

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

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

Regular Session

June 09, 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 June 09, 2025. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Wes Rettinger

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mrs. Melissa LaShure – Curriculum Director; Mrs. Christine Cook – Elementary 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 #7860-#7869, #7924-#7948, and #7949-8032 in the amount of \$880,765.14, payrolls #10 and #11 in the amount of \$524,992.37 and voids/other in the amount of \$0 for a grand total of \$1,405,757.51; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on May 12, 2025. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 4 – 0.

**Patrons'
Comments**

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Miller moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Rachel Watkins as Weight Room Supervisor, Ashley Doll as Softball Supervisor, and Lisa Bemish as High School Track Supervisor. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the resignation of Kim Stetzel as Cheer Coach, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Debra Green as a part-time elementary custodian, Amy Chizum as a full-time high school custodian, and Kay Church as High School Nurse during Jenneal Neidig's maternity leave. It was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Kerry Kennedy as a substitute teacher, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Tori Kistler, Gage Riffle, and Steve Watkins as summer custodial/maintenance staff, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Casi Painton as a summer school instructional assistant and as a 6th grade teacher, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer motioned to approve Evan Watkins as Jr. Sr. High School Math Teacher, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried unanimously. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Melissa LaShure as the Interim Triton Elementary Principal, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve medical leave for the 2025/2026 school year for Grace Pierson, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve Mason McIntyre as Elementary Administrative Assistant, Mr. Miller seconded, Mr. Boyer recused himself, and the vote was 3-0-1.

**Other
Business**

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the Elementary Student Handbook. Mr. Miller moved to approve the 2025/2026 school year meal prices, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve the Jr. Sr. High School Student Handbook, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's
Report

Continuous Improvement - Morris and Son Roofing is nearly 50% complete with the elementary roof project, and it is on schedule to be completed early in July. Currently, there have been minimal contingencies used for wet insulation which means we have avoided any significant damage due to the board's proactive response to replacing coating that was flaking off.

Shared Leadership - I begin this shared leadership portion of our meeting by thanking Christine for her 26.5 years of service to Triton School Corporation and our community. She has worked tirelessly to make Triton a great place for kids. She has agreed to remain a mentor next year and will help guide in the transition of leadership. That being said, I would like to congratulate Melissa LaShure, who was unanimously voted in as the Triton Elementary Interim Principal along with her newly hired teammate, Mr. Mason McIntyre who will be the Triton Elementary Administrative Assistant. This team, along with support from administrators, teachers, and support staff will continue to work to listen, respond, grow, and seek to be unoffended in the effort to make Triton Elementary and Triton School Corporation the best it can be.

Social Responsibility - Congratulations to the 2025 Graduates. We owe it to our community to do our best to help prepare our students for life and service to either our community or the community they choose to serve. This class has a bright future and we are very proud of their achievement.

I am excited to announce a new focus: Campus to Community event dates coming up in July. More information will be coming out about this new outreach, but what I can tell you is that our intent as an administrative team, teaching staff, and support staff is to be more visible and available to our communities. On July 7th and 8th, administrators and teaching staff will be posted up in Etna Green, Bourbon, and Tippecanoe to answer questions, pass out information materials, discuss how we can support our students, and just be available if anyone has items they would like to share leading up to Triton Elementary and Jr/Sr High School Registration on July 23 and July 24th.

Campus to Community:

July 7th - Etna Green Community Building 5:30-6:30, Bourbon Pavilion 7-8

July 8th - Tippecanoe Fire House 5:30-6:30

Registration:

July 23-24 - Triton Elementary & Triton Jr/Sr High School Registration - In Person

July 23 - 10:00 AM - 8:00 PM

July 24 - 12:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Accountability- Summer school teachers and students are working hard to supplement the growth that happened this school year. Students will retake the IREAD 3 Assessment next week which will help determine classroom teacher needs and placement for the 2025 school year. I also want to thank the teachers, parents, and board members who sat in on the elementary principal interviews knowing that all perspectives are important in order to make the best decision possible.

High Expectations - Congratulations to our Varsity Baseball team for making it to regional and coming up just short but put together a great year. They had a great year finishing 20-10 overall, much improved from previous years and a testament to teaching players to practice and play the right way, leading to incredible improvement. I think it is also fair to mention that the leadership on this year's team was outstanding.

Alignment - This week, tomorrow and Wednesday will be another Smekens Playbook Training for Grades K-5 where teachers will align across grade levels to learn and prepare to implement this curriculum across the corporation.

Evidence Based Decision Making - We are currently in a holding pattern to make final placements of elementary teaching staff due to numbers, specifically at 3rd and 4th grade. IREAD assessment results, student needs (Remediation or acceleration), new enrollments and financial stewardship all play a role in making evidence based decisions.

Patrons'
Comments

None.

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 7:21 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: July 14, 2025

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Kevin R. Boyer
Wm. M. K.
Ken Mill