

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

**Regular Session**

**March 14, 2025**

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 March 14, 2025. 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; Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mr. Orion Lerner – Triton Social Media

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #7635-#7672 and #7680-#7738 in the amount of \$677,902.21, payrolls #4 and #5 in the amount of \$506,072.45, and voids/other in the amount of -\$497.50 for a grand total of \$1,183,477.16; and to approve the minutes of the finance meeting, reorganization session and regular session held on February 10, 2025. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons' Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the spring sports coaches list and Kim Riddle as a high school volunteer tennis coach. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve a wage change for Steve Watkins (SRO), Mr. Stichter seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Mason McIntrye as a temporary elementary administrative assistant. It was followed by a second from Mr. Rettinger. The motion carried 4-0-1 as Mr. Boyer recused himself.

Other Business

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the curriculum quote for 5th-12th Smekens Education Solutions, Inc. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> grade out of state trip to Camp Amigo in Michigan, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve football fundraiser, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried unanimously to approve old and surplus items for the FFA Auction. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the elementary roof replacement bid from Morris & Sons Roofing, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the first reading of special update policies June 2024, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Superintendent's Report

**Continuous Improvement** - We take the responsibility of maintaining a well-kept, safe learning environment seriously. There are times when fresh eyes need to take a look at solutions to make sure we are meeting this want and need. Over Christmas break there were updates to our elementary cafeteria floor that greatly improved this surface and corrected some errors from the first application. Over spring break we will replace all window blinds in the corporation as the current blinds are sun warped, and look really shabby. We will also be adding railing to the existing elementary gym bleachers, all of which were part of our bond priorities and will add much needed aesthetics, functionality and safety to our campus.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

**Shared Leadership** - There is no doubt that the two weeks we just experienced cannot be successful unless there are a lot of people who join together to make it as good as possible. I am thankful for our teaching staff, administrative staff, support staff, counseling staff, and community supports Jordan Ickes, Kenneth Cooke, Aaron Talbert, Zach Cook, and so many others who reached out and showered our students and community in prayer. Thank you from the bottom of our hearts. The Triton Student Life Foundation presents: COMEDY FOR A CAUSE, Starring David Dean!!! Triton Scholars (Triton Elementary Shining Stars, Preview of the Addam's Family) will open for our headliner, the clean and hilarious, David Dean. You are not going to want to miss this night of laughter, all the while continuing to support Triton Scholars and many opportunities that provide them a great experience at Triton School Corporation. Similar to the Triton Gala, all proceeds from the Triton Student Life Foundation go straight back to students, their classrooms, and special recognitions! Tickets are on sale now at the Triton Administration Building and The Bourbon Town Clerk's Office. This event will fill up fast, get your tickets for the April 5th event!!!

**Social Responsibility** - Thank you to Chad Stepp, the Bourbon, Tippecanoe, and Etna Green Fire Department, and The Bourbon Police Department who all helped make our Triton Varsity Boys Basketball Teams Sectional Championship just that much sweeter. Thank you to our community for your support of our students from our Town department doing the crosswalks each morning, helping to salt our parking lots, working with us to create safer walkways to and from school, to the celebratory escort late on a Saturday night as the boys got back from North Judson.

**Accountability** - Thank you to our students, teachers, and family for your patience and support as we worked through our first Digital Learning Day in a couple of years on March 1st in order to meet the state instructional day requirements. We have reviewed this day with our teachers and would be open to feedback from homes. The feedback we did receive was a early concern of what this was going to be like but after it was implemented, many shared that the workload was reasonable, the timeframe to complete it was appreciated, and the concern of taking their whole weekend was alleviated when their student took responsibility and completed the assigned tasks in a timely manner.

I will be the first to let families know that I will take responsibility for not giving the two week notice as was our hope. This will be improved in the future so it is not such a tight turn around for enacting a Digital Learning Day.

**High Expectations** - Triton 2nd and 3rd graders took IREAD 3 this week while our juniors took the SAT. Both assessments show student growth, areas for improvement, and have high stakes attached to them. We continue to work to prepare our students for these benchmarks and will continue to remediate as needed to maintain high expectations within our corporation

**Alignment** - I appreciate Melissa and the job she has done working through what has been a long drawn out curriculum adoption process. Her and the team of teachers on this committed have put a lot of time, effort, and research into making the best decision possible for our students.

Patrons' Comments

None.

Building Reports

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

Mr. McKeand gave a report on events at the Jr./Sr. High School.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ April 14, 2025

President: Jan Barnhart

Secretary: Steve Stichter

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