

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

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

Board/Administrative Session & Regular Session

August 14, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met for the annual Board/Administrative Session at 5:00 PM at Triton Elementary School, 200 Triton Drive, and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on August 14, 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. Mindy Klotz – Transportation Director; Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist; Mr. Bruce Gephart – Maintenance Director; Mr. Ted Fisher – Technology Director; Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal; Mr. Bob Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Cook – Data Assessment Coordinator/Administrative Assistant; Mr. Mason McIntyre – Athletic Director/Dean of Students; Mr. Jim Clevenger – Project Attorney from Wyland, Humphrey, and Clevenger, LLP; Mr. Jordan Ickes, Mr. Wes Rettinger and Mrs. Geneal Walters – Patrons.

*** * * * BOARD/ADMINISTRATIVE SESSION * * * ***

The Board Members, Mrs. Burroughs, Directors, Principals, and Administrative Assistants met at 5:00 PM at Triton Elementary School for the Board/Administrative Session.

Adjournment

The Board/Directors Session adjourned at 6:50 PM.

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

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 #3292 - #3430 in the amount of \$474,962.27, and payrolls #14 – #15 in the amount of \$315,480.86 for a grand total of \$790,443.13; and to approve the minutes of the executive session and the regular session that was held on July 10, 2017. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons’
Comments

There were no patrons’ comments.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter moved to approve Mrs. Burroughs’ recommendation as presented for the following personnel items:

- Accept the resignation of Ms. Felicia Adamson as a First Grade Teacher;
- Hire Ms. Katie Claxon as a First Grade Teacher;
- Hire Mrs. Gwenda Gard as a First Grade Teacher;
- Approve adding a Part-Time Athletic Director position at the Jr./Sr. High School;
- Hire Mr. Jason Groves as the Part-Time Athletic Director;
- Approve a maternity leave of absence for Mrs. Sarah Kauffman;
- Accept the resignation of Mr. Mason McIntyre as the Ninth Grade Class Sponsor;

Personnel (Cont.)

- Approve the annual salary step increases for recommended classified staff members based upon their anniversary date and receiving an effective evaluation for the 2016/2017 school year (as per attached);
- Approve increasing the pay for substitute teachers by \$5.00 per day;
- Approve the following individuals for extra-curricular positions as listed:
 - Mr. David Seel – Music Productions Director, Trojan Singers, Instrumental Music and Vocal Music Competition;
 - Mrs. Tracie Vermillion – DECA Sponsor;
 - Ms. Lynn Fischer – FFA Sponsor;
 - Ms. Diana Westphal – Yearbook Sponsor and Art Club Sponsor;
 - Mrs. Colleen Kitson=Perrin – Spanish Club Sponsor;
 - Mrs. Casi Panton and Mrs. Shawna Shively – Little Hoosiers Sponsors;
 - Ms. Christina Stout – National Honor Society Sponsor and Varsity Cheerleading Sponsor;
 - Ms. Carrie Orłowski – Student Council Sponsor;
 - Mrs. Jenny Mevis – Robotics Sponsor
 - Mrs. Michelle Waymouth – 7th Grade Class Sponsor and 11th Grade Class Sponsor
 - Mr. Jason Groves – 11th Grade Class Sponsor and Boys' Varsity Basketball Coach;
 - Mr. Robert Ross – 12th Grade Class Sponsor;
 - Mr. Adam Heckaman – Girls' Varsity Basketball Coach;
 - Mr. Jack Carpenter – Boys' Varsity Golf Coach;
 - Mr. Matt Arvesen – Varsity Wrestling Coach;
 - Mr. Ron Brown – Wrestling Assistant Coach;
 - Mr. Curt Kreft – Boys' Varsity Track Coach;
 - Mr. Blake Schori – 9th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach;
 - Mr. Taylor Long – 8th Grade Boys' Basketball Coach;
 - Mrs. June Klotz – ACES Sponsor;
 - Mrs. Nancy Nordmann – 8th Grade Class Sponsor;
 - Mrs. Dara Greenawalt – Elementary Cheerleading Sponsor; and
 - Mr. Andrew Cora – Color Guard Coach

Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Bond
Project

Mrs. Burroughs stated that the bond project is moving forward since no remonstrances were filed by any of the taxpayers within Triton School Corporation. Mr. Clevenger explained and recommended adopting each of the following resolutions:

Mr. Boyer made a motion to adopt the Resolution Determining Need for Project as required by the school leasing statute (IC 20-47-3). Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter moved to adopt the Resolution Approving the Form of Lease (*note: this is a formal determination of how the project will be financed and it also authorizes the publication of the Notice of Hearing on the Lease*). Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to adopt the Resolution Approving Building Corporation (*note: this is as per the IRS requirement which states the School Board is to approve the Building Corporation and also authorizes it to issue tax-exempt bonds on behalf of Triton School Corporation*), and to appoint Mr. Jordan Ickes, Mr. Weston Rettinger and Mrs. Geneal Walters as members of the Triton Multi-School Building Corporation. This was followed by a second from Mr. Boyer. The motion carried unanimously.

2018 Budget

Mr. McFarland provided an overview of the 2018 Corporation budget, Capital Projects Fund Plan for 2018 – 2020, and the Bus Replacement Plan for 2018 – 2029 and he requested permission to advertise the proposed budget as required. Mrs. Barnhart moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to give the Administration Office permission to publish the 2018 budget as requested.

Corporation
Policy

Mr. Boyer made a motion to waive additional readings and adopt a new policy to meet the requirements of the new law that was recently enacted pertaining to Teacher Appreciation Grants, and to revise the current policy on Legal Settlement and Transfer Students. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other
Business

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve a Consulting Agreement between Triton School Corporation and Mrs. Donna Burroughs, effective on January 1, 2018. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Superintendent's
Report

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

Continuous Improvement: Lutheran Health Network/Kosciusko Community Hospital has committed to donate \$150,000.00 to Triton School Corporation over a period of 10 years. A kickoff to acknowledge the partnership was held during the Bourbon Summerfest Parade. A second kickoff will be held during the football game on August 18th. Representatives from KCH also attended the staff orientation breakfast.

High Expectations: We had a great start to the school year and anticipate this will continue for the entire school year. The Drive 4 Ur School fund raiser netted approximately \$5,000.00.

Shared Leadership: The substitute teacher training that was delivered by the Administrative team is evidence of shared leadership.

Social Responsibility: The annual ice cream social was held prior to the fireworks display during the Bourbon Summerfest and was well attended by the community.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: The Second Step Program was added at Triton Elementary School in an effort to assist our students socially and emotionally.

Accountability: The steps that were taken by the Board tonight to get the Building Project underway demonstrates accountability.

Mrs. Burroughs expressed her appreciation to the Board for providing the meat that was served during the luncheon on staff orientation day. She also acknowledged the Ruby Payne presentation on staff orientation day and is geared towards understanding the adversity that students whose families are living in poverty face each day.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building
Reports

Mr. Riffle provided an update on events at the Elementary.

Mr. McIntyre 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. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Teresa L. Barnhart, Secretary

Approved: September 11, 2017

President: _____

Secretary: _____
