gregory, Mr. Isaias Kurosky, and Miss Michelle Schwartz.

Daughters of the American Revolution Youth Citizenship Award: Miss Lauren Snyder, Mr. Drew Stichter and Mr. Austin Weissert.

Moose Krause Distinguished Service Award: Mr. Matthew Hefner and Mr. Drew Stichter.

Other
Business

A presentation was given on the PLTW Biomedical Innovations Class by Mrs. Dawn Slein, Instructor, and her students, Miss Arminda Chapman-Dreibelbis, Mr. Jade Kieninger, and Mr. Agosto Salgado.

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the new preschool program for the 2018/2019 school year. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Barnhart moved to approve adding one new Elementary Teacher position and one new Elementary Instructional Assistant position for the 2018/2019 school year for the new preschool program that is being implemented. This was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the quote from GreenMark Equipment, Inc., for the purchase of a John Deere 4066R compact utility tractor with a 440R loader and a 72" utility bucket with edge at a cost of \$48,412.26, less the trade-in of our 2006 Case IH JX75 tractor in the amount of \$20,600.00, for a total remaining balance of \$27,812.26. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mrs. Barnhart moved to approve the quote from Copper River Cabinet Company in the amount of \$27,866.64 for cabinetry, countertops, and upgrades in the FACS room in the Jr./Sr. High School. Discussion occurred. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 4-1 (Mr. Boyer opposed).

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the quote from Kent's Excavating and Plumbing, LLC, to make drain and sidewalk repairs in the area by door #4 (adjacent to the handicap parking area) at the Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mrs. Barnhart moved to approve Mr. McFarland's request to seek proposals from area banks for banking services for the Corporation. This was followed by a second from Mr. Boyer. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to accept the generous monetary donations to the Corporation for the blanket service project that students in Mrs. Sarrah Davis' classes crafted for donation to the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Plymouth and for some of the local nursing homes. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Gephart provided an activity report for the Maintenance Department. We have undergone an inspection and follow-up visit by the Fire and Safety Inspector from the Department of Homeland Security, as well as our three year asbestos inspection. The roofing project at the Jr./Sr. High School is ahead of schedule, and the auxiliary gym project is going well. The HVAC project at the Elementary is expected to be completed prior to the beginning of the 2018/2019 school year. Sidewalk repairs have been completed near the old gym.

Superintendent's Report

Mr. Riffle identified the following core values that have been recognized since the previous meeting:

Shared Leadership: Today was a prime example of people coming together to show shared leadership. Mr. Gephart, Mr. McFarland, Mr. Feldman, Miss Perry, Mr. Brown, and Mr. Van Houten all played a role in helping take care of the water concern in both the cafeteria and the girls' locker rooms at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Accountability: Benchmark assessments are taking place this week. Teachers and students are held accountable to continue to make progress.

High Expectations: Students continue to work hard to meet the high expectations both on their teams and in the classrooms. Teachers continue to set high standards and expectations to prepare our students for college and a career.

Evidence Based Decision Making: Implementation of the new pre-school program took into account parent feedback.

Patrons' Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building Reports

Mrs. Cook provided a report on happenings at the Jr./Sr. High School in behalf of Mr. Ross, and she concluded by commenting on events at the Elementary.

Adjournment

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

Teresa L. Barnhart, Secretary

Approved: _____ June 11, 2018

President: _____

Secretary: _____
