

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
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*** * * BOARD MINUTES * * ***

Regular Session

December 12, 2022

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 December 12, 2022. The meeting was live streamed 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; Mr. Orion Lemler–Triton Social Media; Mrs. Christine Cook–Elementary Principal; Mr. Nate McKeand–Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Kenny Barnhart–Triton Social Media

Pledge of Allegiance 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 #4815 –#4822, #4907- #4935, and #4945- #5017 in the amount of \$521,580.93; payrolls #23 and #24 in the amount of \$593,335.18 for a grand total of \$1,114,916.11; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on November 14, 2022. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5–0.

Patrons' Comments None

Personnel Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Heather Sell as special needs bus aide. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Matt Arvesen as JH wrestling head coach, Malachi Greene as JH wrestling assistant, and Jason Thompson as JH wrestling supervisor, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve substitute pay for current certified staff covering during their prep, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0.

Business Mr. Stichter moved to approve the purchase of a 66 passenger Thomas C2 school bus and the purchase of a 15 passenger activity bus, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve tag distribution for teachers and administration, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Riffle addressed the resolution for the dissolution of JESSE. The resolution did not pass the JESSE board at this time. It will continue to be a work in progress with additional information shared as it is received. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve the annual copier purchase and maintenance agreement from Adams Remco, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 5-0.

Superintendents Report **Continuous Improvement** - Updates to the Triton Jr/Sr High School signage in the weight room, cafeteria, library, admin building and wrestling room look great and really put the finishing touches on these areas. This has been a long time coming and I am thankful for Descon who continues to partner with Triton School Corporation to bring consistency in design, color, and spirit to our campus.

Shared Leadership – Areas of focus at this time include multiple areas of the Strategic Plan including but not limited to:

1. Encourage Student Academic Success
2. Foster Social and Emotional Growth
3. Invest in Teacher and Staff Success

Strategic Planning - Approved April 11th TSC Strategic Plan 2022

This morning was a prime example of a time when shared leadership was needed in order to maintain safety and order for our scholars. At 7:25 we were alerted that the power went out at the elementary school. The transportation department was well into their morning routes. Students were held on buses for approximately 5 minutes longer than normal, shortly after all the buses were done unloading the power came on allowing our students and staff to stay in the building and resume with their day. Bus drivers were prepared to come back for an early dismissal if necessary, the high school was prepared to house over 500 students if needed, and staff was quick to help out in any way that they could.

Social Responsibility - This month we have worked closely with our town government to discuss Highway 30 with county personnel, the potential of future housing in Etna Green and Bourbon, Economic Development opportunities, and how to continue to look for ways to make our town and school system a place where people want to be.

Accountability - This month there has been a lot of discussion within our current special education cooperative. Ongoing discussions continue on how best to move forward to ensure that we are providing the best service to our students, while being fiscally responsible, and creating high quality programming. There will be more to come on this topic, but I appreciate your patience as we continue to work through what is best for Triton and our students.

High Expectations - The Triton Trojans Sports Network will be recognized for their ongoing and incredible support of all things Triton. For example, tonight they are recording this board meeting, they will be recording the Jr/Sr High School Concert, they will be at the 5th & 6th grade game at the elementary, in Plymouth at the 7th grade game, and recording our 8th grade basketball team in the TAC. This could not be done without extreme dedication. The Triton Athletic Department will be recognizing the TTSN Team on Tuesday night at halftime of the varsity basketball game against Bethany Christian. Please consider going to <https://www.tritontrojans.org/donate> to donate to the cause. If you are appreciative of being able to watch games, concerts, or programs from afar, please don't take this incredible service for granted, donate to the cause and let TTSN know how much they mean to us.

Alignment - January 3rd Professional Development:

Focus - Vertical Articulation and Crisis Prevention Institute

8:00-9:00 Building Meetings

9:00-10:30 ELA Collaboration (SS, JG, 5th and 6th) Elementary Library

9:00-11:30 Initial Online CPI Training (on their own) (Ashley McCallum)

11:30-12:15 Lunch

12:30-2:00 Science Collaboration (AB, JJ, 5th and TW) (Andy's Room at HS - Room 314)

12:30-2:30 CPI Refresher and Interactive Session for Initial CPI (HS Library) (Ashley McCallum)

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building
Reports

Mrs. Cook gave a brief building report for the elementary. Mr. McKeand gave a brief building report for the high school.

Other There were no other comments.

Adjournment There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:23 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ January 09, 2022

President: *Lore Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*
Keen A. Boger

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