

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Executive Session & Regular Session

February 12, 2018

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Executive Session at 6:30 PM; and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on February 12, 2018.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Interim Elementary Principal, Mr. Ron Brown – Secondary Teacher, Mr. Ted Fisher – Technology Director, Mr. Dana Wannemacher - Representative from Barton, Coe, Vilamaa, Mr. Jim Master – Reporter, Mr. Orion Lemler – Videographer, Miss Hannah Wanemacher, Miss Whytnie Miller, Mr. Miles Ortiz, Miss Sasha West, Mr. Max Slusser, Miss Emma Ross, Miss Nicole Sechrist, Mr. Nate Riggins, Mr. Dylan Fear, Miss Jingle Grigsby, Mr. Drew Stichter, and Mr. Bryce Brown – Students, Mr. Jeff Wanemacher, Ms. Rhonda Miller, Mr. Scott Trowbridge, Ms. Beth Phend, Mrs. Doretta West, Mr. Ray West, Ms. Michelle Slusser, Mrs. Kelley Ross, Mr. Erik Sechrist, Ms. Autumn Riggins, Mr. Cory Riggins, Mr. Robert Grigsby, and Mr. Tim Stichter – Parents/Patrons, Mr. John Music, Mr. Devin Shively, and Mr. Wendell Simmons – Project Bidders.

***** EXECUTIVE SESSION *****

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:30 PM. Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and Mr. Riffle were present. Mrs. Middaugh was absent for the Executive Session only.

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

No other subject matter was discussed during the Executive Session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Adjournment

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:55 PM.

* * * * **REGULAR SESSION** * * * *

Mrs. Middaugh called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #3867 - #3981 in the amount of \$370,025.08, and payrolls #1 – #2 in the amount of \$342,810.77, for a grand total of \$712,835.85; and to approve the minutes of the work session, finance meeting, reorganization session and regular sessions held on January 8, 2018, and the minutes of the Emergency Session held on January 15, 2018. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

The following students were recognized for their achievements and those in attendance were presented with a certificate:

Indiana Football Coaches Association Region 2 All-Star Football Team:

Max Slusser, and Drew Stichter who was also named to Academic All-State

Varsity Wrestling HNAC Team – Weight Class Title Champions: Vincent Helton, Nate Riggins, and James Snyder

Indiana High School Volleyball Coaches Association Academic All-State Team: Emma Ross, and Nicole Sechrist who was also named to the IHSVCA All-District Team and she signed with Taylor University

Sectional Wrestling Champions: Vincent Helton, Connor Pitney, Nate Riggins, D'Angelo Shumpert, Billy Smith and James Snyder

ISSMA Band and Choir Solo and Ensemble Contest: Miles Ortiz – State Qualifier – Snare Drum, and Sasha West State Qualifier – Choir Solo

Scholastic Art Award: Dylan Fear, Jingle Grigsby, and Haley Shaw

All-Area 2nd Team by Ink Free News & Times Union: Hannah Wanemacher and Whytnie Miller who also received an Honorable Mention

Personnel

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the following personnel items:

- Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Susan Mullin as the Title 1 Coordinator;
- Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Karen Worsham as the Jr./Sr. High School Guidance Secretary;
- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Beth Linvill as a full-time Custodian at the Elementary
- Accept the resignation of Ms. Christina Stout as the High School Cheerleading Sponsor; and
- Hire Ms. Gerri King as a full-time Elementary Custodian, retroactive to her start date of January 29, 2018.

Other
Business

Mr. Miller moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to approve the following items as recommended by Mr. Riffle:

- Approve the sale of obsolete parts from the bus garage to Watkins Truck & Trailer;
- Approve the Summer School Program

Other
Business (Cont.)

- Approve the quote from DakTech in the amount of \$16,258.00 for 22 computers for Project Lead the Way;
- Approve the quote from Cedar Creek Flooring in the amount of \$181,240.80, including the change order, to replace the gym floor at the Jr./Sr. High School;
- Approve the three year contact with Barkly Protects, Inc., in the amount of \$28,800.00 for the anti-virus software for the Corporation

Mr. Riffle recommended approval of the project bid that was received from Morris and Sons in the amount of \$1,307,890.00 with a voluntary alternate deducting \$33,400.00 from their cost to modify the roofing installation method at the Jr./Sr. High School for a total contract amount of \$1,274,490.00. Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the Jr./Sr. High School roofing project bid from Morris and Sons as recommended.

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to approve the project bid that was received from Benchmark Mechanical in the amount of \$945,800.00 for the Elementary heating, ventilation, and air conditioning system, and also approve their alternate bid in the amount of \$66,300.00 to replace the rooftop exhaust fans, for a total project bid amount of \$1,012,100.00.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve the project bid that was received from Michael Kinder & Sons, Inc., in the amount of \$4,087,000.00 for the addition of the Jr./Sr. High School auxiliary gym, including approving the alternate #1 project bid of \$19,000.00 for the additional storm sewer work, and to reject the alternate project bid #2 for equipment, for a total project bid in the amount of \$4,106,000.00. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Fisher provided a technology report. Numerous technology items have been or will be purchased to enhance or update or current technology in our buildings. He provided a summary of the responsibilities of the Technology Department. The Department provides ongoing maintenance of equipment, the school sign and the school website, in addition to performing security updates as needed, monitoring servers for optimum performance, routinely completing state reports, and they consistently strive to supplement their ability to perform more tasks in Harmony 3, which is the student management program that the Corporation utilizes, and to pass their knowledge of the program onto other staff members.

Superintendent's
Report

Mr. Riffle identified the following core values that have been recognized since the previous meeting:

Continuous Improvement - Multiple teachers are taking classes to continue to improve themselves as teachers and working toward marketing themselves in other areas. Teachers and Administrators leading areas of improvement such as Tech Tuesday's and High Ability Cluster Meetings.

Shared Leadership- Mr. Ross and Mr. McIntyre working to help with gym floor design and removal.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

Social Responsibility - Students recognized for representing their family, school, and community with excellence.

Accountability - Building level preparations for ISTEP and other accountability measures.

Evidence Based Decision Making - SAT processes at both buildings are focusing on students and their individual needs. Johna Watson is sharing her knowledge about the Developmental Delay Legislation and she's also sharing it with local superintendents.

High Expectations - Teachers and coaches continue to invest in students by building relationships and keeping students accountable in school and outside of school. Alignment was also identified.

February 19, May 29 and May 30, 2018, will be utilized as student make-up days.

Patrons' Comments

Mr. John Music verified that the Board members had received the additional information that he had provided on the roofing project, to which the Board responded, "Yes, they received the information."

Building Reports

Mr. Ross reported on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Mrs. Cook gave a report on happenings at the Elementary.

Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation to Mr. Wannemacher for his assistance with the building project.

Adjournment

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

Teresa L. Barnhart, Secretary

Approved: March 12, 2018

President: Amie Middaugh

Secretary: Teresa Barnhart

Kevin R. Bogen

Ken Mill

Steve Sticks