

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

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

Regular Session

April 13, 2020

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 April 13, 2020. Due to the Center for Disease Control's direction on COVID-19 to not gather in groups, the Regular Session was live streamed on social media as well for Board Members in remote attendance, and for patrons, and the media.

Members Present: Mrs. Terri Barnhart, Mr. Kevin Boyer, Mr. Steve Stichter (via remote attendance), Mr. Ken Miller, and Mr. Wes Rettinger.

Members Absent: None.

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent, Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager, Mrs. Christine Cook – Elementary Principal, Mrs. Melissa LaShure – Director of Curriculum and Assessment, and Mr. Robert Ross – Jr./Sr. High School Principal.

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

Pledge of
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #1602 – #1764 in the amount of \$388,128.56, and payrolls #6 – #7 in the amount of \$408,525.23, , the voided vendor check #31692 in the amount of (-\$150.00) for a grand total of \$796,503.79; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on March 9, 2020. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried unanimously.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Personnel

Subsequent to Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Rettinger moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to approve the following personnel items:

- Accept the resignation of Mr. Steven Linvill as a custodian at the Jr./Sr. High School; and
- Accept the retirement notice of Miss Gayle Perry as a teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Mr. Riffle and the Board expressed their sincere appreciation for Miss Perry's 34 years of service to Triton School Corporation.

Other
Business

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 5-0, to approve the following items as recommended by Mr. Riffle:

- Approve the shared dietitian consortium services contract through the Northern Indiana Educational Services Center;
- Approve the COVID-19 Resolution as per attached, authorizing compensation to be paid to at-will and/or hourly employees on non-instructional days;

RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES

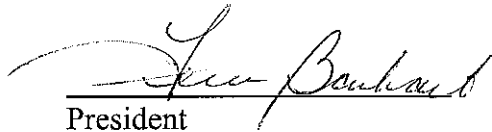
WHEREAS, there is uncertainty to the safety of convening public meetings for the remainder of the current school term due to COVID-19;

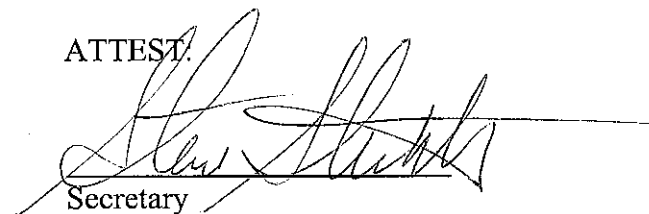
WHEREAS, the governing body desires to authorize the school leadership to timely take all appropriate action to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community for the remainder of the current school term.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD AS FOLLOWS:

The Superintendent and/or his or her designee are hereby authorized, empowered and directed, to take any and all action as such person deems necessary or desirable and that is otherwise permitted by law to ensure the safety and well-being of our school community for the remainder of the current school term without further action by this governing body. The resolution authorizes and is not limited to the payment of at-will and/or hourly employees on non-instructional days. This resolution expires at the time of the first governing body meeting following the end of the school term.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 13 day of April, 2020.


President

ATTEST.

Secretary

**RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF
THE TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION**

WHEREAS, the Triton School Corporation (the "School Corporation") acknowledges that the Coronavirus Disease 2019 ("COVID-19") has been deemed a pandemic by national and global health organizations; and

WHEREAS, confirmed cases of COVID-19 have been reported in Indiana; and

WHEREAS, the Board of School Trustees will cooperate with the Marshall County Health Department, the Indiana State Department of Health, and the U.S. Center for Disease Control in addressing the spread of COVID-19 to and through our community; and

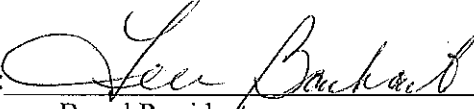
WHEREAS, employees of the School Corporation had or may have their regular works hours reduced or otherwise disrupted due to exposure to or contraction of COVID-19 or due to the response to the pandemic by the School Corporation or other school systems and government agencies; and


WHEREAS, the Board wishes to minimize to the extent practicable the impact of exposure, contraction, or school and governmental responses to the pandemic on its employees' earnings and benefits.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of School Trustees hereby:

1. Authorizes the Superintendent to make (or negotiate, as the case may be) such changes to pay, benefit and leave policies as the Superintendent deems necessary or prudent to assist employees who suffer financial hardship as a result of circumstances directly related to the COVID-19 pandemic; and
2. Directs its Administration to review the impact of any school closing and/or if the Superintendent deems any other measures necessary to assist employees as a result of other circumstances related to COVID- 19; and
3. Authorizes the School Corporation's Administration to take all other actions necessary or desirable to carry out the intent of this resolution.

BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTEES OF THE
TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION

By: 
Board President

ATTEST:
By: 
Board Secretary

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

Evidence Based Decision Making: We make decisions after careful consideration of the most compelling research and data analysis. Information as of late seems to be changing quickly so it has been admittedly difficult to know how to plan. Mr. Riffle thanked our building level leaders, Mr. McFarland, Mrs. Laura Baker who continues to be flexible, student focused, and wanting to do what is best for our community and scholars. We will continue to do our best to clearly communicate schedules and plans as it relates to food service, Alternative Learning pick-up and delivery, graduation, credits, and scheduling as the information becomes available and as the future becomes clearer. Mr. Riffle requested that patrons having specific questions to call the Triton Administration Office.

Alignment: We are most successful when everyone in our learning organization works together to achieve common goals. We can enhance efficiency and effectiveness by achieving alignment across our system. The common goal we all share currently is to make sure we are trying to be the calm in the storm, provide hope in this difficult situation, prepare for the future as much as we possibly can while we have a little more time on our hands, and most importantly, making sure we are investing in our scholars as much as possible, even though they may be a bit unconventional.

Patrons' Comments

There were no patrons' comments.

Building Reports

Mrs. Cook gave a report the Elementary, and Mr. Ross reported on the Jr./Sr. High School. Although all events and activities were canceled as a result of COVID-19, much is being accomplished for all Triton scholars through planning, preparation, accommodation, and making personal contacts to our students' and their family.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:19 PM.

Steven D. Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ May 11, 2020

President: *Jane Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Kevin R. Boehr

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