

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

April 9, 2018

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on April 9, 2018.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Kevin Boyer.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mrs. Mindy Klotz – Transportation Director, Mrs. Christine Cook – Interim Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mrs. Jamie Stoner – Reporter, Miss CheyAnn Rolston, Mr. Jaxon Rolston, Mr. Wyatt Davis, and Mr. Brody Thompson – Students, Mrs. Dawn Slein – Secondary Teacher, Mr. Greg Wallace, Ms. Annette Rolston, Ms. Ashley Lemler, and Mrs. Sheila Thompson – Parents/Patrons.

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

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #4006 - #4196 in the amount of \$791,797.31, and payrolls #5 – #7 in the amount of \$565,449.54, for a grand total of \$1,357,246.86; and to approve the minutes of the executive session and regular sessions held on March 12, 2018. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 4 – 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:

DECA – Competency Medallion for Apparel and Accessories Marketing:
Tiffany Hughes

HNAC Tourney – Wrestling: Isaac Lemler won first place in the 160 pound weight class; Brody Thompson won second place in the 150 pound weight class; Jacob Dunn won second place in the 105 pound weight class; Jaxon Rolston won third place in the 95 pound weight class.

ISWA State Championship: Wyatt Davis won fourth place. He also took seventh place in the Novice 82 weight class at the USA Wrestling Kids/Vets. He is now a two time All American, a member of the Rochester Wrestling Club and a member of the Triton Trojan wrestling team.

Indiana State Police: Although she was not in attendance, Lourdes Lemler was recognized for her assistance with the investigation into the school threat.

Personnel

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Miller moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the following personnel items:

- Accept the resignation of Mr. Anthony Polite as a Bus Driver, effective on March 13, 2018;
- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Ashli Faulkner as the Eighth Grade Volleyball Coach;
- Approve hiring Mrs. Ashli Faulkner as a Varsity Volleyball Assistant;
- Approve hiring Mrs. Brittney Brosman, Mrs. Jill Finley, Mr. Curt Kreft, Mrs. Sarah Melling and Mrs. Samantha Phenix as Summer School Teachers;
- Approve hiring Mrs. Rhonda Hostetler, Mrs. Lisa Kreft, Mr. Taylor Long, Ms. Casi Painton, and Mrs. Johna Snyder as Summer School Instructional Assistants; and
- Approve the Northern Indiana Educational Services Center Shared Dietitian Consortium Services Contract for the period of August 1, 2018, through June 1, 2019, utilizing the services of Ms. Kaylyn MacKillop in this capacity.

Other
Business

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to adopt the Pearson's Interactive Music by Silver Burdett for K – 6 music instruction. This was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Riffle recommended approving the quote from Firefly in the amount of \$25,592.00 for the purchase of 90 Chromebooks with carts for the second grade classrooms. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the recommendation as presented. Mrs. Barnhart seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Mr. Riffle's recommendation to purchase 90 Chromebooks without carts for the sixth grade classrooms. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mrs. Barnhart moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the out-of-state field trip from Mrs. Tina Zechiel to allow the physics class to attend the Engineering and Technology Day at Six Flags Great America in Chicago, Illinois, on May 10, 2018.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip request from Mrs. Dawn Slein to allow the Science Club to go to Ecuador in June 2019. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mrs. Klotz gave a report on school transportation and bus safety. She stated there is an urgent need by the majority of Indiana school corporations, including Triton School Corporation, for properly licensed bus drivers. She expressed her appreciation for Mr. Scott's effort in preparing the buses for the upcoming State inspection, and for his diligence in cleaning and purging items that are no longer useful in the bus garage.

Superintendent's
Report

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

Continuous Improvement: Tonight we had the groundbreaking for the new auxiliary gym. Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation to the community for their

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

questions, their input, and their trust in the School Board and the Triton Administration and most importantly, for their faith in our students and wanting to provide them a great facility as they continue to get better physically and athletically in preparation for the game of life. We are excited for this giant step for our school and community as we strive to do great things for students and we remain persistent in investing in the next generation, one relationship at a time.

Shared Leadership: Mr. Riffle thanked the Board Members, Mr. Ross, Mrs. Cook and all of those who are working constantly to make every classroom a safe and inviting place for our students. Kindergarten round-up will be taking place on April 10. Our teachers have taken ownership of the Kindergarten program, and they will make a presentation tomorrow evening to the parents of our prospective students.

Social Responsibility: Students were recognized earlier for representing their family, school, and community with excellence. Mr. Riffle expressed his gratitude to the coaches and parents for their hard work, dedication and investment in their child's interests.

Accountability: Our coaches, teachers, and parents persist in their endeavors to set high expectations for our scholars. We are blessed with outstanding young men and young women who, by and large, are striving to be their best.

High Expectations: Triton teachers and coaches are consistently investing in our students by building relationships and keeping students accountable in school and outside of school.

Alignment: Mr. Riffle thanked the teachers who shared tonight about study trip opportunities that they are providing to our students to visit places they may not otherwise have had the opportunity to visit. He stated that often times, field trips such as these are the opportunities students remember the most.

Patrons' Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building Reports

Mrs. Cook gave a report on happenings at the Elementary, and Mr. Ross commented 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 7:38 PM.

Teresa L. Barnhart, Secretary

Approved: May 14, 2018

President: *Angie Middaugh*

Secretary: *Teresa Barnhart*

Kevin R. Boen

Kevin R. Riffle

Alan Smith