

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Executive Session, Work Session & Regular Session

May 8, 2017

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Executive Session at 6:15 PM, a Work Session at 6:30 PM; and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on May 8, 2017.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Steve Stichter were present for all of the meetings.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Data Assessment Coordinator, Mr. Mason McIntyre – Dean of Students/Athletic Director, Mr. Bruce Gephart – Maintenance Director, Mr. Ron Brown, Mrs. Dawn Slein and Miss Diana Westphal – Secondary Teachers, Mr. Ben McFarland – Student, Mr. Nick Treber – Director of Bourbon Public Library, Mr. Dave Metheny, Mrs. Lori Metheny, and Mr. Richard Fites – Patrons.

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

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:15 PM. Mrs. Middaugh, Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and Mrs. Burroughs were present at the executive session.

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 6:30 PM.

*** * * * WORK SESSION * * * ***

The Work Session was called to order at 6:30 PM. Mrs. Middaugh, Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Boyer, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and Mrs. Burroughs were present at the work session.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: Building project discussion; Sponsorship Agreement; and Administrator's Handbook.

No other subject matter was discussed during the work session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Adjournment

The work session adjourned at 6:45 PM.

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

Mrs. Middaugh called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM. Mrs. Middaugh, Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and everyone listed in "Others Present" were present at the Regular Session.

Consensus Agenda	<p>Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #2964 - #3074 in the amount of \$392,581.31, and payrolls #8 – #9 in the amount of \$344,270.20 for a grand total of \$736,851.51; and to approve the minutes of the executive session, work session and regular session that was held on April 10, 2017. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.</p>
Patrons' Comments	<p>There were no patrons' comments.</p>
Personnel	<p>Mr. Stichter moved to approve Mrs. Burroughs recommendation as presented for the following personnel items:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accept the resignation of Mrs. Kathryn Kroemer as the Speech Pathologist • Accept the resignation of Mr. Brent Cooper as the Eighth Grade Girls' Basketball Coach • Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Sandra Ellinger as a High School Cafeteria Worker • Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Karen Meister as a Bus Driver, and • Approve the temporary services of Mrs. Sheryl Hochstetler to complete the remainder of this school year as the Speech Pathologist (Mrs. Hochstetler will receive \$48.00 per hour, not to exceed 20 hours per week, for this service) <p>Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.</p> <p>Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion that the Board of School Trustees decline to continue the teaching contract of Ms. Haley Plikerd, effective at the end of 2016-2017 school year due to declining enrollment and a justifiable decrease in the number of teaching positions. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.</p> <p>Mrs. Burroughs recommended hiring Mrs. Margo Lemler as the Cafeteria Coordinator/Food Service Director, effective on June 1, 2017. Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to hire Mrs. Lemler as recommended.</p>
Other Business	<p>Miss Natalie Mevis and Mr. Ben McFarland, Elementary students, were recognized for their winning essays from the Young Authors' Conference. Mr. McFarland read aloud his essay and he was presented a Certificate of Achievement from the Board for his achievement. Miss Mevis was unable to attend the Board meeting, but she will also receive a Certificate.</p> <p>Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the Triton School Corporation Wellness Plan for Physical Activity and Nutrition for 2017-2018 as presented. This was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter and the motion carried 5-0.</p> <p>Following Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Miller moved to approve the Triton Administrator's Handbook as presented. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.</p> <p>Mrs. Burroughs presented the Triton Elementary Student-Parent Handbook for 2017-2018, and the Triton Jr./Sr. High School Student-Handbook for 2017-2018. She noted that Mrs. Middaugh and Mrs. Barnhart served as a Board representative on the handbook committees. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve both of the student-parent handbooks as presented. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.</p> <p>Mr. Stichter moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to approve adopting the Pearson, envision Math 2.0 Accelerated Seventh Grade textbook when it becomes available in 2017-2018.</p> <p>Mr. Miller made a motion to adopt the McGraw Hill Education materials for grades seven through 12 science textbook adoption. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.</p>

Other
Business (Cont.)

Mr. Stichter moved to proceed with the authorization for publication of the Notice of Hearing for the Bond Project. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to appoint Mr. Jordan Fuller to the Bourbon Public Library Board of Trustees for a four-year term from May 1, 2017 through May 2, 2021. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the out-of-state trip request from Mr. Ron Brown allowing him to take 14 of the football players to Grand Valley State University in Allendale, Michigan, on July 13, 2017.

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve the out-of-state trip request from the Art Club allowing them to go to New York City, New York, on June 11 – 14, 2018. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mrs. Burroughs stated we have several summer projects and that quotes are being presented for consideration and approval by the Board. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the quote of Bontrager Concrete Specialties, Inc., in the amount of \$12,851.00, for sidewalk repairs on Corporation owned property along Harris Street. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mr. Stichter moved to approve the quotes from J Lane Flooring and Design for a grand total amount of \$6,416.65, for flooring replacement at the Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Boyer seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Flooring will be replaced in Mr. Schori's classroom, Mr. McIntyre's office, and in four workrooms adjacent to the library.

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve the quote of N2N Technologies in the amount of \$56,424.28 to replace several switches in the technology department. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously. Our proposal for this project has been submitted for reimbursement on E-Rate funding and if approved, the Corporation will be reimbursed up to 70% of the total cost.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to approve the quote of Sports Imports in the amount of \$9,853.10 to replace the volleyball standards and equipment in the gym at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Superintendent's
Report

Continuous Improvement: We are moving forward with the bond project, and the summer capital improvements projects as we work to keep our facilities in great shape.

High Expectations: A number of our seniors went on the senior trip to Washington D.C., recently and they served as positive ambassadors of Triton School Corporation. The graduation ceremony will be held on June 4 at 2:00 PM in the gym at Triton Jr./Sr. High School.

Shared Leadership: Mrs. Burroughs apprised the Board that the Triton marching band will be participating with other bands from Marshall County in the Indy 500 parade. This will be a great experience for Triton students and for all band students in Marshall County.

Social Responsibility: Mrs. Burroughs reported that 75 people attended the "Dangerous Side of Technology" meeting that was held on May 3rd for parents.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: Mrs. Burroughs congratulated Mr. Riffle for completing the interview process for the teaching positions that will be open for the 2017-2018 school year at the Elementary. Recommendations to fill these positions are forthcoming.

Accountability: Mrs. Burroughs recognized Mr. McFarland for his efforts as the Business Manager. The Corporation's cash balance continues to grow!

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

Mrs. Burroughs reported that the spring ISTEP testing went well.

Mrs. Burroughs expressed her sentiments and wished all Triton mothers a happy Mother's Day.

Mrs. Burroughs expressed her appreciation to all staff members and all students for another positive school year.

Patrons' Comments

Mr. Richard Fites inquired as to whether there are any plans to have any additional community meetings on the bond project. Mrs. Burroughs stated that three meetings have already been held on the project and the public was invited to attend each of those meetings which were advertised for community input on the project. We do not have any other community meetings scheduled. However, patrons are welcome to schedule an appointment with her to discuss the project if they wish. Patrons are also welcome to attend the Board meeting on June 12th when the public hearing will be held on the bond project and comments and questions can be expressed at that time.

Building Reports

Mr. Riffle updated on the Board on events at the Elementary.

Mr. Ross gave a report on events 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 7:36 PM.

Teresa L. Barnhart, Secretary

Approved: June 12, 2017

President: _____

Secretary: _____
