

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

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

Executive Session

February 10, 2014

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in executive session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana at 6:15 PM on February 10, 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.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Personnel as per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9).

Adjournment

No other subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. The meeting adjourned at 6:29 PM.

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

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

Work Session

February 10, 2014

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in a work session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana at 6:30 PM on February 10, 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 Mr. Robert Dodge – Bus Mechanic-Elect.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Balanced Calendar

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 6:50 PM.

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

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

Regular Session

February 10, 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 February 10, 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. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mr. Michael Chobanov – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Bob Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Curriculum/Assessment Coordinator, Mrs. Jill Houin – E-Learning Coach, Mr. Ted Fisher – Technology Coordinator, Miss Diana Westphal – Art Teacher, Mr. Robert Dodge – Bus Mechanic-Elect, Miss Gabrielle Cretcher – Art Student, Ms. Kellie Kanarr – Leadership Marshall County Representative, and Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry – Reporter.

Pledge of
Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #46 - #160 for \$579,062.83 and payrolls #1 - #3 for \$548,107.71 for a grand total of \$1,127,170.54; and the Minutes of the January 13, 2014 work session, board of finance session, and regular and reorganization sessions. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons’
Comments

None.

Personnel

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to hire Mr. Robert Dodge as the bus mechanic and Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. It should be noted that this is retroactive to his start date of January 20, 2014.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to accept the retirement notices of Mrs. Angela Klotz, Mrs. Dawn Gould, Mrs. Phyllis Watkins, and Mrs. Laura Reese to become effective on the last student day of the school year, and he expressed the Board’s appreciation for all of their years of service. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Personnel
(Cont.)

Mr. Stichter moved to accept the retirement notice of Mr. Richard Anders, effective on May 30, 2014, and he expressed the Board's appreciation for his 26 years of service to Triton School Corporation. This was followed by a second from Mr. Boyer. The motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the following coaching recommendations:

- accept the resignation of Miss Samantha Keel as the varsity volleyball coach
- hire Miss Shelly Feldman as a girls varsity track coach (shared position with Ryan Meister)
- hire Mr. Ryan Meister as a girls varsity track coach (shared position with Shelly Feldman)
- hire Mr. Jeremy May as a girls junior high track coach
- hire Mr. Curt Kreft as a boys varsity track coach
- hire Mr. Thomas Cody as a track assistant coach for the boys/girls teams
- and hire Mr. Joe White as a boys junior high track coach.

2014-2015
School Calendar

Mrs. Anders made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 school calendar as recommended. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other
Business

Mrs. Barnhart moved to approve the request of the sixth grade teachers to take students on an out-of-state field trip to Schaumburg, Illinois, on March 20, 2014, to see a production of Medieval Times. This was followed by a second from Mrs. Anders and the motion carried 5-0.

Mrs. Burroughs recognized the success of Triton students that recently received awards for their artwork. Miss Westphal acknowledged Alex Eib and Gabby Cretcher for receiving an "Honorable Mention Awards" and Amanda Warrick for receiving a "Gold Key Award". Their artwork is currently on display at the South Bend Museum of Art through the end of February. Amanda Warrick's artwork will go on to compete at the national level in New York City this spring.

Mrs. Burroughs reported on the average daily membership (ADM) count date that took place on February 3, 2014, and she explained how this will affect the operating funds that the Corporation will receive from the State. We currently have 961 students enrolled in Triton School Corporation which is six less students than we had on the ADM date in September. This equates to approximately \$33,000.00 less in operating funds through June 30, 2014.

Mrs. Jill Houin, E-Learning Coach, gave an enlightening presentation on how technology is being utilized in the classrooms. She has provided training to staff and students this school year to aid them in utilizing the technology and software programs that is currently available in the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Burroughs apprised the Board that an open house will be held on March 5th for all staff members. This is to celebrate Triton School Corporation being awarded an "A" school letter grade by the State. A celebration is also being planned for students as

well.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

Mrs. Burroughs notified the Board that Triton School Corporation has been closed a total of eight days this school year due to inclement weather conditions. In addition, we have had a total of 11, two-hour delays because of the weather conditions. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Mrs. Burroughs' four-part recommendation for the eight make-up days as follows:

- utilize the built in make-up days of February 17, April 18, May 9 and May 23 in the 2013-2014 calendar, and
- add 30 minutes back on to the 12 remaining Friday school days that are currently shortened days (this equates to one make-up day), and
- use May 27 and 28 as make-up days, and
- use one of the waiver days that was granted by the State.

Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

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

Continuous Improvement: Alex Eib, Gabby Cretcher, and Amanda Warrick received awards for their student art work.

High Expectations: Jack Carpenter received the National Federation of State High School Golf Coaches Award, and he also received the Central Sectional Coach of the Year Award.

Shared Leadership: The administrative and technology team worked on the \$100,000.00 technology grant.

Social Responsibility: The recent blood-drive netted a record setting total of 61 pints of blood, and 43 students participated in the event. In addition, Kezia Scherer-Berry participated in the fund raising event, "Dancing with the Stars," along with her father, Ed Scherer-Berry to raise funds for the Marshall County Neighborhood Center.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: The Administrators met with Mrs. Burroughs to address the \$137,000.00 cut to the 2014 Capital Projects Fund.

Accountability: Mrs. Melinda Klotz, Transportation Director, made sure that all of the buses would start during the cold weather days prior to a bus mechanic being hired.

Mrs. Burroughs apprised the Board of the lock down magnets that have been purchased for all of the classroom doors in case of an emergency situation in which the buildings are required to go on a "lock down mode".

Patrons'
Comments

None.

Building
Reports

Mr. Riffle reported on events at the Elementary.

Mr. Ross and Mr. Chobanov gave an update on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of School Trustees, at 7:37 PM, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned.