

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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* * * **BOARD MINUTES** * * *

Public Hearing & Regular Session

September 11, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met for a Public Hearing at 6:30 PM and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on September 11, 2017.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Steve Stichter were present for all of the meetings.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist; Mr. Bruce Gephart – Maintenance Director; Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal; Mr. Bob Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Cook – Data Assessment Coordinator/Administrative Assistant; Mr. Jim Clevenger – Project Attorney from Wyland, Humphrey, and Clevenger, LLP; Mr. Jordan Ickes, Mr. Wes Rettinger and Mrs. Geneal Walters – Members of the Triton Multi-School Building Corporation.

The Board Members, Mrs. Burroughs, Mr. McFarland, Attorney Clevenger, and Mrs. Walters were present for the Public Hearing on the Proposed Lease for the Building Project.

NOTE: Attorney Clevenger will provide the official Minutes for the Public Hearing and adoption of the Bond Project Resolutions.

Mrs. Middaugh called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Middaugh, Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and everyone listed in “Others Present” were present at the Regular Session.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #3328 - #3541 in the amount of \$435,044.79, voids and other in the amount of (~~\$-48.56~~); payrolls #16 – #17 in the amount of \$322,888.22 for a grand total of \$757,884.45; and to approve the minutes of the Board/Administrative Session and the Regular Session that was held on August 14, 2017. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons’
Comments

There were no patrons’ comments.

Personnel

Mrs. Burroughs read aloud her heartfelt notice of her retirement effective on December 31, 2017. Board members noted the success that Triton School Corporation has realized under her leadership and they expressed their sincere appreciation for her phenomenal job as Superintendent. Mr. Stichter moved to accept with regret Mrs. Burroughs’ retirement notice, and Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-1. Mr. Boyer stated he opposes accepting Mrs. Burroughs’ retirement notice out of respect and because of his disappointment that she is leaving her position.

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs recommendation, Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the following personnel items:

- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Terrin Meister-Robbins as a Varsity Volleyball Assistant;
- Hire Mrs. Dawn Slein as the Science Club Sponsor;
- Hire Mr. David Seel as the Music Production Director;
- Hire Mrs. Susan Dietzel as the Music Production Assistant Director;
- Hire Ms. Kassie Soriano as a Varsity Volleyball Assistant;

Personnel (Cont.)

- Hire the following as Boys' Basketball Coaches: Mr. Jack Carpenter – Fifth Grade; Mr. Tim Shively – Sixth Grade; Mr. Dave Carpenter – Seventh Grade; Mr. Taylor Long – Eighth Grade; Mr. Josh Moore – Ninth Grade; Mr. Blake Schori – Junior Varsity; Mr. Steve Duff – Varsity Assistant; and Mr. Joe White – Volunteer Coach.
- Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Bond Project

Mrs. Middaugh stated that Attorney Jim Clevenger conducted the Public Hearing on the Building Project prior to the Regular Session this evening. No patrons expressed their opposition to the building project during the Public Hearing. The Board adopted the Resolution Authorizing Execution of the Lease, the Resolution Approving Undertaking and Issuance of Bonds, and the Resolution Accepting Post-Issuance Procedures.

2018 Budget Public Hearing & Adopt CPF & Bus Replace. Plans

Mr. McFarland declared this is the Public Hearing on the 2018 Budget. No patrons objected to the 2018 Budget. Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to adopt the Capital Projects Fund Plan for 2018 – 2020, and the Bus Replacement Plan for 2018 – 2019 as presented.

Other Business

Mr. Ross provided information pertaining to establishing a clay shooting club for high school students and he stated that Mr. Ryan Meister has expressed his interest in serving as the Shooting Club Sponsor. He would hold practices at the Back Forty Sporting Clays if approved. Indiana Conservation Officers and local law enforcement will also be involved with the safety education in the program. Mr. Boyer made a motion to implement the Clay Shooting Club for high school students and to approve Mr. Ryan Meister as the Club Sponsor. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Following Mrs. Burroughs recommendation and additional discussion, Mr. Stichter made a motion to accept the generous donation of a band tower and fencing from Notre Dame University. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mrs. Burroughs requested permission to apply for all grants that the Corporation is eligible to receive funding, including the new Title IV Grant. Mr. Miller moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously, to authorize Mrs. Burroughs to apply for grant funds.

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Boyer moved to adopt a Resolution in Support of Public Education in which the nation's public school superintendents and school boards are calling on local, state, and federal lawmakers to prioritize support for public schools. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve as requested by Mr. McFarland, a "Letter of Intent" to purchase two (2) buses from Kerlin Bus Sales pending approval and appropriate financing of the 2018 Bus Replacement Fund Budget from the Department of Local Government and Finance. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Superintendent's Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified how each of the following core values have been met since the previous Board meeting:

Continuous Improvement: The varsity football team's awesome record of 3 – 1 for the start of the season and the girls' golf team recently being named conference champs for the first time ever is evidence of continuous improvement.

High Expectations: Another "first time ever" award was the WNDU School Spirit Award that was given to Triton Jr./Sr. High School last week.

Shared Leadership: Second grade students are reaching out to others in Tanzania to become their pen pals.

Social Responsibility: The first grade service project to aid Texas following Hurricane Harvey is evidence of social responsibility.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: We have been investigating implementing LED lighting in an effort to conserve funds and energy in the buildings.

Accountability: The ongoing work on the building project shows accountability.

There was a moment of silence to acknowledge the victims of the terrorist attacks on 9/11.

Patrons'
Comments

Mrs. Cook and Mr. Ickes expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Burroughs for her leadership during her tenure as Superintendent.

Building
Reports

Mr. Riffle provided an update on events at the Elementary. He also expressed his gratitude for Mrs. Burroughs efforts and her leadership.

Mr. Ross gave a report on events at the Jr./Sr. High School and he also conveyed how grateful he was to have Mrs. Burroughs guidance at Triton.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Teresa L. Barnhart, Secretary

Approved: _____ October 9, 2017

President: _____

Secretary: _____
