

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Work Session, & Regular Sessions

February 13, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met for a Work Session at 6:15 PM; and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on February 13, 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. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Data Assessment Coordinator, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Ms. Diana Westphal – Art Instructor, Mr. Bruce Gephart – Maintenance Director, Mr. Ron Brown – Secondary Teacher, Mr. Brad Schuldts and Mr. Tony Kuykendall – Representatives from Performance Services, Mr. Tony King, Miss Emma Young, and Miss Jingle Grigsby – Students, and Mr. and Mrs. Phillip King – Parents.

****** WORK SESSION ******

The Work Session was called to order at 6:15 PM. Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and Mrs. Burroughs were present at the work session.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Building project discussion; counseling/student services grant, solar energy project, and 2017-2018 school calendar.

No other subject matter was discussed during the work session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Adjournment

The work 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 #2649 - #2774 in the amount of \$378,292.65, and payrolls #1 – #2 in the amount of \$351,224.16, for a grand total of \$729,516.81; and to approve the minutes of the work session, finance meeting, reorganization session and regular session that was held on January 9, 2017, and to amend the minutes from the December 13, 2016 meeting to add Mr. Boyer’s name under the list of the Board Members that were present during the regular session on page 1 of the Legal Minutes. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Certificates were presented to Emma Young, Jingle Grigsby, and Tony King for their participation in the Scholastic Art Fair.

Personnel

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the following personnel items:

- Hire Mr. Tyler Hensley as the Varsity Baseball Coach;
- Accept the resignation of Mr. Ryan Hensley as the Varsity Baseball Assistant Coach;
- Approve utilizing the volunteer services of Mr. Ryan Hensley in the baseball program;
- Hire Mr. Jake Burnett as the Varsity Baseball Assistant;
- Accept the resignation from Ms. Betsy Jackson as a part-time Custodian at the Elementary effective February 3, 2017;
- Approve allowing Mrs. Janet Jackson to utilize 20 days from the sick leave bank;
- Approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Triton Teachers' Association and the Triton Board of School Trustees allowing 10 additional days to be utilized by Mrs. Janet Jackson from the sick leave bank; and
- To approve a field trip incentive pay stipend for full-time bus drivers in the amount of \$30.00 per route for bus trips that begin before 8:00 AM, or return after 3:00 PM, therefore preventing the bus driver from the ability to drive their daily bus route and would otherwise result in a loss of pay to the driver for the affected regular bus route.

Corporation
Policy

Mrs. Burroughs stated this is considered the second and final reading of the Corporation policies that are new policies and existing policies needing to be updated as per the recommendation of NEOLA. Mr. Stichter made a motion to adopt the Corporation policies as recommended. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Building
Projects – Bond

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve utilizing the following individuals/firms for the potential building projects and bond issue:

- Attorney services of Harold (Sonny) Wyland from the law firm Wyland, Humphrey, Wagner & Clevenger, LLP
- Ice Miller LLP as bond counsel
- Barton Coe Vilamaa as the architect and
- H. J. Umbaugh and Associates as the financial advisors

Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other
Business

Mr. Tony Kuykendall gave a presentation on solar energy, and the potential savings in energy costs each year. He also spoke on various ways to finance a solar energy project. Discussion occurred.

Following Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve offering summer school for kindergarten through third grade students in the areas of reading and math, and also for high school students. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. This is the same program as offered in previous years and is reimbursed by the State.

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar as presented by Mrs. Burroughs. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the overnight, out-of-state field trip for fifth grade students to go to Camp Amigo in Sturgis, Michigan, on April 12-13, 2017.

Other Business (Cont.)	<p>Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the purchase of a 2016 Kubota utility vehicle from More Farm Stores in the amount of \$18,400.00, less the trade in of the Toro Twister in the amount of \$1,500.00, for a total purchase price of \$16,900.00. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. The utility vehicle will be used by the maintenance department and occasionally by the athletic department when needed.</p> <p>Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mrs. Barnhart moved to approve the quote from ScholarBuys in the amount of \$39,760.50 to purchase Chromebooks computers for the Elementary. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mrs. Burroughs reported that the Corporation will receive in monthly increments a total of \$55,000.00 from local income tax revenue and she requested permission to have these funds deposited into the Rainy Day Fund in the 2017 budget. Mr. McFarland offered additional information on this as well. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Mrs. Burroughs' request for permission to deposit local income tax revenue that we receive into the Rainy Day Fund in the 2017 budget. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.</p>
Superintendent's Report	<p>Mrs. Burroughs identified the following core values that have been recognized since the previous meeting:</p> <p>Continuous Improvement: Looking into a potential facilities project to keep our facilities the best they can be is evidence of continuous improvement.</p> <p>High Expectations: The Elementary science fair and the Scholastic Art Awards is indicative of the high expectations of our staff and students.</p> <p>Shared Leadership: Mrs. Burroughs recognized Casi Painton for organizing the Elementary fun fair, Mrs. Teresa Watkins for organizing the Elementary science fair, and Mrs. Susan Mullin for all of the Title 1 nights as shared leadership. She stated we have a very solid team when lots of people step up to leadership roles.</p> <p>Social Responsibility: The American Red Cross blood drive that was held at the High School shows social responsibility.</p> <p>Evidence-Based Decision Making: We want to be financially responsible and looking into investing in solar energy is an example of this.</p> <p>Accountability: We assess our students three times throughout the school year. We recently completed our winter, mid-year benchmark assessment. We don't only rely on the ISTEP+ testing for assessing our students' progress.</p> <p>Mrs. Burroughs honored the winter sports teams and coaches for their achievements and she stated this is a very positive reflection on our schools.</p>
Patrons' Comments	<p>There were no patrons' comments.</p>
Building Reports	<p>Mr. Riffle gave an update on events at the Elementary and he expressed his appreciation to Mrs. Connie Lemler and 1st Source Bank for the \$15,000.00 donation into the Promise Indiana Fund for Elementary students.</p> <p>Mr. Ross reported on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.</p> <p>Mrs. Burroughs expressed her appreciation to Mr. Ross for his willingness to be in charge while she was out of town last week.</p>
Adjournment	<p>There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 8:03 PM.</p>