

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

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

**Regular Session**

**September 11, 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 September 11, 2023. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle-Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland-Business Manager; Mr. Kenny Barnhart-Triton Social Media; Ted Westafer

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 #5746-#5761 and #5846-#5870 in the amount of \$747,165.75, payrolls #16 and #17 in the amount of \$420,108.04, voids & other in the amount of \$0 for a grand total of \$1,167,273.79; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on August 14, 2023. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0.

Comments

Ted Westafer addressed the board.

Public Hearing

Mrs. Barnhart moved on to the public hearing on collective bargaining. Mr. Riffle opened collective bargaining up to any feedback or thoughts from patrons. There were no comments.

Public Hearing

Mrs. Barnhart opened the public hearing for the 2024 bus replacement plan, 2024 capital projects plan, and 2024 budget. Mr. McFarland gave a brief explanation.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the ECA staff and Janet Jackson as Science Club Sponsor. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Rebecca Carter as a substitute teacher, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Jessica Amsden, David Doss, Angela Doss, Ryan Hurd, Alycia Hurd, Ethan Cooper and Betty Berkeypile as high school band volunteers, Ralph Berkypile as an ECA bus driver, and Jeremy Weissert as a corporation truck/trailer ECA driver, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

Business

Mr. Stichter moved to approve the 23/24 Annual Financial Report, 23/24 Triton Jr/Sr High Financial Report and the 23/24 Triton Elementary Financial Report, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to adopt the resolution for the 2024 bus replacement plan as well as the resolution for 2024 capital projects fund plan, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the corporation emergency preparedness plan in addition to the annual review of bus routes and student transportation safety, Mr. Miller seconded, and it carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the intent to purchase a Thomas 66 passenger bus from Kerlin Bus Sales in the amount of \$130,266 using 2024 funds, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Riffle gave a corporation insurance update.

Superintendents Report

**Continuous Improvement** - I am happy to report that we continue to see slow, but steady progress on our bond projects. The front office of each building will be completed over fall break. We are now able to utilize door 4 at the high school, and door 1 at the elementary is nearing completion.

I loved the pictures of the Triton Varsity Football Team taking the time to welcome our Triton Elementary students to school on Friday. This went over very well and is an area of improvement we will try to continue to expand, allowing our students of influence to positively impact our younger students.

**Shared Leadership** – Thank you Brian Feldman and Geri Newman for being willing to be honored as our Lutheran Health Network fans of the night at our last two football games. Your service to our school, students, and community and patrons is truly appreciated!

**Social Responsibility** – Thank you to the Marshall County Prosecutor, Tami Napier for being on the Triton Campus on August 23rd to speak with the 7th-12th graders about technology, bullying, and the long term effects of poor making poor decisions with social media. Your expertise, ability to share real life examples and your proactive care for Triton Scholars is appreciated. Please know we continue to make our students aware of the positive and not so positive features of social media. Tami reminded our staff and students today that it is their responsibility and their families’ responsibility to make wise choices for their future success.

**Accountability** - Triton’s very own Cheyenne Hawley, 2023 Miss Blueberry Queen, did a great job representing her family, school, and community! On September 1, she could be seen on ABC 57 news representing our community and Marshall County in a very positive way. We are so proud of you Cheyenne!!!

**High Expectations** - On August 25th career and technical education (CTE) scholars who are part of the new Fire and Rescue program met with Governor Holcomb at the fire department training center in Plymouth today! What a great experience for these students and we are proud of both what they are learning and how they will be able to help their communities as future first responders.

**Alignment** - On August 7th the entire corporation received training on Trust Based Relational Intervention, on August 24th, 46 of our staff members assembled to begin the work to apply these lessons with our students in their classrooms. We were tested for sure, as this was the same day our AC went out and the first topic of discussion was about how to regulate your body and mind when things don't go as planned or when you are frustrated or upset. We will continue to apply these principles in our next training on Thursday, September 14th.

**Evidence Based Decision Making** – What a great visit to HEADSIGHT on August 30th! This company is on the cutting edge of Ag Technology, stands for great values, and speaking with Mr. Paul Harms for just a few minutes could make anyone excited about the ever growing reasons why their business has the opportunity to expand significantly in the coming years. Thank you, Mr. Harms for taking the time to speak with us about your passions and for HEADSIGHT’s consideration to partner with Triton School Corporation, Lifelong Learning Network, North Central CTE, and the scholars of Marshall County!

Patrons’  
Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building

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

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 7:31 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ October 9, 2023

President: Teri Barnhart

Secretary: Steve Stichter

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