

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

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

Work Session

March 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 6:20 PM on March 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.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION:

- 1) Student Attendance
- 2) Crossings Program
- 3) Claim Aid
- 4) Tax Resolution

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.

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Regular Session

March 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 March 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, Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry – Reporter, and numerous patrons (as per attached).

Pledge of Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #161 - #277 for \$431,113.32 and payrolls #4 - #5 for \$372,823.38 for a grand total of \$803,936.70; and the Minutes of the February 10, 2014 executive session, work session, and regular session. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons’ Comments

None.

Personnel

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

- Approve Bethany Kern as a volunteer for the softball program
- Approve Tabitha McCoy as a volunteer coach for the FFA Horse Competition
- Terminate the employment of Phillip Warren as a part-time custodian at the Elementary, and
- Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Janet Barker as the Corporation Treasurer.

Mr. Boyer seconded the motion. Mr. Stichter and Mr. Boyer expressed their appreciation for Mrs. Barker’s 21 years of service to Triton School Corporation. The motion carried 5-0.

- Corporation Policy First Reading The Board acknowledged the following Corporation Policies for the first reading of each of them: FMLA, Bullying, Anti-Harassment, Privacy Protection for Group Health Plans, Wellness, Use of Physical Fitness Facilities, Possession of Weapons, Bad Checks/Uncollected Debt, Investments, and Resident/Non-Resident Students.
- Balanced Calendar Presentation Mrs. Burroughs distributed information explaining the balanced calendar concept. She gave a Power Point presentation which included data that has been compiled by schools that are currently operating on a balanced calendar. Mrs. Burroughs stated that much more discussion is necessary between the schools that are in the special education and vocational cooperatives before a final decision is made on whether or not to pursue going to a balanced calendar. Patrons were given an opportunity to comment and ask questions about the balanced calendar.
- Other Business Mrs. Burroughs noted that the vocal achievement certificates that were to be presented at this time has been postponed until the April 14, 2014, meeting.
- Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved to adopt a Property Tax Resolution (as per attached) opposing any proposal to eliminate all or any portion of the business personal property tax without a corresponding full replacement revenue stream implemented by the State of Indiana. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Mrs. Burroughs proposed switching to Go Solutions as the vendor for future Medicaid reimbursement. Mr. Boyer moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to switch our Medicaid reimbursement vendor to Go Solutions.
- Superintendent's Report Mrs. Burroughs identified the following Core Values that have been realized in the past month:
- Continuous Improvement:** Gold medals were received by our students, Jeff Martin, Brent Motz, and Merlin Schaefer, for each of their solos at the State solo and ensemble competition. In addition the Trojan Singers received a gold rating at their competition in LaPorte. The boys' and girls' basketball teams were also recognized for their effort during the regular season and in the sectional games.
- High Expectations:** Teachers have continued to prepare students to take the ISTEP tests which have been a difficult task due to the school delays and cancelations. Taylor Hatfield and Mallorie Jennings received the Academic All-State Award for girls' basketball.
- Shared Leadership:** The recent FFA and Ag Week activities were all successful. Mrs. Leeper continues to expand the FFA activities.
- Social Responsibility:** Students were dismissed from school early on February 17 because of impending blizzard conditions in the afternoon. Everyone helped get the students home safely.
- Evidence-Based Decision Making:** As a result of the numerous school delays and cancelations, the end of the first grading period in the second semester was moved.
- Accountability:** We continue to move towards online/curated curriculum which will help reduce the debt in the textbook rental account.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

Mrs. Burroughs requested that the Board approve utilizing the second waiver that was granted by the State to cover the school day that was canceled on March 12. Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve Mrs. Burroughs' request. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mrs. Burroughs reported that the staff open house was well attended on March 5.

ISTEP testing is currently being administered.

Mrs. Burroughs distributed copies of the book, LEAD POSITIVE, by Kathryn D. Cramer, to the Board and she requested they peruse it for the Board Retreat in August.

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 Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:54 PM.