

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

November 11, 2013

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 November 11, 2013.

Mrs. Anders called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Amy Middaugh

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Anita Haines –
Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal,
Mr. Michael Chobanov – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Robert
Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry –
Reporter, Mr. Mike Stephan and Mr. Wyatt Stephan – Patrons.

Pledge of
Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited and a special visual salute was shown in honor of our veterans.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #1195 - #1295 for \$477,856.88, payrolls #21 - #22 for \$380,426.67 for a grand total of \$858,283.55; and the Minutes of the October 14, 2013 executive session, work session and regular session. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Patrons’
Comments

None.

Personnel

Following Mrs. Burroughs’ recommendation, Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve the following personnel items:

- Hire Mrs. Lindsay Shively as the girls varsity basketball assistant coach;
- Hire Mr. Blake Schori as the boys freshman basketball coach;
- and to hire Mr. Jared Ambrose as the seventh grade boys basketball coach.

This was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter. The motion carried unanimously.

Corporation Policy
2nd/Final Reading

Mrs. Anders stated that this is considered the second reading on the new Board policy/revisions/deletions as recommended by NEOLA. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the policies as recommended by NEOLA and Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

Other
Business

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve tax neutrality resolutions to transfer 50% from the Bus Replacement Fund to the Pension Fund for purposes of funding the retirement/severance liabilities as recommended by the State of Indiana. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve transferring \$23,000.00 from the Transportation Operating Fund to the Rainy Day Fund.

Mrs. Burroughs recommended adopting a new Board Policy that was compiled by the law firm Bose, McKinney, and Evans which is the attorney for the Midwest Area School Employees Insurance Trust. Adopting the policy will prevent school personnel from being held personally liable for penalties that arise from the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA). Mrs. Barnhart moved to adopt the policy as recommended. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mrs. Burroughs explained that a math/science teacher position will be added at the Jr./Sr. High School to meet graduation requirements.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified the Core Values that have been realized within the past month as follows:

Continuous Improvement: Training on multiple items in October at the Jr./Sr. High School and the technology meetings that are held at the Elementary.

High Expectations: 354 college credits have been earned by students at the Jr./Sr. High School at a savings of more than \$222,000.00 to their families.

Shared Leadership: Technology committee meetings are held with discussions regarding taking the Corporation into the future so we can continue to meet technology needs.

Social Responsibility: Three automatic external defibrillators have been purchased from Heart Reach for our community. One of the defibrillators was placed at the Matchett Square Bourbon Senior Center and the others will be used for the athletic program.

Service projects were also performed by fourth grade students for Operation Christmas Child in which gift boxes were compiled and will be shipped all over the world. In addition, 190 Triton students and staff went to Nappanee to be involved in Feed My Starving Children. A total of 93,528 meals were packed within a two hour time period that will feed 256 children for an entire year.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: Working on the Early College Program is an example of evidence-based decision making. Jennifer Shaw, High School Guidance Counselor continues to schedule students for college level classes. Triton Jr./Sr. High School is the smallest school in Indiana to have an Early College Program.

Accountability: All Triton teachers will be recognized in celebration of American Education Week which is November 18 – 22, 2013. All of our teachers are doing a great job for us.

Pamphlets have been produced and are available for distribution to promote the Triton Educational Endowment Fund. The fund balance must reach \$12,500.00 before \$500.00 in annual distributions will be available to give away to teachers and students for educational activities.

Mrs. Burroughs stated that she has been notified that the old gym can be declared a historical landmark. Members of the Historical Preservation Society will be on site on Friday to tour the building.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.) Shirts have been purchased for Board members and several staff members to promote the Triton School Corporation marketing campaign. Funding from the Energize Indiana campaign has been utilized to purchase the shirts.

Patrons' Comments None.

Building Reports Mr. Riffle reported on events at the Elementary
Mr. Ross and Mr. Chobanov gave an update on happenings at the Jr./Sr. High School.
Mrs. Burroughs reported that Veterans Day programs were held at both of the buildings and she was very impressed with the level of respect shown by all of the students during the programs.

Adjournment There being no other business to come before the Board of School Trustees, at 7:27 PM Mrs. Anders declared the meeting adjourned.