

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

**\*\*\* BOARD MINUTES \*\*\***

**Regular Session**

**March 11, 2019**

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 March 11, 2019.

Members Present: Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mr. Steve Stichter, and Mr. Wes Rettinger.

Members Absent: Mr. Ken Miller.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Elementary Principal, Mrs. Melissa LaShure – Data & Assessment Coordinator, Mr. Bruce Gephart – Maintenance Director, Mr. Ted Fisher – Technology Director, Mr. Brandon Young – Secondary Teacher, Mrs. Carol Anders – Reporter, Mrs. Lisa Weissert and Mrs. Connie Lemler – Patrons, Mr. Trevor Miller, Ms. Samantha Edington, Ms. Mary Yeo, Mr. Bryan Ulloa, Ms. Brenna Weissert, Ms. Alysha May, Mr. Robert Arndt, Mr. Jarrett Gard, Ms. Cynthia Yeo, Ms. Briana Wilhite, and Mr. Ethan Berry – Students.

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

Consensus  
agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #80 - #264 in the amount of \$542,004.27, and payrolls #3 – #5 in the amount of \$549,205.51, the voided vendor check #30465 in the amount of (-\$10,034.10) for a grand total of \$1,081,175.68; and to approve the minutes of the executive session and regular sessions held on February 11, 2019. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 4 – 0.

Patrons'  
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Personnel

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the following personnel items:

- Accept the resignation of Mr. Jeremy May as the Girl's Junior High Track Coach;
- Hire Mr. Jeremy May as the Girls' Varsity Track Coach;
- Utilize the volunteer services of Ms. Ashley Lemler in the softball program;
- Hire Mr. Earl Barger as a Varsity Assistant Softball Coach; and
- Hire Ms. Sara Dixon as the Junior Varsity Softball Coach.

Corporation Policy –  
Second/Final Reading

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the new Corporation policies and revisions to existing policies that need to be updated as per the recommendation of NEOLA. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Other  
Business

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the following:

- Purchase new garage doors, remotes, receivers, and remote antennas with cable for the bus garage from D.C. Garage Doors & Entry per estimate #1388 in the amount of \$25,046.00;
- Purchase 325 Lenovo 100e Chromebooks, management consoles, and the 3 ½ year manufacturer and ADP warranty for each from Firefly Computers in the amount of \$92,950.00 as per quote #655524;
- Items to be sold in the FFA auction as follows: two (2) rain train sprinklers, metal shelves, student desks, chalk boards, in-ground volleyball poles, scoreboard, light bulbs, metal cabinets, file cabinets, lunch trays, wooden folding tables, folding chairs, floor scrubber, ladder with rolling base, floor sweeper, antique paper drill, gym flooring, B50 emergency ballasts, flooring buffers, enclosed "band" trailer, and sections of lockers;

Other  
Business (Cont.)

- Purchase of copy paper from Office Depot in the amount of \$6,555.60;
- Purchase emergency evacuation signs, etc., for the Jr./Sr. High School as per quote #46788 from Descon in the amount of \$2,651.90; and purchase signs, headers, etc., from Descon in the amount of \$4,325.00 for the entrance hallway and the interior and exterior welcome areas near the gymnasium at the Jr./Sr. High School as per quote #46784; and
- Approve the quote from Mrs. Kristen Younis in the amount of \$5,800.00 to paint eight restrooms at the Elementary; and the staff lounge and a classroom at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Superintendent's  
Report

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

**Continuous Improvement:** The Robotics VEX IQ Team placed 33rd out of 67 teams at the State competition. This is the first VEX State Robotics Competition in school history. Thank you to Mrs. Mevis and Mrs. LaShure for coaching the team of Travis Barnhart, Gwendolyn Neff, Wayne Reichert, Carter Hodges, Cayden Bradley, and Emma Tobolski.

**Shared Leadership:** Great work to Mrs. Mevis and Mrs. LaShure for coordinating a successful VEX Robotics Competition at Triton Elementary on Saturday, February 16th. Several individuals, including state officials and building level leaders from other schools commented about how well the event was run.

**Social Responsibility:** Thanks to Mr. McIntyre, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Mendy Davis, and everyone else who made the sectional and regional tournaments a success, and also for hosting an awesome Hall of Fame Ceremony on February 16th. Several people have reached out to thank our staff for their hospitality and communication during the tournament. Mr. Bob Kurtz from WLQI Sports, sent a complimentary email that Mr. McIntyre shared with everyone thanking them for their customer service and expressing how well the event runs each year. In addition, the FFA did a great job honoring local farmers and members of our agriculture community at their pancakes and sausage breakfast on February 20.

**Accountability:** Mr. Ross and the High School Staff started administering ISTEP 10 testing this week. We're excited for students to give their best and continue to help Triton to achieve recognition as the highest performing district in Kosciusko and Marshall County.

**High Expectations:** Thank you to Triton students Caleb Lemler and Lauren Snyder for their participation and representation on the Corporation Wellness Committee. Other student recognition and congratulations was extended to the following students:

- Science Fair Participants: Samantha Middaugh, Caden Large, Travis Barnhart, and Dolan Berkepile on representing Triton Elementary at the Notre Dame Science Fair on March 2nd. Dolan received the JIME-ACC Excellence Award, Travis received the Broadcom MASTERS Rising Stars Competition Junior Award, the Naval Research Award and the Kathleen Delanghe Junior Award.
- Congratulations to the Triton Cheerleaders for receiving the Spirit Award and for placing 2nd recently at the LaVille Invitational.
- Congratulations to Lexy Sellers and Addison Lemler for earning top honors in the Young Authors Competition. They will get to meet author, Troy Cummings, at a special awards ceremony at Culver Elementary.
- Those students in a vocal group receiving a "silver" at the ISSMA State level were Karianne Dunifin, Gretta & Sydney Stotler, Sasha West, Alexis Whitehurst & Madelyn Young. The following soloists also participated at the ISSMA State competition and received a "silver": Lauren Hedington and Karianne Dunifin, and those receiving a "gold" were Angela Riffey and Sasha West. The following percussion group received a "gold" at the ISSMA State level: Miles Ortiz, Ethan O'Connor, Morgan Cook, and Caitlyn Ihnen.
- Our Jazz Band performed at an ISSMA competition in Goshen recently and they received a "gold". Students in the saxophone section are Dylan Fear, Trynidy Milton, Karah Nelson, Gretta Stotler and Susan Young. Those in the trumpet section are Brody Evans, Elijah Hernandez and Fiona Young. Members in the trombone section are Brayden Cunningham, Will Weissert and Sasha West. Students in the rhythm section are Jarrett Gard, Caitlyn Ihnen, Ethan O'Connor and Miles Ortiz.
- Abigail Powell was selected as one of the top ten contestants at The Distinguished Young Woman Indiana competition.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

**High Expectations (continued):**

- Wyatt Davis competed at the Indy Nationals for wrestling on Sunday. He earned 3rd place honors and he was the youngest in his bracket.
- Congratulations to Tye Orsund for being named to the North/South All-Star Football Team.

**Evidence Based Decision Making:** The Triton School Corporation Wellness Committee met on Thursday of last week to compile and review the 2019-2020 Corporation Wellness Plan. Members of the Community, Triton School Corporation Staff/Administration/Board Member/Students, Health Care Professionals, Cafeteria Employees, and The NIESC Dietician were all involved in giving feedback and suggestions for goals for this three year plan.

**Alignment:** "The Trojan Way" is a tribute to "team over others" and "school over self". We are proud of the 41 units of blood donated by our Scholars and members of the Triton Community. This was enough to potentially save 123 – 205 lives.

Mr. Riffle apprised the Board of the desire to expand the robotics program next year to include a junior high robotics team and he requested permission to seek qualified candidates in becoming an academic sponsor for junior high robotics. By consensus, the Board approved Mr. Riffle's request.

Student make-up days will be April 19, and June 3 – 5.

Building Reports

Mrs. Cook reported on events at the Elementary.

Mr. Ross gave an update on activities at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Patrons' Comments

A number of students inquired about the decision to remove a study hall period from the daily schedule at the Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Riffle explained the reasoning for this decision and discussion occurred. Mr. Riffle and the Board expressed their appreciation to the students for their courage in asking questions about this decision.

Adjournment

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

Steven D. Stichter, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ April 8, 2019

President: *Lucy Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steven D. Stichter*

*Kevin R. Bock*

*Mr. M. A. G.*

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