

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
100 TRITON DRIVE  
BOURBON, IN 46504-1801  
\* \* \* **BOARD MINUTES** \* \* \*

**Regular Session**

**September 08, 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 September 08, 2025.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle-Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland-Business Manager; Mr. Orion Lemler-Triton Social Media; Mr. Mason McIntyre-Elementary Administrative Assistant; Mr. Nate McKeand- High School Principal; Emma Ortiz; Madison Wright; Makenna Belin; Drake Surgeon; Silas Hackworth; Landon Patrick; Lincoln Williams

**Pledge of Allegiance**

Mrs. Barnhart called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

**Consensus Agenda**

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #8159-#8166, #8220-#8248, and #8249-#8313 in the amount of \$778,455.04, payrolls #16, #17, and #18 in the amount of \$678,592.73 and voids/other in the amount of \$0.00 for a grand total of \$1,457,047.77; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on August 11, 2025. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5-0.

**Patrons' Comments**

None

**Public Hearing**

Mr. Stichter moved to open the public hearing, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. The public hearing was held for collective bargaining. There were no patron comments offered about collective bargaining. Mr. Boyer moved to close the public hearing, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

**Public Hearing**

Mr. Stichter moved to open the public hearing, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. The public hearing was held for the 2026 Bus Replacement Plan, 2026 Capital Projects Plan, and 2026 Budget. Mr. McFarland explained the Bus Replacement Plan, Capital Projects Plan, and Budget. There were no patron comments. Mr. Rettinger moved to close the public hearing, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

**Personnel**

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Kandace Haines as the 24/25 school year productions Co-Director and Kim Stetzel as Spirit Club Sponsor for the 25/26 school year, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Terri Large and Janelle Botrager as ½ day 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Teachers, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the resignation of Debra Green as a part-time elementary custodian, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Erika Alexander as a part-time elementary custodian, and Anika Spangle, Jazzalen Trusty, and Jaydon Heckaman as substitute teachers, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

**Business**

Mr. Boyer moved to approve/accept the 25/26 Annual Financial Report, adopt the resolution for 2026 Bus Replacement Plan and the 2026 Capital Projects Fund Plan, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the annual review of bus routes, Student Transportation Safety Policy and Transportation Handbook, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the second reading and adopt Policy Volume 37, No 2- April 2025, Mr. Miller seconded, and it carried 5-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Miller moved to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Camp Amigo for May 11-12, 2026, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

Superintendents  
Report

**Continuous Improvement:** I am happy to report that the schedule adjustments at the elementary school continue to show benefits for students. They are eating and drinking more, there is less waste, and we are anxious to see if there is an impact on discipline referrals. Last month we approved an updated calendar in response to a mistake on the previous calendar. I am happy to announce that we have since received a three year waiver from the state that allows our corporation to continue the 3 delayed start days for professional development. The one adjustment to this year's calendar is we will combine the Thursday October 9th Parent teacher conference day with a digital learning day to stay on track to meet our state requirements and keep our second semester built in days available. A shout out to the PTO for highlighting elementary teachers in an effort to rebrand their efforts and continue to bring out the positive things happening within their organization.

**Accountability-** I would especially like to thank our Kindergarten and Junior High Teachers who contacted families and welcomed students to their school in what can be tough transitional years. The 4th grade parent information meeting invited parents in to their classroom to discuss expectations, review schedules, routines, and allowed time for questions to encourage an open dialogue and a successful start to the year.

**High Expectations-** I have had the privilege of watching this on full display the last couple of weeks while at the elementary school. Teachers have established routines, assessed students current levels and coming data meetings will help set goals and drive instruction.

**Evidence Based Decision Making-** BOY data has been collected, teachers are beginning utilize this to drive instruction.

**Shared Leadership-** Junior/Senior High skill builders takes a commitment from everyone to be vulnerable, possibly learn new skills, and continue to grow capacity for skills that will translate into relatable soft skills.

**Social Responsibility-** Triton Volleyball served at the Oliver Ford 70th anniversary celebration in Plymouth. Triton Gives Back will take place on September 26th when each and every student and staff member in the district will be mobilized to serve. Congratulations to Addison Hammond and Braydon Hooley for being named Troop 251's newest Eagle Scouts.

Patrons'  
Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building  
Reports

Mr. McKeand gave a brief building report for the high school. Mr. McIntyre gave a brief building report for the elementary.

## Other

There were no other comments.

## Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ October 06, 2025

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

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

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