

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

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

Executive Session

October 14, 2013

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 6:00 PM on October 14, 2013.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(9) Personnel; and
I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(2)(B) Pending Litigation

No other subject matter was discussed in the executive session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. There being no other “Personnel” or “Pending Litigation” items to be discussed, the meeting adjourned at 6:25 PM.

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Work Session

October 14, 2013

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met for a work session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana at 6:30 PM on October 14, 2013.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: ISBA Fall Conference Items

No other subject matter was discussed in the work session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. The work session adjourned at 6:48 PM.

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Regular Session

October 14, 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 October 14, 2013.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Data Assessment Coordinator, Mrs. Jennifer Shaw and Mrs. Charlene Koenig – Guidance Counselors, 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 #1029 - #1194 for \$473,780.94, payrolls #19 - #20 for \$378,414.07 for a grand total of \$852,195.01; and the Minutes of the September 9, 2013 work session and regular session. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons’ Comments

None.

Personnel

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

- Approve the request for six weeks maternity leave for Mrs. Samantha Phenix following the birth of her baby;
- Hire Mrs. Cara Wise on a temporary contract to cover the maternity leave;
- Hire Ms. Connie Manns as a Destination Imagination Coach;
- Hire Mr. Steve Duff as the boys’ varsity assistant basketball coach;
- Hire Mr. Matt Landis as the boys’ junior varsity basketball coach;
- Hire Mr. Brad Hargrave as the boys’ eighth grade basketball coach;
- Hire Mr. Jason Harrell as the boys’ seventh grade basketball coach;
- Hire Mr. Joe White as the boys’ sixth grade basketball coach;
- Hire Mrs. Justina Faulkner as the girls’ junior varsity basketball coach;
- Hire Mr. Brent Cooper as the girls’ eighth grade basketball coach;

Personnel (Cont.)

- Hire Mr. David Carpenter as the girls' sixth grade basketball coach;
- Hire Mr. Jason Thompson and Mr. Shaun Belin as junior high wrestling coaches (it should be noted that this is one position that will be split equally between them);

Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

2014 Budget, CPF
Plan, & Bus Repl. Plan

Mrs. Burroughs stated the public hearing on the 2014 Budget, Capital Projects Fund Plan for 2014-2016, and the 12 year bus replacement plan for 2014-2025, at the regular meeting on September 9, 2013. Mr. Boyer moved to adopt the 2014 Budget, Capital Projects Fund Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan as presented. This was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter. The motion carried 5-0.

Corporation Policy:
First Reading

Mrs. Anders made a motion to consider this as the first reading on updates of Board Policy to remain in legal compliance and Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion. It carried 5-0.

Other
Business

Mr. Stichter moved to establish a Rainy Day Fund and the funding sources of the Rainy Day Fund shall be any or all tax-supported funds received by the Corporation. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the agreement establishing the Triton Educational Endowment Fund through the Marshall County Community Foundation. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mrs. Anders moved to appropriate \$5,000.00 from the Rainy Day Fund to the Triton Educational Endowment Fund and Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion. It carried 5-0.

Mrs. Koenig and Mrs. Shaw each gave a presentation on their areas of the guidance program at the Jr./Sr. High School. Mrs. Koenig is the guidance counselor for students in grades 7-9 and her presentation centered on what a comprehensive school counseling program encompasses. Mrs. Shaw serves students in grades 10-12. Her presentation concerned "class rank" and whether or not is necessary to continue ranking students academically. Discussion occurred.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified the following "Core Values":

Continuous Improvement: Triton School Corporation is ranked first in Marshall County for ISTEP scores. Mrs. Burroughs expressed her appreciation for the hard work that was put forth by students and staff.

High Expectations: All of our competitive groups in sports and the arts. She recognized Jeff Martin for receiving an award for "Outstanding Drum Major" at the marching band competition in Plymouth on October 5.

Shared Leadership: Mrs. Burroughs identified the data meetings with Mrs. Cook and various teacher groups as a shared leadership value.

Social Responsibility: VIP Day. Mrs. Burroughs expressed appreciation for the shuttle service that was provided by Mr. Riffle and Mr. Van Houten. She also acknowledged the FFA lunch, the choir presentations at the Jr./Sr. High School and all the teachers' efforts to make the day a success.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

Evidence-Based Decision Making: Work on the Early College Program is an example of evidence-based decision making. Many of the teachers at the high school received their Ivy Tech certification and are now able to teach the college level classes. The Corporation's level of vocational funding has increased nearly \$40,000.00 since last year.

Accountability: All of the certified staff have had goal setting conferences with their building principal.

Mrs. Burroughs gave an overview of the spending on the bond issues for 2010A and 2010B and the 2012 bond issue.

Mr. Riffle presented ISTEP results for the Elementary and Mrs. Cook presented the results for the Jr./Sr. High School.

Patrons'
Comments

None.

Building
Reports

Mr. Riffle gave a report on events at the Elementary.

Mrs. Burroughs reported on happenings at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 PM.