

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

September 12, 2022

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 12, 2022. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle-Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland-Business Manager; Mrs. Ashley Stayton-Corporation Receptionist; Mr. Orion Lemler-Triton Social Media; Mrs. Christine Cook-Elementary Principal; Mr. Nate McKeand-Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Ms. Beverly Samons; Mr. Greg Samons; Ms. Samantha Simpson; Ms. Kathie Vermillion; Ms. Jodie Vermillion; Mr. Brock Vermillion

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 #4562 -#4594 and #4602-#4672 in the amount of \$523,173.05, payrolls #16 - #17 in the amount of \$370,647.06, less voids in the amount of (\$4,485.00) for a grand total of \$889,335.11; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on August 08, 2022. Mr. Ken Miller seconded the motion and it carried 5 - 0.

Patrons' Comments

Kathie Vermillion graciously made a donation to Triton gives back.

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

Mrs. Barnhart opened the public hearing for the 2023 bus replacement plan, 2023 capital projects plan, and 2023 budget. Mr. McFarland gave a brief explanation.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Daniel Semonis as full time bus mechanic. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Kim Stetzel as National Honor Society sponsor, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Tim Keyser and Madeline Doll as high school volleyball volunteers, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Riffle recommended the approval of Ashlie Rice as full time bus driver, Marikay Decrow as full time special needs bus driver, and the resignation of Paula Meredith as full time special needs bus driver, Mr. Boyer approved, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Jaela Meister as high school volleyball volunteer coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Riffle recommended to approve Wendy Ickes as kindergarten substitute instructional assistant for Johna Snyder, Johna Snyder as substitute kindergarten teacher for Mrs. Melling, and maternity leave for Mrs. Melling, Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Riley Linville as volunteer boys tennis coach, Mr. Boyer seconded and it carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the resignation for Andrew Bass as JH wrestling coach, Mr. Boyer seconded and it carried 5-0.

Mr. Boyer moved to approve the resignation of Zach Shafer as the 5th grade boys' basketball coach, the resignation of Ashli Faulkner as the 5th grade girls' basketball coach, and the resignation of Jeremy Riffle as the 6th grade girls' basketball coach. Mr Stichter seconded the motion and the vote carried 5-0.

Business

Mr. Stichter moved to approve/accept the 21/22 annual financial report, the 21/22 Triton Jr/Sr High financial report, and the 21/22 Triton Elementary financial report; Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer made a motion to adopt the resolution for the 2023 bus replacement plan; Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer motioned to adopt the resolution for the 2023 capital projects fund plan; Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter recommended to approve the corporation emergency preparedness plan, Mr. Boyer seconded and it carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the annual review of bus routes and school bus policies, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter recommended the approval of the first reading of corporation policy Vol 34, No. 2; Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0.

Superintendents Report

Continuous Improvement - As good as we are, we know that we can always achieve better results. We constantly try to find better ways of doing our work, and when we achieve our goals, we set higher targets.

Shared Leadership – Areas of focus at this time include multiple areas of the strategic Plan including but not limited to: strategic planning - approved April 11th TSC Strategic Plan 2022
The three areas of focus continue to be:

1. Encourage Student Academic Success
 - Career Pathways** - Senior Audit and Dream Days planned and are being executed
 - Data analysis** - completed data meetings the week of August 29
 - Curriculum Mapping** - Updates to curriculum and curriculum maps
2. Foster Social Emotional Support
 - Hiring** - Stacy Scheetz has been a welcome addition to the building.
 - Social and Emotional Growth** - Second Steps and Character Strong lessons are mapped out for students growth in this area.
 - Student Engagement Data** - Data is being tracked of how involved students are and how we can plug them into different groups. (Additions being discussed and planned: Spirit Club, Archery, Shooting, Shining Stars)
3. Investment in Teacher and Staff Success
 - Hiring** - Rodney Younis has been a welcome addition to the Jr/Sr High School building.
 - PD/Collaboration** - Andy Bass helped lead the charge on August 8th where staff reviewed and discussed research based instructional practices. Delayed starts will allow for more timely engagement and investment in teacher quality. Delayed start days for this calendar year have been approved and will be taking place on September 22, November 17, and February 16.
 - Feedback Loop** - Discussion is a great time for this, what other ideas have we come up with or do we have to be better at closing this loop?
 - Onboarding** - New Teacher Training was successful however we always feel like there is more time needed. Should we consider expanding this for even more intentionality?
 - Social Committee** - Actively planning ways to engage with one another outside of work (Jr/Sr High 8th hour, elementary tailgate)

Patrons'
Comments

There were comments regarding class options and availability as well as wrestling eligibility. Mr. Riffle addressed the questions in addition to Mr. McKeand.

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, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:49 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: October 10, 2022

President: *Jan Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Kevin R. Boyce

Wm. M. A. [unclear]

Kenneth W. Mill

