

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

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

**Work Session**

**September 8, 2014**

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met for a work session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana at 6:15 PM on September 8, 2014.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, and Mrs. Michelle Babcock – Treasurer/Business Manager.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Calendar/Budget/Bond Project

**Adjournment**

No other subject matter was discussed in the work session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.

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**Regular Session**

**September 8, 2014**

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in regular session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana at 7:00 PM on September 8, 2014.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Michelle Babcock – Treasurer/Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Curriculum/Assessment Coordinator, Mr. Michael Chobanov – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Ron Brown and Ms. Diana Westphal – Secondary Teachers, Mrs. Shawna Shively – TTA President, Mr. Ken Miller – Patron, Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry – Reporter, and Miss Brooklyn Bitting – Student/Member of Triton FFA.

Pledge of Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #865 - #981 for \$484,263.94 and payrolls #16 - #18 for \$495,476.93 for a grand total of \$979,740.87; and to approve the minutes of the August 11, 2014 work session, and regular session. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons’ Comments

None.

Personnel

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Mrs. Burroughs’ recommendation for the following personnel items:

- Accept the resignation of Miss Karly Keiper as an Intermediate Special Education Teacher,
- Hire Mrs. Natalie Branda as an Intermediate Special Education Teacher,
- Hire Ms. Amanda Shively as an Elementary Instructional Assistant,
- Hire Ms. Marsha Paul as a Substitute Bus Drive,
- Hire Mr. Patrick Self as a Varsity Football Assistant Coach,
- Accept with regret the resignation of Mr. Rodney Younis as the Varsity Baseball Coach,
- Hire Mr. Jeremy May as a Varsity Football Assistant (this is a shared position),
- Accept the resignation of Mr. Allen Peckham from his positions as the Varsity Boys Tennis Coach and as the Varsity Girls Tennis Coach,
- Utilize the services of Mr. Allen Peckham as a volunteer coach with a stipend for the boys and girls tennis teams, and

Personnel (Cont.)

- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Amy Chizum as a Part-Time Custodian at the Elementary and allow her to remain as a Substitute Custodian.

Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Public Hearing  
On Budget, CPF  
Plan & the Bus  
Replace. Plan

Mrs. Middaugh stated that this is considered the public hearing on the 2015 Budget, 2015–2017 Capital Projects Fund Plan, and the 2015–2026 Bus Replacement Plan. No patrons commented or objected to any part of the budget, capital projects fund plan, or the bus replacement plan.

Collective  
Bargaining  
Agreement

Mrs. Burroughs reported on the changes in the Collective Bargaining Contract Between the Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation and the Triton Teachers Association. Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement for the period of August 1, 2014 through July 31, 2015, as presented. This was followed by a second from Mrs. Anders. The motion carried unanimously.

Corporation  
Policy Updates

Mrs. Burroughs stated that all of the Board Policies have been reviewed by NEOLA. Mrs. Anders made a motion to approve the suggested revisions to the current Board Policies to bring them in line with legislative changes. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Other  
Business

Miss Brooklyn Bitting, representing the Triton FFA Organization, requested permission for members of the FFA to attend the National Convention in Louisville, KY on October 29-31. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the out-of-state field trip for the FFA as requested. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Miss Westphal requested approval of an out-of-state field trip for the Art Club to go to the Art Institute and Navy Pier located in Chicago, IL on October 11, 2014. Miss Westphal also requested permission for the Art Club to be allowed to go Europe sometime during the summer of 2016. Mr. Boyer moved, Mrs. Anders seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve both of the out-of-state field trip requests as presented by Miss Westphal.

Mrs. Burroughs requested approval for securing a general obligation bond and to borrow the maximum amount that the Corporation is eligible to receive to enable the Corporation to move forward with maintenance of buildings and grounds and in enhancing the technology department improvements and upgrades. Mr. Boyer made a motion to proceed with securing the general obligation bond and to borrow the maximum amount we are eligible to borrow. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Riffle and Mrs. Cook presented an overview of the Elementary School Improvement Plan and Mr. Brown presented the School Improvement Plan for the Jr./Sr. High School. Mrs. Barnhart moved, Mrs. Anders seconded and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the School Improvement Plans for the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School as presented.

Superintendent’s  
Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified the following Core Values that have been realized in the past month:

**Continuous Improvement:** Coach Johns and the football team have been working hard and participating in several team building activities in preparation for football season.

**High Expectations:** Mrs. Burroughs noted that she has received very complimentary phone calls about Coach Carpenter and the golf team regarding their exemplary behavior at the golf course .

<p>Superintendent's Report (Cont.)</p>	<p><b>Shared Leadership:</b> There is evidence of shared leadership in the marching band in that it takes the drum major, section leaders, and Mr. Foster working together to keep the band organized and in proper formation during the parades and marching contests so they perform well.</p> <p><b>Social Responsibility:</b> Students modeled social responsibility recently by having a memorial service in honor of a classmate that passed away a few years ago.</p> <p><b>Evidence-Based Decision Making:</b> The Board displayed evidence-based decision making by their approval to proceed with the bond issue to enable maintenance of the buildings and grounds and to allow improvements and upgrades in the technology department.</p> <p><b>Accountability:</b> All of the teachers had their classrooms ready for the first day of school and they came in during the summer break to make preparations for the 2014-2015 school year. The new school year was launched in fine fashion this year.</p> <p>Mrs. Burroughs stated that September 12 is the average daily membership (ADM) count date. This is the official student enrollment date that determines the amount of financial support we will receive from the State of Indiana.</p> <p>Mrs. Burroughs reported that 11.4% of Triton students passed the advanced placement (AP) exam in 2010, while 38.1% are passing AP exams in 2014.</p>
<p>Patrons' Comments</p>	<p>Mrs. Middaugh opened the meeting for patrons' comments.</p> <p>Mrs. Burroughs invited patrons to comment on the Corporation migrating to the balanced calendar format beginning with the 2015-2016 school year. Mr. Scherer-Berry offered his support in going to a balanced calendar.</p>
<p>Building Reports</p>	<p>Mr. Riffle gave an update on events at the Elementary.</p> <p>Mr. Ross and Mr. Chobanov reported on happenings at the Jr./Sr. High School.</p>
<p>Adjournment</p>	<p>There being no other business to come before the Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned.</p>