

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Executive Session & Regular Session

March 12, 2018

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Executive Session at 6:30 PM; and in Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Administration Office, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on March 12, 2018.

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

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Anita Haines – Corporation Receptionist, Mrs. Christine Cook – Interim Elementary Principal, Mr. Ted Fisher – Technology Director, Mr. Orion Lemler – Videographer, Mrs. Jamie Stoner – Reporter, Mrs. Samantha Phenix and Mrs. Teresa Watkins – Elementary Teachers, Mr. Carl Amsden and Mr. Travis Bays – Officers from Bourbon Police Department, Miss Whytnie Miller, Miss Nicole Sechrist, Miss Hannah Wanemacher, Miss Fiona Young, Miss Susan Young, Mr. Ryan Snyder, Miss Hillelah Chupp, Miss Emmaleigh Orłowski, Mr. Elias Lucas, Miss Samantha Middaugh, and Miss Hosannah Chupp – Students, Mr. Jeff Wanemacher, Mr. Erik Sechrist, Mrs. April Sechrist, Miss Carrie Orłowski, Ms. Rhonda Miller, Ms. Jen Hughey, Mr. Alvin Chupp, Ms. Heather Chupp, Ms. Brittany Elliott, Mr. Rich Stoner, and Ms. Kayla Bays – Parents/Patrons.

*** * * * EXECUTIVE SESSION * * * ***

The Executive Session was called to order at 6:30 PM. Mr. Boyer, Mrs. Barnhart, Mr. Miller, Mr. Stichter, and Mr. Riffle were present. Mrs. Middaugh was absent for a portion of the Executive Session only.

TOPICS OF DISCUSSION: School Safety/Security as per I.C. 5-14-1.5-6.1(b)(3).

No other subject matter was discussed during the Executive Session other than the subject matter specified in the public notice.

Adjournment

The Executive Session adjourned at 6:55 PM.

* * * * **REGULAR SESSION** * * * *

Mrs. Middaugh called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM.

Consensus
Agenda

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #3901 - #4089 in the amount of \$377,767.33, and payrolls #3 – #4 in the amount of \$369,717.47, for a grand total of \$747,484.80; and to approve the minutes of the executive session and regular sessions held on February 12, 2018. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

The following students were recognized for their achievements and those in attendance were presented with a certificate:

ISSMA Jazz Contest Gold Medalists: Brody Evans, Dylan Fear, William Weissert, Fiona Young, and Susan Young

Indiana Coaches of Girls Sports Association Academic All-State Girls Basketball: Nicole Sechrist

Indiana High School Wrestling Coaches Association Academic All-State: Ryan Snyder

Notre Dame Science Fair – Elementary: Travis Barnhart (NASA Earth Systems Science Award), Elias Lucas, Samantha Middaugh (ETHOS Microscope Award), and Hannah Snyder (DNA Learning Center Elementary Top Award)

Robotics: Hillelah Chupp, Emmaleigh Orłowski, and Ethan Shively

All HNAC Team – All Conference: Hannah Wanemacher, Nicole Sechrist, and Whytnie Miller

Mr. Riffle stated that in addition to recognizing our students for their achievements, he wished to express sincere appreciation to Chief Bill Martin, Officer Carl Amsden, and Reserve Officer Travis Bays from the Bourbon Police Department; and Indiana State Police Detective Lourdes Lemler for their assistance with the investigation into the school threat on February 28th.

Personnel

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to regretfully accept the resignation of Mrs. Claire Benge as a High School Social Studies Teacher.

Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to accept the resignation of Mrs. Ashleigh Hanby as an Elementary Teacher. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to hire Mr. Jason Groves as the Girls' Varsity Track Coach.

Mr. Riffle recommended accepting the resignation of Ms. Kassie Soriano as a Varsity Volleyball Assistant. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Mr. Riffle's recommendation and this was followed by a second from Mrs. Barnhart. The motion carried unanimously.

Other
Business

Mr. Miller moved, Mrs. Barnhart seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to approve the out-of-state field trip to Chicago, Illinois, on April 5th for the Art Club. They will be visiting the Chicago Cultural Center and then the Art Institute of Chicago.

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the list of surplus items and these items will be sold in the upcoming FFA auction. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mrs. Barnhart made a motion to approve the copy machine lease and maintenance agreement with Adams Remco for 7 Toshiba copiers for a total cost of \$16,488.88 annually. Mr. Miller seconded the motion. Mr. Stichter stated that he must recuse himself on the vote as his employer submitted a quote for the copier lease/maintenance agreement. The motion carried 4-0-1.

Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Mr. Riffle's recommendation to purchase a new stock unit activity bus (2018 Chevrolet chassis with a Thomas MyBus body) from Kerlin Bus Sales and Leasing at a total cost of \$52,491.00 less the trade-in of our activity bus for an approximate total of \$48,000.00. Mrs. Barnhart seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

Superintendent's
Report

Mr. Riffle reminded the Board that May 29, 30, 31, and June 1 will be utilized as student make-up days.

Mr. Riffle identified the following core values that have been recognized since the previous meeting:

Continuous Improvement: The TTA Discussion Session, Leadership Meeting, and Principals Meeting were all held last week. The Leadership Team continues to work hard, reflecting on our practices and we are making positive changes in all areas.

Shared Leadership: Mr. Riffle expressed his appreciation to Mr. Ross and Mr. McFarland for their time and effort during the trying time in our Corporation on February 28th. He also expressed his appreciation once again for our law enforcement, cyber crimes' unit and private investigators for their assistance that evening.

Social Responsibility: Our students that were recognized earlier this evening are representing their family, school and community with excellence. In addition, Mr. Riffle stated our coaches are to be thanked for their hard work.

Accountability: Administrators continue to make their way into classrooms to keep students and teachers accountable.

Evidence Based Decision Making: SAT process at both buildings are focusing on students and their individual needs. Mrs. Jonna Watson, Triton's School Psychologist, is sharing her knowledge about the Developmental Delay Legislation and this is also being shared with local superintendents.

High Expectations: Our teachers and coaches continue to invest in our students by building relationships and keeping students accountable in school and outside of school.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building
Reports

Mrs. Cook gave a report on happenings at the Elementary as well as events for the Jr./Sr. High School.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Middaugh declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Teresa L. Barnhart, Secretary

Approved: April 9, 2018

President: Amy E. Middaugh

Secretary: Teresa L. Barnhart

Kenneth W. M.M.

Steve Sluts
