

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

April 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 April 14, 2025. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Ken Miller

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media

**Pledge of
Allegiance**

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Consensus
Agenda**

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #7673-#7679, #7739-#7766, and #7771-7825 in the amount of \$622,913.58, payrolls #6 and #7 in the amount of \$552,051.93 for a grand total of \$1,174,965.51; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on March 14, 2025. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 4 – 0.

**Patrons'
Comments**

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Matt Arvesen as the JH Baseball Head Coach. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Zac Cook as a volunteer for 5th grade boys' basketball, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Justina Faulkner as weight room supervisor, Paul Williams as JH baseball supervisor, and Diane Murphy as JH softball supervisor. It was followed by a second from Mr. Boyer, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve medical leave for Marsha Paul to have shoulder surgery, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved to approve summer school instructional assistants (Johna Snyder, Beth Linvill, Lisa Kreft, and Mikayla O'Dell), Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve summer school teachers (Curt Kreft, Diane Murphy, Emily McQuade, Adam Heckaman, Victoria Hughes, and Lisa Andrews), Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried unanimously. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Elementary Principal Christine Cook's retirement effective the end of the 24-25 school year, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

**Other
Business**

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the 2nd reading and adopt corporation policy-special update June 2024. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the Corporation Golf Fundraiser, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer motioned to approve Spanish Curriculum from VISTA, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Rettinger moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried unanimously to approve purchasing a wrestling mat rack and a wrestling mat from Resilite. Mr. Stichter moved to approve purchasing a combi oven for the high school cafeteria from Tinkels, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the 2025/2026 180 day instructional waiver request, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Superintendent's
Report

Continuous Improvement - Handrails have been added to the Triton Elementary Bleachers for the safety of our patrons attending games.

The Fire Alarm System has been consolidated to one system at the Jr/Sr High School making it much easier to work and leading to a safer process of practicing and conducting Fire Safety Drills.

New Blinds have replaced the old/outdated blinds in every instructional area of the corporation.

Triton Elementary Roof replacement will begin in just a couple of weeks. Representatives from Morris Roofing will be on campus this week to begin to discuss the scope and sequence of the removal and replacement.

The Insurance Assessor was on our campus on Friday to assess the damage from the tornado and begin to plan for replacement of many compromised items on the south end of campus.

Shared Leadership - The Triton Student Life Foundation had their Comedy with a Cause Event on April 5th. The shining Stars were great, our sneak peek into the Addams Family left people wanting more and David Dean was hilarious. Proceeds from this event will go to meet the purpose of the TSLF and that is to enhance the life of students while they walk our halls. Projects funded this year include but are not limited to: Drones for our Robotics and engineering Project Lead the Way Classrooms, Paid for portion of the script for The Addams Family, Replaced several nonfiction books for the elementary library, Money will go to fund the CTE Awards Banquet, Academic Awards Banquet, and the Scholarship Banquet, Partial reimbursement for the Leadership Marshall County Emerge Class, Triton Dream, Triton Gives Back T-shirts, Gift Cards for teaching staff to use for their classrooms, Trojan PRIDE T-Shirts for Students and Staff and the list will continue to go on due to your generosity.

Social Responsibility - Thank you to the Town of Bourbon, The Bourbon, Tippecanoe, Etna Green, Bremen, The Bourbon Police Department, Indiana State Police and all other first responders for their assistance with community safety and clean up. Thank you to Reese Weil President of Operation Lend A Hand for selflessly helping us set up a community resource center within hours of the storm passing through. Appreciation goes out to Bread of Life Food Pantry, Red Cross, Homeland Security, Bob Byers and a huge load of water and community members for loving and caring for their neighbors by helping pick up, donating food, or by lending an encouraging word. Thank you to our softball and baseball teams, joining forces with Tippecanoe Valley baseball team to help pick up the baseball and softball fields. Thank you to the community for their generous donations to the Door 5 community resource center collection that blessed many families, some of which were hit the hardest by the tornado..

High Expectations - Since we last met, each of our Triton Varsity Basketball players have all received either all conference recognition or Pilot News All Area High School Boys Basketball Team.

Congratulations to Dante Workman on first team, Gage Riffle and Tanner Witt Hoyo on 2nd team, and Julian Swanson, Landon Patrick on the Third team while Brady Wood received Freshman of the Year Honors and Coach Groves received All Area Coach of the Year. Well Deserved by all!

Evidence Based Decision Making - Triton K-12 Teachers have agreed to implement the Smekens Playbook from Smekens Education as our adopted reading series. A comprehensive dive into what curriculum would be best for our students caused the committee to pause and continue to look for what we felt would best prepare our students for their future. After much deliberation, researching, reviewing, and asking other districts about the curriculums being discussed, it has been decided that this will best meet our students' needs and the need for increased growth and achievement over the next few years.

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Building
Reports

Mrs. Cook 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 7:27 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: May 12, 2025

President:

Secretary:

Joe Barnhart
Steve Stichter
Kevin R. Boeger
Wes M. Boeger
Ken W. Hill