

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

*** BOARD MINUTES ***

Regular Session

October 6, 2020

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Regular Session at 5:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on October 6, 2020.

Members Present: Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mr. Steve Stichter, Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Wes Rettinger.

Members Absent: Mrs. Terri Barnhart.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent, and Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager

Mr. Boyer called the Regular Session to order at 5:00 PM and the “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Patrons’
Comments

There were no patrons’ comments.

Public Hearing

Mr. Boyer opened the public hearing on the Collective Bargaining Contract Between the Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation and the Triton Teachers Association. No patrons commented.

Adjournment

Mr. Stichter made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:01 PM. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Steven D. Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ October 12, 2020

President: Steve Stichter

Secretary: Kevin R. Boyer

Wes Rettinger

Ken Miller

Tom McFarland

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Regular Session

September 14, 2020

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 September 14, 2020. Due to the Center for Disease Control's direction on COVID-19 to not gather in groups, the Regular Session was video recorded and posted on social media as well.

Members Present: Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mr. Steve Stichter, Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Wes Rettinger.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mrs. Christine Cook – Elementary Principal, Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Bruce Gephart – Maintenance Director, Mrs. Karyn McFarland – Parent, Miss Molly McFarland – Student, and Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media.

NOTE:

A work session was held at 6:00 PM in the Old Gym to discuss the building contents that are to be considered for the public auction.

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

Mrs. Barnhart called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Consensus
Agenda**

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #2124 – #2261 in the amount of \$569,080.23, and payrolls #17 – #18 in the amount of \$354,522.07; the voided vendor check #32221 in the amount of (-\$1,350.00) and the voided vendor check #32183 in the amount of (-\$121.92) for a grand total of \$922,130.38; and to approve the minutes of regular session held on August 10, 2020. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

**Patrons'
Comments**

There were no patrons' comments.

Public Hearing

The public hearing for the 2021 Bus Replacement Plan, the 2021 Capital Projects Fund Plan, and the 2021 Budget was held. No patrons commented about the budget plans.

Personnel

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to approve the following personnel items:

- Hire Mr. Christopher Newman as an Elementary Custodian for the evening shift, retroactive to his start date of August 17, 2020; and
- Hire Mr. Troy Sherk as a Computer Technician at an hourly rate of \$15.34 retroactive to his start date of August 24, 2020.

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the following personnel items:

- Hire Mr. Brandon Young as a Senior Class Co-Sponsor;
- Hire Mrs. Christina Hartman as a Senior Class Co-Sponsor; and
- Hire Miss Tracie Knisley as a Junior Class Co-Sponsor.

Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

Shared Leadership: We work as a team. Each member provides essential leadership in support of our common goals.

Mr. Riffle stated that he's thankful for the team we have assembled and he thinks each of our leadership team members have the best interest of the school corporation and our students in mind. They continue to challenge each other's thinking, adjust to the ever changing demand on their time, and give their all to our corporation and the students they serve.

Social Responsibility: We ensure that we are good partners within our community and that our students and employees support local individuals and organizations. We demonstrate wise stewardship of public resources and ensure that our graduates are ready to shoulder their civic responsibilities.

Mr. Riffle will be meeting with a couple of town business owners and a board member to continue to discuss the possibility of getting fiber downtown and to local businesses, including Triton School Corporation. Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation to the Bourbon Police Officers who continue to patrol our campus on a daily basis and for their help implementing our new traffic pattern which has been very beneficial to both our transportation department and our students' safety.

Accountability: Each person affiliated with the TSC system, including students, employees, parents/family members, and community stakeholders share accountability for our performance results and for providing personal best effort in support of our goals.

Mr. Riffle thanked Mrs. Kim Bilinski, who retired as an Elementary Teacher, for administering the baseline tests to most of our elementary digital learners. The students were able to connect with a familiar face, Mrs. Bilinski, who was so welcoming to the students, and we know we are going to get reliable data with her administering the assessment. I am also thankful for parents who were willing to transport their children to our campus. They all had great attitudes as they interacted with Mrs. Bilinski and office personnel.

High Expectations: Our learning organization requires that we maintain high expectations for one another and for self.

Mr. Riffle stated, "I am thankful for our coaches and instructors who have worked hard to meet the new expectations, while still allowing our students to participate in FFA, band, cheerleading, football, cross country, tennis, volleyball, basketball, etc." Coaches and sponsors have been diligent in their efforts in continuing to stress social distancing, masking up and doing everything they can to keep their seasons/programs moving forward.

Evidence Based Decision Making: We make decisions after careful consideration of the most compelling research and data analysis.

Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation for our Food Service Departments and to Mrs. Margo Lemler and Mrs. Jami McIntyre for using evidence based decision making to begin serving hot lunches again. They continue working within the parameters set, and as previously stated, we will re-evaluate approximately every 15 days to determine how things are going and what we can do to make these transitions safely. Students still have assigned seats/tables, are being served their meals, and are still asked to social distance and mask up when seated at their respective table, after they are done eating.

Alignment: We are most successful when everyone in our learning organization works together to achieve common goals. We can enhance efficiency and effectiveness by achieving alignment across our system.

Mr. Riffle announced that Triton Senior Squad members will be sworn in at the first ever, Senior Squad Induction Ceremony on September 23. Guest speaker and author, Mr. Todd Gongwer, will join us to give the charge of leadership and what it takes to lead well in today's society. Inductees have been chosen by the 2019 Senior Squad and confirmed by Triton Jr/Sr High School Teacher and Administrators as future leaders and displaying the potential to represent and lead their peers to a successful school year.