

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

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

Regular Session

January 12, 2026

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 January 12, 2026. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

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-Jr. /Sr. High School Principal; Kayden Hummitch; Monica Clennon; Chet Hall; Jacki Gorski

***** BOARD OF FINANCE *****

The Board of Finance meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM.

Elections

Mr. Boyer made a motion to elect Mrs. Barnhart as the President of the Board of Finance, and Mr. Stichter as the Secretary of the Board of Finance, Mr. Stichter seconded the motion and it carried 5 - 0.

Investment Report

Mr. McFarland reviewed investments held by the Corporation, old outstanding checks, and a fiscal indicator report.

Adjournment

Mrs. Barnhart adjourned the meeting at 7:03 PM.

***** REORGANIZATION SESSION *****

Mrs. Barnhart called the Reorganization Session to order at 7:04 PM.

Election of Officers

Per Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Mrs. Terri Barnhart as the President, Mr. Kevin Boyer as the Vice President, and Mr. Steve Stichter as the Secretary, Mr. Stichter seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

Meeting Date, Time & Location

Mrs. Barnhart recommended to continue having all regular meetings at 7:00 PM, on the second Monday of the month in the Administration Office. Mr. Stichter made a motion to keep the board meetings at 7:00 PM on the second Monday of the month, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Appointments:

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Mr. Tom McFarland as the Corporation Treasurer, Warrick & Boyne (Tim Shelley) as the attorney, Steve Stichter as ISBA Delegate/Legislative Liaison, Weston Rettinger as Student Handbook Committee Representative, Austin Davis as Textbook Adoption Committee Representative, and Terri Barnhart as Board Policy Representative, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.

Board Salaries	Mr. Rettinger moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to continue the annual salary of \$1,850.00 for Board Members and to grant Board members the option of signing a waiver allowing individual members to accept a lesser annual salary which is to be determined by the individual member.
Conflict of Interest Forms	Mr. Riffle informed the Board of required signatures needed for Uniform Conflict of Interest Disclosure Statements. Administrators will also sign the forms.
Adjournment	Mrs. Barnhart adjourned the reorganization meeting at 7:07 PM.
* * * * REGULAR SESSION * * * *	
	Mrs. Barnhart called the Regular Session to order at 7:08 PM.
Consensus Agenda	Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #87076-#87190 in the amount of \$706,816.75, payrolls #25 – #26 in the amount of \$575,840.02 and voids of \$0 for a grand total of \$1,282,656.77; and to approve the minutes of the regular session that was held on December 08, 2025. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 5 – 0.
Patrons' Comments	There were no patrons' comments.
Personnel	Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Connor Stetzel as Boys' Wrestling Coach Volunteer, Paul Harms as Robotics Volunteer Coach, and Jason Arvesen as Boys' JH Wrestling Assistant Coach. Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Davis seconded to approve the resignation of Erika Alexander as Elementary Custodian. The motion carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve Rachele Meister as an activity bus driver, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer motioned to approve the termination of Anika Spangle's position as an elementary instructional assistant (due to the transfer of a student), Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve the resignation of Carolyn Alexander as Jr-Sr High School English Teacher, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve splitting two unpaid personal days between two payrolls for Mr. Williams, Mr. Boyer seconded, and it carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the Classified Directors Handbook and the Classified Handbook, Mr. Stichter seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to acknowledge the resignation of Molly Ballinger as the Speech Language Pathologist, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5-0.
Other Business	Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the Transfer of Funds from the Education Fund to the Operations Fund, Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion, and it carried 5 – 0. Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 5 – 0, to approve appropriation transfers. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the NIESC School Food Co-op Member Annual Contract for 2026-2027, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the 1st reading of Policy Volume 38, No. 1- September 2025 and Policy Volume 38, No. 1 – September 2025, Mr. Boyer seconded and the motion carried unanimously. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Brent Johnson as a member of the Triton Multi-School Building Corporation Board of Directors, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.
Superintendent's Report	<p>Continuous Improvement-Four juniors from Triton Jr. Sr. High School have been recognized by the Indiana Association of School Principals. These scholars have displayed excellence in academics as well as being student leaders. Congratulations to Emma Cook, Jillian Bules, Brooke Kitch, and Colton Large for being named Rising Stars of Indiana.</p> <p>Shared Leadership-Congratulations to Triton Athletics for being named First Team All-Sportsmanship for the fall season. From the students, to the coaches, to the parents, and our broader community, when we receive recognition like we received last week, we can celebrate the collective effort and shared leadership it takes to uphold the core values, beliefs, responses, and self-control while cheering on our student athletes. Let us continue to remember to be just as mindful in the current season so we can accomplish the same for the Winter Season.</p>

Superintendent's
Report Continued

Social Responsibility-I would like to congratulate the 8 students who graduated at semester. This accomplishment must be celebrated as it is our sole purpose to prepare students for their next steps in life by helping them accomplish the milestone of graduation. These students will still walk in May however they have completed their course work and are beginning their careers:

Colton Scarberry
Sam Kistler- Accepted a full-time position Oliver Ford
Makenna Belin
Brayden Hooley- Accepted a full-time position at Lavine Restoration
Morgan Yates- Accepted a full-time position at TranStar
Brian Wescher
Rhett Stouder- Accepted a full-time position at TranStar
Amaya Fink

Accountability-Congratulations to our DECA Students, under the direction of Mr. Joel Grindle. Seven of our nine students that competed today in the District Competition qualified for state. The top 5 places advance to the state competition in Indianapolis in March. Here are the students that qualified:

Principles of Marketing
Evelyn Gephart - 2nd place
Max Johnson 4th place
Jamison Swanson 5th place
Principles of Entrepreneurship
Brady Wood - 3rd place
Hotel and Lodging Management
Ady Stichter - 3rd place
Buying and Merchandising Team Decision Making
Jada Bules and Kensie Schuh - 4th Place

High Expectations-Triton Lady Wrestlers are back to back HNAC Champions and Sectional success!!! The Lady Trojans also earned two runner-up finishes. Senior Andrea Ford placed second at 120 pounds, while senior Rilee Bemish secured a second-place finish at 135 pounds, both advancing comfortably to the next round. Additional regional qualifiers came through strong third and fourth place finishes, which also automatically advanced. Senior Macy Carson placed third at 105 pounds, and freshman Saran Jones earned third at 235 pounds. Fourth place finishes were recorded by freshman Brianna Lockhart at 130 pounds, senior Bailey Nicely at 140 pounds, and senior Jazmin Lemler at 170 pounds. Freshman Kailyn Schuh and Senior Emma Tobolski narrowly missed qualification, placing fifth and sixth respectively in their weight classes. As a small 1A school in just its second season of girls wrestling, Triton continues to exceed expectations. Competing against larger schools with more established programs, the Lady Trojans held their own throughout the day and defeated several strong opponents. Triton finished third overall out of 17 schools represented at the sectional, trailing only Penn and host Plymouth. Warsaw and Mishawaka rounded out the top five with fourth and fifth place finishes, respectively.

Full team scores:

1st place Penn 255
2nd place Plymouth 191
3rd place Triton 159.5
4th place Warsaw Community 139
5th place Mishawaka 82

Thank you to Coach Jason Arvesen and Lisa Bemish for coaching and providing great coverage for our young ladies!

Congratulations to the Triton JV girls' basketball team who won the Caston Tournament Saturday morning beating Western 29-27 and Caston 52-26 in the final. Congratulations ladies!!!

Alignment-This is a reminder that on February 16th, Triton will hold a school wide professional development day. If you recall, this was moved from our traditional last Friday of Christmas Break to Presidents Day for more focus and timely professional development for our administrators and teachers to learn, grow, and prepare for the weeks ahead.

Patrons' Comments

None

Building Reports

Mr. McKeand provided a report on events at the Jr. /Sr. High School. Mr. McIntyre gave a brief building report for the elementary.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ February 09, 2026

President: Lee Barnhart

Secretary: _____

Kevin R. Bogen

Wesley M. [Signature]

Ann M. [Signature]