

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

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

Work Session

September 14, 2015

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 14, 2015.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Discussion of recent and upcoming events.

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 6:45 PM.

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Regular Session

September 14, 2015

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 14, 2015.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mrs. Michelle Babcock – Treasurer/Business Manager, Mr. Thomas McFarland – Treasurer/Business Manager Elect, Mr. Robert Ross – High School Principal, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Elementary Administrative Assistant, Mr. Levi McFarland – Student, Ms. Robin Myers – Reporter, and Mrs. Linda Trago – Patron.

Pledge of
Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #843 - #969 for \$403,174.77 and payrolls #17 - #18 for \$342,418.11 for a grand total of \$745,592.88, and the work session and regular session minutes of the August 10, 2015 meeting. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons’
Comments

There were no patrons’ comments.

Personnel

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

- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Michelle Babcock as the Treasurer/Business Manager,
- Hire Mr. Thomas McFarland as the Treasurer/Business Manager,
- Hire Ms. Kimberly Swygart as a long-term substitute teacher to fill a leave of absence in a first grade classroom,
- Hire Ms. Rachel Horsman as a long-term substitute teacher to fill a leave of absence in a second grade classroom,

Personnel (Cont.)

- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Emily Grubbs as a varsity cheerleading coach,
- Hire Ms. Ana Bumbaugh as a varsity cheerleading coach,
- Hire Mrs. Amy Yates as a sixth grade volleyball coach,
- Approve Mrs. Emily Grubbs as a volunteer for varsity cheerleading, Mrs. Libby Chang, Mrs. Teresa Watkins, and Mrs. Mary Hayes as a volunteers for volleyball.

Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Mrs. Burroughs expressed her appreciation for Mrs. Babcock's effort as the Treasurer/Business Manager and she welcomed Mr. Thomas McFarland as he assumes the role of Treasurer/Business Manager.

Collective Bargaining Agreement

Mrs. Burroughs stated that negotiations with the Triton Teachers Association on the Collective Bargaining Agreement have been very amicable and an agreement has been reached. Mr. Stichter moved to ratify the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation and the Triton Teachers Association for the period August 1, 2015 through June 30, 2017. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

2016 Budget – Public Hearing

Mrs. Burroughs stated this is considered the public hearing on the annual budget for 2016. No patrons commented on the budget. Mr. Boyer made a motion acknowledge the public hearing on the 2016 budget and Mr. Stichter seconded. The motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve a Corporate Authorization to appoint Mr. Thomas McFarland as an authorized signer/representative on all financial transactions on behalf of Triton School Corporation including but not limited to all Corporation accounts placed with IAB Financial Bank and/or Lake City Bank and any other financial institution in which Triton School Corporation conducts business. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. (NOTE: Mr. McFarland is replacing Mrs. Michelle Babcock as an authorized signer/representative.)

Mr. Miller moved to approve the request of the Triton FFA to attend the National Convention in Louisville, Kentucky, October 28-30, 2015. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the Evaluation Handbook for the Triton Certified Staff.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the revised Trust Agreement for liability insurance with ESCRFT. Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Burroughs proposed the following pay scale for substitute teachers: \$70.00 per day for a licensed teacher, \$65.00 per day for individuals possessing a two-year degree with 60 hours of college credit, and \$60.00 per day for individuals possessing a high school diploma. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Mrs. Burroughs proposal for paying substitute teachers and Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion. It carried 5-0. It was noted that we will continue to pay 60% of the daily rate for a half-day for substitutes.

Other Business (Cont.)	Mrs. Burroughs gave a Power Point presentation that was developed by Emcor regarding the guaranteed energy savings program for the HVAC system that was installed at the Jr./Sr. High School and other upgrades that have been made at the Elementary.
Superintendent's Report	<p>Mrs. Burroughs identified the following core values that have been realized:</p> <p>Continuous Improvement: The Transportation Department was recognized for their efforts in continuous improvement. We have more efficient bus routes now, a positive review of paperwork, parent satisfaction is apparent, and better communication is evident.</p> <p>High Expectations: Mrs. Michelle Babcock was recognized for her financial leadership in her role as Treasurer/Business Manager.</p> <p>Shared Leadership: Mr. Brian Feldman assumed extra duties for the Maintenance Department in Mr. Gephart's absence.</p> <p>Social Responsibility: Mrs. Burroughs recognized our teachers that have purchased supplies and other items that students need for the school year.</p> <p>Evidence-Based Decision Making: Our intervention staff has been evaluating the BOY data and arranging interventions for students that are in need of services.</p> <p>Accountability: Mrs. Burroughs recognized our Special Education staff.</p>
	<p>Student enrollment fluctuates from day to day, but is currently at 911. We had 934 students enrolled in September 2014. The ADM date is September 18, 2015.</p>
	<p>We've had very few discipline issues this year. Our staff and students are working hard and getting the job done.</p>
	<p>Mrs. Burroughs stated that this is the first year for Mr. Ross in his role as the Principal of the Jr./Sr. High School. He has been receiving much praise from the staff for his diligent efforts in working with students and staff members.</p>
	<p>Mrs. Burroughs reported that the number of students that qualify for free and reduced lunches and textbooks has increased to 49% of the total number of students enrolled.</p>
Patrons' Comments	<p>There were no comments from any patrons.</p>
Building Reports	<p>Mr. Riffle reported on events at the Elementary.</p> <p>Mr. Ross gave an update on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no other business to come before the Board of Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:28 PM.</p>