

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

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

**Work Session**

**February 9, 2015**

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 6:15 PM on February 9, 2015.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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. Kari Vilamaa – Architect from Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, and Mr. Curt Pletcher – Financial Adviser from H. J. Umbaugh.

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION: Referendum

**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 6:50 PM.

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**Regular Session**

**February 9, 2015**

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 February 9, 2015.

Mrs. Middaugh called the meeting to order.

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, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mr. Michael Chobanov – Jr./Sr. High School Principal, Mr. Bob Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal, Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Elementary Principal, Mrs. Christine Cook – Administrative Assistant/Curriculum and Assessment, Mr. Ron Brown – Secondary Teacher, and others as per attached list.

Pledge of  
Allegiance

The “Pledge of Allegiance” was recited.

Consensus  
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #48 - #149 for \$669,962.41 and payrolls #1 - #3 for \$525,830.15 for a grand total of \$1,195,792.56; and to approve the minutes of the work session, the board of finance session, and the regular sessions including the reorganization session. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Patrons’  
Comments

All patrons’ comments will be heard in agenda item #8.

KYLA Student  
Presentation

Miss Lexie Miller and Miss Brooklyn Beatty gave a presentation on the possibility of implementing a peer helper program as a result of their involvement with the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy. The program will be available for students at the Jr./Sr. High School and will require training of staff and student representatives for the group.

## Personnel

Mr. Stichter moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried, to approve the following personnel recommendations from Mrs. Burroughs:

- Accept the resignation of Mrs. Kandi Coyle as the Speech/Language Pathologist effective on February 26, 2015,
- Approve the temporary contract of Mrs. Sarah Kreft to fill a family medical leave of absence, and
- Hire Mr. Jason Thompson as a junior high wrestling coach.

Calendar  
Adoption  
seconded

Mrs. Burroughs presented the balanced calendar recommendation for the 2015 – 2016 school year. Discussion occurred. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the calendar as presented and that March 25, 2016, will be a regular school day. Mr. Miller

the motion and it carried unanimously.

Other  
Business

Following Mrs. Burroughs' recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the out-of-state field trip for the sixth grade students to go to Medieval Times on March 18, 2015, in Schaumburg, Illinois. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Kari Vilamaa, Architect from Barton-Coe-Vilamaa, presented information on the bid process for lights and paving of the high school parking lot. He stated that the lighting and paving bids will include removing the existing light poles and installing new poles with the majority of the poles being 30' in height. They will all be equipped with LED lights and all new wiring and conduit will be installed. The bids for the paving will include milling and installing asphalt in the high school parking lot, and site work and installing asphalt around the bus garage where it is currently a limestone area. He stated a pre-bid meeting could be held on February 23 and project bids will be due on March 3 if the Board chooses to proceed. Mr. Stichter made a motion to proceed with advertising both projects. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mrs. Burroughs presented quotes for gym lockers at the Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the quote that was submitted by Sharp School Services in the amount of \$18,490.00 for a total of 144 gym lockers. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Mrs. Burroughs gave a presentation on the current preschool program that is provided by Plymouth Community Schools at a cost of \$9,689.33 per student. She also presented a proposed preschool program to be shared between Triton, Argos, and Culver Schools with services being provided at Argos Community Schools beginning in August 2015. Each school corporation will have a total of 10 seats for preschool students (five seats for three year olds, and five seats for four year olds). The total estimated annual cost for each school corporation will be \$25,666.00. Each corporation is responsible for all of their transportation costs incurred. This is not a new transportation cost to the Corporation since we currently transport preschoolers to Plymouth. Discussion occurred. Mr. Stichter made a motion to proceed with the preschool program to be shared with Argos and Culver Schools and he requested a regular report after the program is implemented. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Other  
Business  
(Cont.)

Mrs. Burroughs stated that she has met with Michele Riise, Superintendent of Argos Community Schools to discuss the potential of sharing services/personnel in an effort to save funds in each of the respective school budgets. As a result of their discussions, it has been determined that the following positions could be shared resulting in substantial savings to each Corporation: Speech Pathologist, Case Conference Coordinator, Head Librarian, Preschool Teacher, Preschool Aides, and no longer utilize the emotionally handicapped program at Culver. The total savings for Triton School Corporation will be \$103,383.63. Mr. Boyer made a motion to proceed with the shared services as presented. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Superintendent's  
Report

Mrs. Burroughs identified the following core values that have been achieved in the past month:

**Continuous Improvement:** The high school wrestling team has shown continuous improvement this season. We had four championship wrestlers from the Plymouth sectional and a total of seven wrestlers that qualified for the regional competition. Four wrestlers are now advancing on to the semi-state competition on February 14.

**High Expectations:** Our band and choir students have realized much success at the ISSMA solo and ensemble contests recently. We had a total of 26 solo and ensemble groups participating. There were 22 gold ratings and 4 silver ratings. Three students in choir advanced on to the state competition that will be held in Indianapolis on February 21.

**Shared Leadership:** Mrs. Burroughs recognized the leadership team for the time and effort that has been dedicated to the bond project.

**Social Responsibility:** Mr. Chobanov and Mr. Brown have applied for a grant from the K21 Foundation to purchase exercise equipment for the weight room. The study hall will be converted to a weight room for the next school year. It will be open for the community to utilize when the project is completed.

**Evidence-Based Decision Making:** The preschool proposal involving Argos, Culver, and Triton is a model of evidence-based decision making. Data was compiled by the superintendents of each school corporation to aid in the decision on whether or not to proceed with a proposal to the school boards to establish a preschool program.

**Accountability:** The shared services proposal between Triton School Corporation and Argos Community Schools is an example of accountability. Our school corporation will save over \$103,000.00 next year by sharing services with Argos.

Our recent ADM count day indicates that our enrollment is up by six students.

The Governor announced today that the current ISTEP+ test will not be administered because the time that is allocated for students taking the test is too long.

Superintendent's  
Report (Cont.)

Mrs. Burroughs reported that the old gym is now available for rent.

We have four days of school to be made up and May 27 is currently the last day of school.

Patrons'  
Comments

Mr. James Snyder inquired about the hiring practices of the Corporation. He and other patrons expressed their support of Mr. Shaun Belin as a wrestling coach.

Building  
Reports

Mr. Riffle gave a report on events at the Elementary.

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

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, at 8:11 PM, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned.