

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

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

**Regular Session**

**August 11, 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 August 11, 2025. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Terri Barnhart

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mrs. Melissa LaShure – Elementary Principal/Curriculum Director; Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media; Chloe Bradley; Beatriz Blanco; Braxton Kaufman; Diane Kaufman; Jackie Gorski; Jordan Breeden; Alexis Brunner; Emma Tobolski; Braelyn Prater; Addison Albright

Pledge of  
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus  
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #8067-#8079, #8135-#8158, and #8167-#8219 in the amount of \$557,256.75, payrolls #14 and #15 in the amount of \$426,970.95 and voids/other in the amount of \$0 for a grand total of \$984,227.70; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on July 14, 2025. Mr. Miller 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 the resignation of David Seel as Band Teacher and Cathy Strycker as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher. Mr. Rettinger made a motion to approve Scott Bailey as 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher and Rebecca Pollock as Band Teacher, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Status Quo Teacher Contracts. It was followed by a second from Mr. Rettinger, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the resignation of Alvin Chupp as Crossing Guard, the employment of Janis Kaufman as Elementary 2<sup>nd</sup> Shift Custodian, Jared Bules as Computer Technician, Casey Yarbrough as Afternoon Crossing Guard, and Alvin Chupp as Substitute Crossing Guard, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Kassandra Summe as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach and Meriuh Hoffert as Junior High Cheer Coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Lisa Bemish as High School Cross Country Supervisor, Rachel Watkins as Fall Weight Room Supervisor, Megan Hammond as Varsity Volleyball Supervisor, Jason Groves as Varsity Football Supervisor, and Diane Murphy as Junior High Volleyball Supervisor, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve ECA Sponsor Contracts, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried unanimously.

Other  
Business

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to re-approve the 25-26 school calendar. Mr. Stichter moved to approve permission to advertise the CPF Bus Replacement Plan and Budget Form 3 on the corporation website, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Miller motioned to approve the security agreement with The Town of Bourbon, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve/accept the 24/25 Triton Jr./Sr. High Financial Report as well as the 24/25 Triton Elementary Financial Report, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the First Reading of Policy Volume 37, No. 2 April 2025 and to adopt the Special Update Policy July 2025, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the 25/26 Food Service Bid Recommendations, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Superintendent's  
Report

**Shared Leadership** - Such a great start to the year only happens when everyone is working together and rowing in the same direction. This has been a remarkable start to the year and this is because parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, substitute teachers, and our community are here for the right reasons, our students. A special thank you and special tribute to Terri Large and Janelle Bontrager for their shared leadership. They saw a need in the 1st grade classroom, and they met the need. This is not conventional, but it will provide a great learning environment for these 1st graders and two of the best people partnering to make this a safe space to grown and learn.

**Social Responsibility** - Summerfest was warm but as always, welcomed many into our community and campus who otherwise would not have made their way to Bourbon on a weekend.

**Accountability**- The shared mission this year is to be a school corporation that is Uncommon. Being Uncommonly good in our mindset, character, relationship focused, servant hearted, and Uncommon in our daily decisions. In short, **to be Uncommon** is to be the kind of person others can count on — the kind who inspires, who uplifts, who leads, and who leaves a legacy.

**High Expectations** - As we start another school year, I'd like to thank all of those that spent time this summer to pour into our student athletes, extracurricular activities, and clubs to help our students continue to grow in their passions.

**Alignment** - Our building level leaders did a great job casting a vision for the year in our opening day staff meetings on August 4th. We are committed as an admin team to be more visible and engaged with our students, staff, and community.

**Evidence Based Decision Making** - Thank you to the elementary administrative team for doing the research and taking the risk to try a new schedule that will benefit our students. This year, Triton Elementary students go to recess before coming in to lunch. It sounds so simple but to change a master calendar, it takes everyone working together, being flexible, and being willing to have a good attitude when things are a little different than they have been for a long time. Thanks for taking the risk and I feel we are finding that kids are eating more, drinking more, and I hope we will find that teachers have had to deal with fewer discipline concerns due to students not bringing their recess grievances to the teacher, instead to the administrators that are working the lunch room area.

Patrons'  
Comments

A question was raised regarding Mr. Riffle's voting ability. It was address by Mr. Boyer and Mr. Riffle.

Building  
Reports

Mrs. LaShure 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 7:35 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ September 08, 2025

President: \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary: \_\_\_\_\_

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