

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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***** BOARD MINUTES *****

Public Hearing and Regular Session

July 11, 2016

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met for a public hearing, and they also met in regular session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana on July 11, 2016.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, and Mr. Jim Master – Reporter.

Public Hearing On
Superintendent's
Contract

It is noted that Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order at 6:50 PM for the purpose of the public hearing on Mrs. Burroughs' 2016/2017 contract as the Superintendent. Mr. McFarland stated that he supports Mrs. Burroughs' contract. There were no other comments concerning the Superintendent's contract, therefore Mrs. Middaugh declared the public hearing closed at 6:53 PM.

The regular session was called to order at 7:00 PM by Mrs. Middaugh.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #1802 - #2008 in the amount of \$771,529.96 and payrolls #12 - #13 for \$398,914.33 for a grand total of \$1,170,444.29; and to approve the regular session minutes of the June 13, 2016, meeting. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Personnel

Mr. Boyer moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the following personnel items:

- Hire Mr. Taylor Long as a Second Grade Teacher;
- Hire Ms. Haley Plikerd as a Junior High Science Teacher;
- Hire Mr. Blake Schori as a Vocational Business Teacher;
- Approve the Reduction in Force (RIF) of Mrs. Marcia Keyser's contract as a Half-Time Reading Interventionist at the Elementary;
- Approve the Reduction in Force (RIF) of Mrs. Haley Young as a cafeteria worker at the Jr./Sr. High School;
- Approve all of the 2016/2017 teaching contracts as status quo until the Collective Bargaining Agreement is ratified by the Triton Teachers Association and the Triton Board of School Trustees;

Personnel (Cont.)

- Approve the 2016/2017 administrative contracts for Mr. Robert Ross, Mr. Mason McIntyre, Mr. Jeremy Riffle, Mrs. Christine Cook, and Mr. Joshua Van Houten as status quo until the Collective Bargaining Agreement is ratified;
- Approve the following coaches for 2016/2017 fall sports:
 - Football: Mr. Ron Brown as Varsity Coach, Mr. Rodney Younis and Mr. Matthew Arvesen as Varsity Assistant Coaches, and Mr. Jim Snyder as a Junior High Coach;
 - Volleyball: Mrs. Ashli Faulkner as the Eight Grade Volleyball Coach, and Ms. Lana Hostrawser as the Seventh Grade Volleyball Coach;
 - Cross Country: Mr. Blake Schori as the Varsity Cross Country Coach, and Mr. Travis Cooper as the Junior High Cross Country Coach;
 - Mr. Allen Peckham as the Boys' Varsity Tennis Coach;
 - Girls' Golf: Mr. Jack Carpenter as the Varsity Coach, and Mr. David Carpenter and Mr. Stephen Duff as Volunteer Coaches.

Other
Business

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously to approve the following fund raisers for the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School for the 2016/2017 school year:

- Yearbook: Cookie Dough Sales, August 4-26, 2016;
- Junior Class: Magazine Sales, August through September 2016;
- High School Football: Card Sales, Fall of 2016;
- Cheerleaders: Dunk Tank/Bake Sale August 13-14, 2016; Mini Cheer Clinics during football and basketball seasons; and lollipop sales February-March 2017;
- Science Club: Fall Bulbs, September through October; Spring Bulbs, March/April 2017; Scratch Cards, March-April 2017;
- FFA: Fruit Sales, November 2016; Marshall County Toy Tractor Show, February/March 2017; Consignment Auction, April 8, 2017;
- Art Club: Chicken Dinner Sales, September 23, 2016; Popcorn Sales, February 1-28, 2017;
- DECA: Braided Pastries, October 24 through November 4, 2016;
- Drama Club: Trivia Competition, October 23, 2016;
- Performing Arts: Cheese/Sausage Sale, October 24 through November 11, 2016, and Braided Pastries, May 1-14, 2017;
- Boys Basketball: Apparel Sales, Fall/Winter;
- Senior Class: Spaghetti Supper, December 16, 2016;
- Athletic Department: Golf Scramble, May 2017;
- High School Wrestling: Krispy Kreme, October 17 through November 6, 2016;
- Junior High Wrestling: : Krispy Kreme, January 30 through February 17, 2017;
- Helping Hands: Work at the Columbia City Haunted Jail in October 2016; Car Wash in May 2017;
- Fifth Grade – Camp Amigo: Tupperware Sales, October 2016, Mudlove Bracelets to be sold during Elementary home basketball games, walk/jog-a-thon in early September, 2016, and sell laundry detergent and trash bags in bulk, February 2017;
- Sixth Grade – Medieval Times Trip: Dodo Bags, August 2016;

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to raise the reimbursement rate for bus drivers CDL physicals to \$100.00. This was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter. The motion carried 5 – 0.

Superintendent's
Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified the following core values that have been recognized since the previous meeting on June 13:

Continuous Improvement: Board members collaborated during the retreat on June 24 to establish new goals for the 2016/2017 school year.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

High Expectations: Mrs. Burroughs identified hiring of new Triton staff members as evidence of high expectations.

Shared Leadership: Fourth grade teacher, Jenny Mevis, received a VEX Robotics Grant recently. Funds from this grant will be utilized to purchase a robotics kit and it will allow Mrs. Mevis to receive training to become a robotics educator.

Social Responsibility: The "Pack-a-Backpack" program which provides assistance with school supplies for Elementary students is evidence of social responsibility.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: Hiring of personnel for special education positions is an example of evidence-based decision making.

Accountability: The necessity to RIF a Title I teacher due to budget cuts in the Title I program, and to RIF a cafeteria employee is an instance of accountability.

The summer food program has been very successful this year and has seen an increase in participation.

Mrs. Burroughs reported that Ms. Dominique Schwenk who is employed as a school psychologist has resigned her position from Culver Community Schools to take a full-time school psychologist position at John Glenn School Corporation. Ms. Schwenk provided psychologist services to Triton students. We will now partner with Rochester Community Schools for school psychologist services for Triton students.

Mrs. Jill Houin has resigned her position from Northern Indiana Educational Services Center (NIESC). She was employed as an eLearning Coach and she assisted the Triton staff with implementing technology in the classroom. Mrs. Burroughs stated that Mrs. Houin did a great job for us and it is uncertain at this time if she will be replaced.

Mrs. Burroughs expressed condolence to the family of Miss Breanna Lemler for her recent passing. She was a Triton graduate.

Mrs. Burroughs stated that the Board assessed data pertaining to their goals from 2015/2016 during the Board retreat. In addition, they established the following goals for 2016/2017:

- Increase reading comprehension to 83% of students at or above grade level by the end of the school year. The challenge level goal is 85%.
- Math goal is 73% of students passing standardized math assessments at the end of the year. The challenge level goal is 75% passing rate.
- Reduce the number of students missing 10 or more days a semester to 3% or less.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building
Reports

Mr. Riffle requested that Mrs. Burroughs express his appreciation for the great effort being exhibited by the Elementary custodians in readying the building for the 2016/2017 school year. In addition, summer school was very successful this year.

Mr. Ross requested that Mrs. Burroughs express his appreciation to the high school custodians for their diligent effort in getting the high school ready for the new school year. Also, Ms. Haley Plikerd attended the summer Project Lead the Way training.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, at 7:15 PM, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned.