

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

November 14, 2022

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 November 14, 2022. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle—Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland—Business Manager; Mrs. Ashley Stayton—Corporation Receptionist; Mr. Orion Lemler—Triton Social Media; Mrs. Christine Cook—Elementary Principal; Mr. Nate McKeand—Jr./Sr. High School Principal; David Elijah Cox; Zach Whittaker—Teacher; Lexi Sumpter; Jennifer Felke; Stacy Scheetz—Guidance Counselor; Shawna Shively—Teacher; Casi Painton—Teacher; Greg Fitzloff

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 #4706 –#4709, #4785-#4814, and #4823- #4906 in the amount of \$511,509.92; payrolls #21 and #22 in the amount of \$446,619.34 for a grand total of \$958,129.26; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on October 10, 2022. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons' Comments

None

Presentations

Mr. Riffle introduced Jen Felke to present information on CTE programs. Jen elaborated on who the program is for and the expanding opportunities for Triton students. Lexi Sumpter as well as David Elijah Cox explained the impact the program has made on their lives as students who are currently enrolled in CTE classes. Greg Fitzloff from the Kosciusko County Redevelopment Commission provided information about the Etna Green residential TIF.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Shelby Kleinholz, Ricky Yarbrough, Mason McIntyre and Mikayla O'Dell as substitute teachers. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Jaela Meister as an 8th grade girls basketball volunteer coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Taren Yates, Elise Germany, Shana Anderson and Jaelyn Bules as volunteer practice players for varsity girls basketball, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Riffle recommended the approval of Gayle Lemler as a part time high school custodian, Mr. Miller approved, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the resignation of Rodney Younis as varsity football head coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Riffle recommended Zach Whittaker as varsity football head coach, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Joe White as JH boys basketball assistant coach, Mr. Stichter seconded and it carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Jason Groves as HS girls basketball supervisor, Megan Hammond as JH girls basketball supervisor, Kim Stetzel as HS wrestling supervisor, and Kennedy Krull as the JH and HS volleyball supervisor, Mr. Boyer seconded and it carried 5-0.

Business

Mr. Boyer moved to approve the collective bargaining agreement, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0-1. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve director salaries and administration contracts, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve the superintendent contract, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter recommended to move forward with the Kosciusko County Redevelopment Commission regarding the Etna Green residential TIF resolution, Mr. Boyer seconded and it carried 4-0-1. Mr. Boyer moved to approve providing bus transportation for Nappanee Missionary Church camps, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 5-0.

Superintendents
Report

Continuous Improvement – This is a reminder that Thursday, November 17th will be a delayed start day for building levels to provide professional development and collaboration time among grade levels and departments. Another reminder that the Board of Trustees will gather tomorrow evening at 5:30pm, at Christos Banquet Center in Plymouth for the ISBA Regional Meeting where we too will seek to improve and continue to learn how to better govern and lead.

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

Encourage Student Academic Success

CTE - Increase support for students exploring career pathways by expanding CTE relationships, internship opportunities, and establishing baseline data. Both Elementary and Jr/Sr High School Counselors have increased class, individual, and whole school opportunities to connect with business professionals, and our CTE director, who you heard from tonight, continues to work closely with our counselors to provide a wide range of opportunities for our scholars. Currently we have 30 students in CTE and 29 in an internship compared to 19 CTE and 10 interns. Lexi Sumpter and Elijah Cox are great examples of some of the career opportunities our students are getting exposed to.

Social Responsibility - Tonight's resolution and future growth conversations are a great example of how working together with our Towns, Economic Development Corporations, and Local business and landowners can set the stage for future growth opportunities, strengthening our school and appeal.

High Expectations - The Leadership Report sent on November 2nd is an example of Accountability and High Expectations as each of our department heads share what they are working on and how they are leading their area of influence.

Alignment - Thank you to our Teachers association and our Board of Trustees for their cooperation in coming to a tentative agreement that was voted on and approved this evening. A special thanks to our teachers, staff, and administrators for their dedication and commitment to our students, parents, and communities.

Evidence Based Decision Making - Bond 2023 is underway. Evidence was used to try to make the most fiscally responsible decision we could and I am happy to share that we are working towards upgrades to our performing arts center, electrical, upgrades to building entrances/facilities and offices.

Lastly I simply want to thank our board of trustees for your trust and encouragement. We have a tremendous team of leaders who work every day to give our corporation their best and I am so thankful for their support and dedicated service.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building Reports

Mrs. Cook gave a brief building report for the elementary. Mr. McKeand 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 7:59 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ December 12, 2022

President: Steve Barnhart

Secretary: Steve Stichter

Kevin R. Boyer

Wesley M. Lewis

Ken W. Full