

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

\* \* \* **BOARD MINUTES** \* \* \*

**Work Session**

**September 9, 2013**

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 6:30 PM on September 9, 2013.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent and Ms. Linda Yoder – Marshall County Community Foundation Representative.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Establishing a Triton Educational Endowment Fund

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

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**\*\*\* BOARD MINUTES \*\*\***

**Regular Session**

**September 9, 2013**

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 September 9, 2013.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mrs. Donna Burroughs – Superintendent, Mrs. Janet Barker – Business Finance Director/Treasurer, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Michael Chobanov – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal, Miss Diana Westphal – Art Teacher, Mr. Alvin Chupp – Patron, and Mr. Ed Scherer-Berry – Reporter.

Pledge of Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #893 - #1028 for \$507,794.73, payrolls #17 - #18 for \$344,919.04 for a grand total of \$852,713.77; and the Minutes of the August 12, 2013 executive session, work session and regular session. Mrs. Anders seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons’ Comments

None.

Personnel

Mrs. Burroughs recommended approval of the following personnel items:

- Hire Mr. Jeremy May as an assistant football coach;
- Hire Mrs. Kendra Creighbaum as the color guard coach;
- Hire Mrs. Lana Hostrawser, Mrs. Brittney Brosman, and Mrs. Ashleigh Hanby as sixth grade volleyball coaches (Note: this is one position that will be split between these coaches);
- Hire Mr. Phillip Warren as a part-time custodian at the Elementary;
- Utilize Mr. Todd Hoffer as a volunteer for cross country;
- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Mary Hayes as a junior high softball coach;
- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Lisa Eiser as a Destination Imagination coach;
- Accept the resignation of Mr. Mike Eiser as a Destination Imagination coach;
- Hire Miss Casi Painton as a Little Hoosiers sponsor;

Personnel (Cont.)

- Hire Mrs. June Klotz and Mrs. Carol Bules as ACES sponsors;
- Hire Mrs. Nancy Nordmann as a seventh grade class sponsor;
- Hire Mr. Jason Groves as an eleventh grade class sponsor; and
- Hire Mr. Robert Ross as a twelfth grade class sponsor.

Mr. Stichter moved to approve all personnel items as recommended and Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion. It carried unanimously.

Public Hearing  
2014 Budget, CPF  
Plan & 12 Year Bus  
Replacement Plan

Mrs. Burroughs commented on the school budget process. Mrs. Barker presented the proposed 2014 budget, Capital Projects Fund Plan for 2014-2016, and the 12 year bus replacement plan for 2014 – 2025. She stated that this is considered the public hearing on each of these and she asked if there were any questions from the Board or patrons. No questions or comments were made by anyone.

Other  
Business

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the request from the Art Club for an out-of-state field trip to New York City June 3 – 6, 2014. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Following Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved to approve the Triton Jr./Sr. High School Athletic Department leaving the Northern State Conference (NSC) and joining a newly formed athletic conference with Caston, Culver, Knox, North Judson, Pioneer, and Winamac School Corporation. This was followed by a second from Mrs. Barnhart. The motion carried 5-0. It should be noted that the new athletic conference currently does not have a name, and it could take up to two years before competitions begin in the newly formed conference.

Superintendent's  
Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified the following core values:

**Continuous Improvement:** Board members will be attending the Indiana School Boards Association state conference in Indianapolis on September 23-24.

**High Expectations:** Mrs. Jennifer Shaw, High School Guidance Counselor, is having all tenth grade students take the PSAT.

**Shared Leadership:** Leadership team meetings are being held in the Administration Office once each month during the school year. The leadership team is comprised of Mrs. Burroughs and Mrs. Middaugh, all of the building principals, and directors of finance, transportation, maintenance, technology, and athletics.

**Social Responsibility:** Free counseling sessions are available to students through the Student Assistance Program that is administered by the Bowen Center.

**Evidence-Based Decision Making:** Mrs. Burroughs and Mr. Richard Anders, Maintenance Director, have a meeting to discuss the most critical facility needs for the Corporation. Items that are identified in this meeting are utilized as building blocks for the Capital Projects Fund Plan.

**Accountability:** Canines from the Plymouth Police Department and the Marshall County Sheriff's Department will be coming on-site to perform a drug search in the parking lot and the Jr./Sr. High School building.

Superintendent's  
Report (Cont.)

Mrs. Burroughs stated we have had a great start this school year.

Mrs. Burroughs reported that as of August 30 we have a total of 966 students enrolled. We have an average of 17:1, student to teacher ratio.

Mrs. Burroughs apprised the Board of the new hiring practices four day training that Mr. Chobanov, Mr. Ross, Mr. Riffle, and Mrs. Cook attended during the summer break. She presented each of them with a plaque that was earned for completing the training.

Mr. Riffle updated the Board on events at the Elementary.

Mr. Ross and Mr. Chobanov reported on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Patrons'  
Comments

None.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, at 7:38 PM, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned.