

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

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

Regular Session

May 12, 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 May 12, 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. Rick Yarbrough – Jr./Sr. High School Assistant Principal; Mrs. Melissa Lashure – Curriculum Director; Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media; Mrs. Sarrah Arvesen- Guidance Counselor

Pledge of
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #7767-#7770, #7826-#7859, and #7870-7923 in the amount of \$520,668.82, payrolls #8 and #9 in the amount of \$476,422.62 and voids/other in the amount of -\$4,080.00 for a grand total of \$993,011.44; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on April 14, 2025. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the resignation of Kerry Kennedy as Jr. Sr. High School Business Teacher and Gwenda Gard as 4th Grade Teacher. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Emily McQuade as 4th Grade Teacher, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve maternity leave for Jenneal Neidig and Kay Church as her substitute. It was followed by a second from Mr. Miller, and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the Bourbon Library Board Member Jordan Fuller, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

Other
Business

Sarrah Arvesen spoke briefly on the new diploma requirements. Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the reading adoption for K-12. Mr. Stichter moved to approve NIESC Shared Dietitian Consortium Services Contract, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve the Jr. Sr. High School Student Handbook, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Rettinger moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried unanimously to approve the Athletic Handbook.

Superintendent's
Report

Continuous Improvement - On Wednesday night we will have the opportunity to recognize 27 students and well over \$100,000 earned by Triton Scholars. This does not include the Lilly Scholarship earned by Travis Barnhart which pays for full in state tuition of the recipient. The Triton Students Life Foundation has graciously covered the cost of the evening as they continue to do their best to provide opportunity for continuously improving the student life of Triton Students and Staff.

Shared Leadership - As we begin to wrap up this year and begin to plan for next, it is important to know that it takes all of us to help make each year successful. Some of the items we are working on for this year is preparation for the annual scholarship banquet. This past week the seniors did their senior walk. Current events include senior night for baseball, 5th graders enjoying Camp Amigo, and elementary teacher interviews. Future events include, Trojan Wars, Elementary Field Day, Corporation Breakfast where we will honor our retirees, graduation on June 1st, and the annual board retreat is to be held on June 25th.

Social Responsibility - The Bourbon Town Council, Street Department, and TSC continue to work together to put a sidewalk in from Main Street to Triton Drive, down Shafer Rd. The paperwork continues to be completed. However, I was told last week that this INDOT Project may be delayed, possibly until 2027. More information to come on this, but I do thank Roger Terry for staying on this and communicating items that need to be agreed upon and completed to keep the project moving.

Accountability- ILEARN Data is beginning to trickle in. IREAD Scores are embargoed, students who need to retake IREAD will be doing so tomorrow. So far the data looks positive.

High Expectations - Thank you Megan Atkinson, Kandace Haines, the cast and crew of the Performing Arts Department for putting together an impressive performance of the Addams Family this past weekend. Friday night's performance had tremendous attendance and the audience was thrilled with the quality of performance they got to see. Many compliments have been received for the students acting, the quality of stage set up, the sound, lighting, casting was great. Thank you to everyone who had a part of this production whether you were on the stage or behind the scenes, great work!

Evidence Based Decision Making - We are in the process of hiring a principal for Triton Elementary School after the retirement of Mrs. Christine Cook. Nearly 20 candidates have applied. Next steps are the first round of interview questions and activities in order to be considered for the 2nd round of formal interviews in front of a teacher and admin committee. We will seek to fill this vacancy with a recommendation the week of May 19 providing everything stays on schedule. The official recommendation will be made at the June 9th Board of Trustees Meeting.

We are also currently looking for a High School Math Teacher and will be posting an Elementary Administrative Assistant position this week.

Patrons'
Comments

None.

Building
Reports

Mrs. Lashure gave a report on events at the Elementary.

Mr. Yarbrough 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 7:33 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: June 9, 2025

President:

Secretary:

Joe Betach
Steve Stichter
Kevin R. Boyer
Kenneth W. White