

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

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

Work Session

October 13, 2014

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 6:15 PM on October 13, 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: Calendar and community meeting discussion.

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 6:45 PM.

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Regular Session

October 13, 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 October 13, 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, Mrs. Christine Cook – Curriculum/Assessment Coordinator, Mr. Michael Chobanov – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Sonny Wyland – Wyland, Humphrey & Clevenger, and Ms. Lindsay Simonetto – H. J. Umbaugh & Associates, Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry and Ms. Siara Sparkman – Reporters, and Students and Their Parents (as per the attached list).

Pledge of Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #982 - #1102 for \$414,022.31 and payrolls #19 - #20 for \$367,083.21 for a grand total of \$781,105.52; and to approve the minutes of the September 8, 2014 work session, and regular session. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons’ Comments

None.

ISTEP Certificates

Mrs. Burroughs noted ISTEP scores and certificates were presented to the students that achieved the highest ISTEP score at each grade level.

Personnel

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

- Accept the resignation of Mr. Jim Bontrager as a Part-Time High School Custodian,
- Hire Mrs. Betsy Jackson as a Part-Time Elementary Custodian retroactive to her start date of September 22, 2014,
- Hire Mr. Dennis Fulton as a Part-Time High School Custodian retroactive to his start date of September 24, 2014,
- Approve the request of Mrs. Jennifer Potter to take a maternity leave for a period of 10 weeks commencing at the birth of her baby in November 2014 and concluding in February 2015,
- Approve the request of Mrs. Jennifer Shaw to take a maternity leave commencing at the birth of her baby on approximately December 18, 2014, and continuing through the end of the 2014-2015 school year,
- Approve hiring Mr. Roger McKinney as the Fifth Grade Boys Basketball Coach,
- Approve hiring Mr. Joe White as the Sixth Grade Boys Basketball Coach,
- Approve hiring Mr. Jason Harrell as the Seventh Grade Boys Basketball Coach,
- Approve hiring Mr. Brad Hargrave as the Eighth Grade Boys Basketball Coach,
- Approve hiring Mr. Jeremy May as the Fifth Grade Girls Basketball Coach,
- Approve hiring Mr. David Carpenter as the Sixth Grade Girls Basketball Coach,
- Approve hiring Mrs. Shawna Shively as a Little Hoosiers Sponsor, and
- Accept the retirement notice of Mrs. Nancy McFarland as a Special Needs Nurse effective at the end of the first semester of the 2014-2015 school year.

Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

G. O. Bond
Project

Ms. Lindsay Simonetto from H. J. Umbaugh and Associates, gave a presentation on financing the proposed general obligation bond project.

Mr. Sonny Wyland, legal counsel for the proposed general obligation bond project, gave an over-view of the process in securing a general obligation bond issue and the timeline for accomplishing the bond issue.

Subsequent to Mr. Wyland's recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the "Preliminary Bond Resolution" (as per attached) seeking a principal amount not to exceed \$1,565,000.00 at an interest rate not to exceed 4.0% per annum. This was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter and the motion carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter moved to approve the attached resolution for "Declaration of Official Intent to Reimburse Expenditures", as recommended by Mr. Wyland, which will enable the school corporation to be reimbursed with proceeds for debt that is incurred by or on behalf of the Corporation as a result of the bond issue. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

- 2015 Budget Adoption Mr. Stichter moved, Mrs. Anders seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to adopt the 2015 annual budget for the general, transportation, and debt service funds as presented at the regular meeting on September 8, 2014; the resolution to adopt the Capital Projects Fund for 2015-2017; and the resolution to adopt the bus replacement fund plan for 2015-2026.
- 2015-2016 School Calendar Adoption Following Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to table adopting the school calendar for 2015-2016. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0. Additional discussion will be held with school corporations that share special education services with Triton School Corporation to determine a comparable school calendar for the schools that are involved.
- Corporation Policy Updates Mrs. Burroughs stated that all of the Board Policies have been reviewed by NEOLA. Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to adopt the suggested revisions to the current Board Policies as presented. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.
- Other Business Mrs. Barnhart moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to approve the out-of-state field trip request for fifth grade students to go to Camp Amigo, located in Sturgis, Michigan, on April 16-17, 2015.
- Superintendent's Report Mrs. Burroughs reported that \$132,350.00 will be earned in vocational monies this school year. This is a result of new classes being added at the High School and for providing transportation for vocational students that attend classes in Plymouth. All vocational dollars that we receive are deposited into the general fund.
- Mrs. Burroughs identified the following Core Values that have been realized in the past month:
- Continuous Improvement:** The marching band participated in several band competitions this fall. They finished the season with a gold rating at the District level in Crown Point on October 4 despite the inclement weather that day.
 - High Expectations:** Evidence of our high expectations is recognized by the number of certificates that were presented at the beginning of the meeting to our ISTEP achievers.
 - Shared Leadership:** The Strategic Planning Committee met in the Administration Office for the majority of the school day on September 19. The committee is comprised of board members, superintendent, administrators, faculty members, students, and community members.
 - Social Responsibility:** A blood drive was held at the High School and 71 individuals volunteered to donate blood.
 - Evidence-Based Decision Making:** The Strategic Planning Committee utilized data to update the current Strategic Plan and to formulate new goals.
 - Accountability:** Evidence of accountability is the Energy Star certification that the technology department received for the building updates and technology equipment that has been purchased.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

Mrs. Burroughs recognized Mr. Don Hall for making and donating covers for the seats in the auditorium that are in need of repairs. The value for making the seat covers is \$835.00. Mrs. Burroughs expressed her appreciation for Mr. Hall's generosity.

Mrs. Burroughs extended an invitation to anyone that is interested in attending a meeting in the High School auditorium on October 30, 2014. The topic to be presented and discussed will be the war on public education.

Patrons'
Comments

None.

Building
Reports

Mr. Riffle gave an update on events at the Elementary. He stated that approximately 600 people visited the Elementary on VIP day on October 3. In addition, Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry for his positive reporting in the media on Triton School Corporation and for his willingness to be a substitute teacher for the Corporation.

Mr. Chobanov reported on happenings at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of School Trustees, at 7:46 PM, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned.