

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

March 13, 2023

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 March 13, 2023. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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; Mr. Tom McFarland-Business Manager; Mr. Orion Lemler-Triton Social Media; Mrs. Christine Cook-Elementary Principal; Mr. Nate McKeand-Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Anna McIntyre; Sydney Scarberry; Earl Scarberry; Hillelah Chupp; Shade Trent; Evan Briles; Brady Sechrist; Ethan Stults; Collin Bolinger

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Boyer 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 #5129 -#5139, #5208-#5229, and #5240- #5295 in the amount of \$516,378.65; payrolls #3, #4, in the amount of \$489,042.28 for a grand total of \$1,005,420.93; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on February 13, 2023. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Patrons' Comments

None.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the resignation of June Klotz as the elementary ACES sponsor. Mr. Miller moved to approve Kathryn Nelson, Tenneil Harms, and Chelsea Hedington as substitute teachers, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Robby Pope as the JV baseball coach, Todd Blackford as a volunteer JH baseball coach, and Travis Shivley as the assistant HS baseball coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve Emily Nifong as the head coach for HS girls' tennis, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to Jeremy May as the head coach for HS girls' track, Amy Chizum as the head coach for HS boys' track, Jaela Meister as the assistant HS track coach, Justina Faulkner as the JH girls' track head coach, and Joe White as the JH boys' track head coach, Mr. Miller seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Blake Schori as the HS boys' golf head coach Darrin Harrell as a volunteer HS boys' golf coach, and Zach Shafer as the JH boys' golf coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Business

Mr. Miller moved to approve the application for 2023-2024 180 day instructional waiver, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve permission to advertise the Annual Performance Report, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Trafera quote for 325 Lenovo 100e Chromebooks, Mr. Stichter seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve the Greenmark Equipment quote for a John Deere Gator, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the all staff supplemental stipend, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 3-0 (Mr. Stichter recused himself).

Mr. Stichter made a motion to place old or surplus items in the FFA Auction, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the quote from Northern Lakes for painting the old maintenance building and the main bus garage, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Superintendents Report

Continuous Improvement - On February 16th, Triton School Corporation held its third and final delayed start professional development day. The high school staff continued to establish their instructional model and expectations. While the elementary school focused on math data trends and how we can continue to improve math data school wide. These items are both directly related to our school improvement plan.

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

I think it is important for our community to know that we have a tremendous leadership team. Each of these individuals work tirelessly to do their best to support their staff and the students of our school.

Laura Baker - Transportation, Jordan Breeden - Technology, Bruce Gephart- Maintenance, Margo Lemler - Food Service, Tom McFarland - Business Manager, Rodney Younis - AD, Nate McKeand - High School Principal, Rick Yarbrough HS Asst Principal, Christine Cook - Elem Principal, and Melissa LaShure - Corp Data and Assessment Coordinator.

Social Responsibility - On Wednesday of last week, we invited nearly 30 members of Leadership Marshall County to Triton. The topic of the day was board governance and leadership. Triton was able to share positive things happening in our corporation, our own Board of Trustees Vice President, Mr. Boyer spoke, and multiple other members of our community were represented and helped make this a successful day.

Thank you to the Lutheran Kosciusko Hospital, The Bourbon Fire Department putting on a health fair for Triton Elementary last week.

Accountability - Triton 3rd graders took their annual IREAD 3 assessment and preliminary scores show they scored well above the state average. These scores are not released to the public yet, but when they are we will be sure to share this information.

High Expectations - The sectional and regional time is a great time to put our facilities and people on display for everyone to see. Again, we are not perfect, but we have a lot of great people working extremely hard to represent and fully align our actions, attitudes, and behaviors with our core values. On Saturday, we had multiple high ranking officials and members of the IHSAA who were so pleased with the hospitality, customer service, and efficiency in which we ran the tournament. Kudos to Rodney and all of his helpers for doing everything they could to provide a positive experience for all who attended.

Alignment - On Thursday of last week, the FFA held their regional competition that saw schools from all over our region attend. Cheyanne Hawley, District 2 FFA President, did put in a lot of time and effort with her team under the direction of Mrs. April Leeper as well as Miss Slonaker to make this a successful event. There were well over 100 volunteers that helped judge, organize, direct, and make sure this once again was a great experience for all who attended. There were 28 contests, 266 students, 10 volunteers, 96 judges, 18 schools, 34 advisors.

Evidence Based Decision Making - The high school upper deck bleachers began being removed today. These original bleachers have been repaired numerous times, and the last couple of years has made it very clear that we needed to update the top section, just like the bottom. This will provide our maintenance staff the opportunity to electrify the bleachers, provide handrails for our patrons, and improve the safety of this space. This project is projected to be completed before graduation.

Congratulations:

- Elijah Cox- won the 1A/2A State Championship
 - Vincent Prater- 6th place at the 1A/2A State Championship
 - Addyson Viers- Honorable Mention All-State
 - Kinsey Atkins- Manchester and Sydney Scarberry - Grace
 - Trojan Jazz Band and Trojan Singers- success at the most recent competitions
- Triton Parents: Kindergarten Enrollment April 4, 4-6 pm
 Preschool Enrollment April 11, 4-6 pm

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, Mr. Boyer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: April 10, 2023

President: *Lee Burt*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

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Kenneth W. Miller
