

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

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

Work Session

January 13, 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 6:00 PM on January 13, 2014.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mrs. Jerilyn Anders, Mrs. Terri Barnhart, and Mr. Kevin Boyer.

Members Absent: Mr. Steve Stichter.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mr. Michael Chobanov – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Bob Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Todd Zeiger – Indiana Historical Landmarks, Mr. Kurt Garner – Wythougan Historical Society, Mr. Ron Searcy – Odle, McGuire, and Shook Corporation, and Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry - Reporter.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Findings from the old gym feasibility study were presented to the Board.

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 6:48 PM.

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

Board of Finance Session

January 13, 2014

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in a Board of Finance session in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana at 6:50 PM on January 13, 2014.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mrs. Jerilyn Anders, Mrs. Terri Barnhart, and Mr. Kevin Boyer.

Members Absent: Mr. Steve Stichter.

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, Mr. Todd Zeiger – Indiana Historical Landmarks, Mr. Kurt Garner – Wythougan Historical Society, Mr. Ron Searcy – Odle, McGuire, and Shook Corporation, and Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry – Reporter.

Election of
Officers

Following a discussion for electing officers to the Board of Finance, Mrs. Anders made a motion that the President and Secretary will be the same individuals that are going to be elected as the President and Secretary during the reorganization session of the Board of School Trustees. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Investment
Report

Mrs. Burroughs presented the December 31, 2013 Fund Report and she stated that no funds are currently available for investment purposes.

Adjournment

No other subject matter was discussed in the Board of Finance session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice. The meeting adjourned at 6:52 PM.

NOTE:

Mrs. Middaugh was elected as the Board President and Mrs. Barnhart was elected as the Board Secretary during the reorganization session of the Board of School Trustees. Please refer to the motion above regarding the election of officers for the Board of Finance.

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

Regular Session

January 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 6:54 PM on January 13, 2014.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

Members Present: Mrs. Amy Middaugh, Mrs. Jerilyn Anders, Mrs. Terri Barnhart, and Mr. Kevin Boyer.

Members Absent: Mr. Steven Stichter.

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. Todd Zeiger – Indiana Historical Landmarks, Mr. Kurt Garner – Wythougan Historical Society, Mr. Ron Searcy – Odle, McGuire, and Shook Corporation, and Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry – Reporter.

FINAL REGULAR SESSION FOR 2013

Pledge of Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #1412 - #1452 for \$301,118.31 and accounts payable vouchers#1 - #45 for 512,683.42, payrolls #25 - #26 for \$434,105.34 for a grand total of \$1,247,907.07; and the Minutes of the December 9, 2013 executive and regular sessions. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Patrons’ Comments

None.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the final meeting of 2013 adjourned at 6:54 PM.

REORGANIZATION SESSION

Mrs. Middaugh called the reorganization session to order immediately following adjournment of the final 2013 regular session.

Election of Officers

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to elect Mrs. Middaugh to the office of President of the Board. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Mrs. Anders moved and Mrs. Middaugh seconded the motion to elect Mr. Kevin Boyer to the office of Vice-President of the Board. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Anders made a motion to elect Mrs. Barnhart to the office of Secretary of the Board. Mrs. Middaugh seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Meeting Date, Time & Location

Mrs. Anders moved to continue holding regular session meetings on the second Monday of each month at 7:00 PM in the Administration Office and to re-evaluate the December meeting date for a possible change. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Appointments: Treasurer

Subsequent to Mrs. Burroughs recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to appoint Mrs. Janet Barker as the Corporation Treasurer. This was followed by a second from Mrs. Barnhart. The motion carried 4-0.

Attorney

Mrs. Burroughs recommended retaining the services of Mr. Mark Wagner, Esquire, from the law firm Wyland, Humphrey, Wagner and Clevenger, LLP, as the Corporation Attorney. The firm's law offices are located in Plymouth and Bremen. Mrs. Anders moved to approve Mr. Wagner as the Corporation Attorney as per Mrs. Burroughs recommendation. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Discussion Committee Rep/Alt

By consensus, the Board agreed that the Discussion Committee Representative/Alternate positions will be on a voluntary basis. Board members will communicate with the Administration Office prior to the meeting date if they plan to attend a discussion session.

ISBA Delegate/ Legis. Liaison

Mr. Boyer made a motion to appoint Mrs. Barnhart as the ISBA Delegate/Legislative Liaison and Mrs. Anders seconded the motion. It carried 4-0.

Student Handbook Committee And Textbook Adoption Committee

Mrs. Middaugh volunteered to serve as the Board representative on the Elementary Student Handbook Committee. Mrs. Barnhart volunteered to serve as the Board representative on the Jr./Sr. High School Student Handbook Committee. Mrs. Barnhart volunteered to serve as the Board representative on the Elementary and Jr./Sr. High School Textbook Adoption Committees. Mrs. Barnhart moved to approve the Board representatives for the Student Handbook and Textbook Adoption Committees as previously mentioned. Mrs. Anders seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Board Policy Representatives	Mrs. Middaugh made a motion to appoint Mr. Boyer and Mrs. Anders as the Board Policy Representatives. This was followed by a second from Mrs. Barnhart. The motion carried 4-0.
Collective Bargaining Representatives	By consensus of the Board, this appointment was added as an agenda item. Mrs. Anders made a motion to appoint Mrs. Barnhart and Mr. Stichter as Board Member Representatives for Collective Bargaining. This was followed by a second from Mrs. Barnhart. The motion carried unanimously.
Board Salaries	Mr. Boyer made a motion to continue with the annual salary of \$1,500.00 for Board Members and to grant Board members the option of signing a waiver allowing individual members to accept a lesser annual salary which is to be determined by the individual member. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.
Conflict of Interest Forms	Mrs. Burroughs informed the Board that each of them will need to sign a Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statement.
Adjournment	Mrs. Middaugh declared the reorganization session adjourned at 7:05 PM.
REGULAR SESSION	
Personnel	Mrs. Burroughs stated there are no "Personnel" items to approve.
Other Business	Mr. Ron Searcy from Odle, McGuire and Shook, Corporation gave a Power Point Presentation on the old gym feasibility study that was recently performed on the facility. It is possible that the old gym could be declared a historical landmark. Mrs. Burroughs will attend the Bourbon Town Council meeting on January 15 to present the findings of the feasibility study. Mrs. Burroughs stated that this is considered the final reading of the Board Policy for Homeschool Participation. Mrs. Barnhart moved to adopt the policy and Mrs. Anders seconded the motion. It carried unanimously. Mr. Chobanov and Mr. Riffle presented the school letter grade reports, as established by the State of Indiana, for their respective buildings. Discussion occurred. Mrs. Cook commented on student progress. Mrs. Burroughs expressed her appreciation to the principals and their staff for all of the hard work that has been put forth to enable the Elementary, the Jr./Sr. High School, and the Corporation to receive a letter grade "A".
Superintendent's Report	Mrs. Burroughs identified the following Core Values that have been realized within the past month: Continuous Improvement: School letter grades for the Elementary, Jr./Sr. High School and the Corporation are all "A's". High Expectations: The Corporation received an energy star certification as a result of many of the upgrades that have been made in the buildings. Mrs. Burroughs expressed her appreciation to Mr. Anders for his role in ascertaining this certification for the Corporation.

Superintendent’s Report (Cont.)

Shared Leadership: Mrs. Burroughs recognized Mr. Jack Carpenter for receiving a \$2,500.00 grant entitled “Fuel Up To Play 60 Minutes a Day”.

Social Responsibility: Cold weather calls related to school attendance/events were made during the recent bad weather conditions.

Evidence-Based Decision Making: Mrs. Burroughs acknowledged Mr. McIntyre’s decisions to re-schedule athletic events as a result of the recent weather conditions.

Accountability: Considerations for the old gym project is an example of accountability.

A “balanced calendar” is being discussed between the area school corporations. It will be necessary for the school corporations to continue to have similar school calendars due to the services, (i.e. special education, and vocational classes), that are shared between the school districts. Additional discussions will be held to present the topic of a “balanced calendar” to patrons’ within each school district.

Mrs. Burroughs reported that school was canceled on January 6 – 8 due to bad weather. A waiver has been requested for January 6 and 7 from the State. January 8 will have to be made up by students. The make-up day will be February 17 which is President’s Day.

Mrs. Burroughs met with the school counselor and the guidance counselors. As a result, they compiled a document regarding career choices and how student field trips tie into career choices. It was noted that all students need to be either “career ready” or “college ready” upon graduation from high school.

Patrons’ Comments

None.

Building Reports

Mr. Ross and Mr. Chobanov gave a report on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Mr. Riffle gave an update on events at the Elementary.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Board of School Trustees, at 8:22 PM Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned.