

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

April 10, 2023

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 April 10, 2023. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

Members Present: Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mr. Steve Stichter, Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Wes Rettinger

Members Absent: Mr. Kevin Boyer

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle-Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland-Business Manager; Mr. Orion Lemler-Triton Social Media; Mrs. Christine Cook-Elementary Principal; Trevor Tillotson, Braylon Williamson, Greg Miller, David Cox, Allison Barber, Andrew Fitzpatrick, Lilee Stetzel, Kay-Lee Ferry, Brandy Neff, Madolyn Scott, Bruce Gephart

Pledge of
Allegiance

Mrs. Barnhart called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #5230 -#5239, #5296-#5325, and #5335- #5400 in the amount of \$1,168,944.52, payrolls #5, #6, and #7 in the amount of \$908,798.75, voids & other in the amount of \$21,344.00 for a grand total of \$2,056,399.27; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on March 13, 2023. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mr. Andrew Fitzpatrick spoke briefly on behalf of the Marshall County Boys and Girls Club. Mr. Greg Miller provided information from Miller Insurance Company.

Patrons'
Comments

None.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the resignation of Leeah Webb as an elementary instructional assistant. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the resignation of Gayle Lemler as part time high school custodian, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Enidza Deynes-Wallace as a substitute teacher, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve summer school aides: Beth Linvill, Lisa Kreft, Grace Allmon, Josh Taylor, and Casi Painton, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve summer school teachers: Johna Snyder (Pre-k), Lisa Andrews (Special Education), Victoria Hughes (Kindergarten), Curt Kreft (1st), Diane Murphy (2nd), Adam Heckaman (3rd), Mr. Stichter seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve summer school contracts, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Izaiah Haines as part time high school custodian, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve chemistry supervisor, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved

to approve Jason Groves as softball supervisor, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve maternity leave for Jodie Vermillion, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 4-0.

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Business

Mr. Rettinger moved to approve permission to apply for grants, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the office renovation quote from S & K Construction, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the robotics trip to the worlds competition in Dallas, Texas, Mr. Miller seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve withdrawal from the JESSE Program, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve the Bourbon Library board appointment of Karen Worsham, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Superintendents Report

Continuous Improvement – 2023 Capital Projects/Bond - The projects that will be taking place this summer include, but are not limited to: high school electrical upgrade, auditorium upgrades to the lights, sound, AV, high school/elementary office upgrades, upper deck bleacher replacement, door 3&4 replacement and repair, band tower installation, and elementary entrance upgrade.

Per conversations with a couple of community patrons, this is a tax neutral project and will not increase taxes. As it relates to taxes, the Indiana Senate and House have a bill currently on the table to offset the increase in assessed value that so many households in Indiana experienced. If you have any questions concerning this, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Shared Leadership – Areas of focus at this time include multiple areas of the Strategic Plan including but not limited to:

1. Encourage Student Academic Success
2. Foster Social and Emotional Growth
3. Invest in Teacher and Staff Success

As many have heard, there has been a shake up in the Hoosier North Conference. With the departure of Knox and Laville, I simply want to make everyone aware that conversations/talks on how best to move forward are ongoing. It will be communicated when they are recommended and voted on among the conference AD's and principals. Thank you Mr. Younis and Mr. McKeand for taking the time to attend these meetings and continue to do your best for what is in the best interest of our student athletes.

Social Responsibility - Marshall County Handle with Care initiative seeks to continue the loop of communication between first responders, law enforcement, community corrections, and school personnel. Handle with Care simply gives the school a heads up when a child may have had an interaction with law enforcement, or a traumatic encounter. This communication gives no details, simply the message to the school that this child may need to be shown a little extra patience, grace, or handled with care after having a difficult evening or incident. Thank you Thomas Kinnaird from the Bowen Center for presenting to

the elementary staff on Thursday. Stacy Scheetz and I will do the same on Thursday of this week at the Jr/Sr High School.

Accountability - I wish our 7th and 8th grade scholars their best as they begin the ILEARN assessment next week. They will be assessed over English, Math, Social Studies (7th) or Science (8th).

High Expectations - Thank you and congratulations to our transportation department: Laura Baker, Dan Semonis, Rich Walter, and our bus drivers for passing the yearly inspection with flying colors. Travis Harrold stated "The buses are mechanically in great shape and the drivers do a good job keeping the insides of the buses clean." Congratulations!!!

Alignment - FFA Auction runs through April 12. You can bid online at auction.TritonFFA.club/bid23. This is an example of everyone in the learning organization, and local patrons working together to provide a great product and a great fundraiser for the FFA.

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Evidence Based Decision Making - Jordan Ickes spoke to the 4th, 5th, and 6th grade classes today on how digital citizens take responsibility for themselves, their communities, and their world. He explained how kindness and empathy matters also in the digital world. This fits under the evidence based decision making because nearly weekly we are engaged with parents, law enforcement, or students about their digital citizenship and footprint, some of which lead to disturbing trends. Parents, please monitor your child's accounts, search histories, and know they are finding ways to hide many of these apps from you in vault apps and for their eyes only spaces.

Thank you, Jordan, for sharing valuable insights with Triton Scholars!

Congratulations: Lexi Westafer for being accepted to MUAC - She will major in business

Triton Parents: Kindergarten Enrollment April 4, 4-6pm - Good attendance
Preschool Enrollment April 11, 4-6pm

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building
Reports

Mrs. Cook gave a brief building report for the elementary. Mr. Riffle gave a brief building report for the high school.

Other

There were no other comments.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: May 08, 2023

President: _____

Secretary: _____
