

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
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* * * **BOARD MINUTES** * * *

Regular Session

February 09, 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 February 09, 2026. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Steve Stichter

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mrs. Melissa LaShure- Elementary Principal; Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media; Jacki Gorski; Baker-Tilley (Lauren and Shawn); PTO (Carolyn Crooks, Ashley Ameigh, Lily Chapman, Megan Shafer, and Heidi Barker)

Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #87191-#87228 and #87234-#87298 in the amount of \$630,238.71, payrolls #1 – #3 in the amount of \$713,777.34, and voids/other in the amount of -\$160.65 for a grand total of \$1,343,855.40; and to approve the minutes of the finance meeting, reorganization session and regular session held on January 12, 2026. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 4 – 0. The PTO presented information about expanding to the Jr. Sr. High School. Baker-Tilley presented information on bond best practices.

Patrons' Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Olivia Waymouth as the JH Golf Coach, Jorie Yarber as Color Guard Volunteer, and Gina Westafer as Varsity Volleyball Head Coach. Mr. Rettinger made a motion to approve Tamara White as a Substitute Teacher, Terry Alderfer Jr. as a Substitute Elementary Cafeteria Worker, and to approve ECA & shuttle bus rates, Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and it carried 4-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Rettinger made a motion to approve Cassandra McIntyre as Speech-Language Pathologist. This was followed by a second from Mr. Boyer, and the motion carried unanimously.

Other Business

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the second reading and adopt – Policy Volume 38, No.1 September 2025 Nondiscrimination. Mr. Rettinger motioned to approve Tinkels Restaurant Supply quote to purchase a convection oven for the high school cafeteria and to approve Floor Care Concepts quote to sand down the elementary gym floor, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Superintendent's Report

Continuous Improvement - We begin with a thank you to our students, parents, and teaching staff as we navigated the weather over the last few weeks. Staff put time into making the most of our three consecutive days out due to real feel temps and drifting of county roads. In front of you is an example of how we have and will continue to refine the digital learning expectations and clearly define the difference between synchronous and asynchronous days. The state only allows 3 asynchronous days now due to it being abused in the past. This differentiation allows our teachers to plan and clearly define for our students and families what this would look like if synchronous days need to happen. Along the same lines and topic, the state did grant a waiver for January 26 and 27th due to the state of emergency being declared. This does allow TSC 2 more asynchronous days if needed.

Superintendent's
Report Continued

We did make the decision to attend next Monday, February 16th in person due to so many days needed to be used for digital learning. We will keep our Thursday, February 12th date as a two-hour delay for staff professional development that will include but is not limited to CPI Training, DLD Review, and Cardiac Arrest Team Training. We will still have a Smekens Curriculum Facilitator on site for our teachers for a round robin training on February 16th as originally planned.

Shared Leadership - Building leaders continue to work together to build strong cultures in both buildings. I am so pleased with our building level leadership and their commitment to sharing leadership, communicating well, streamlining their focus to be resources for our teachers and students, and continuing to solve problems and meet needs with empathy, grace, and consistency.

Social Responsibility - I greatly appreciate the Town of Bourbon staff, town council members, and law enforcement for their quick action and accessibility as we were working through concerns of the student crossing on North Harris. Cars trying to go north on North Harris Street when the crossing guard is present and students are trying to cross to their parents' car at the Matchett Center has caused some concerns over the last few weeks. I was able to speak with Chief Martin, Council Member Best, to make sure we were able to block this road off for about one-half hour after the elementary students are dismissed from school to keep our students safe. We are simply asking patrons, if they have to head north to Shafer, to simply go up one block on Florence to North Washington and turn north from there, avoiding the cross walk where students are walking to their parents' cars.

Accountability - Last week Tom and I were able to meet with multiple service providers for our students, ask questions and continue to seek ways to build stronger alliances for our students. Specific meetings last week focused around special education services, speech services, transportation and technology department meetings along with a monthly leadership team meeting that allows our leaders to speak to those items that overlap departments.

High Expectations - Congratulations to Colten Reynolds and Gage Peltz on their bid to the IHSAA Semi State Wrestling Tournament after recording second place victories in the Penn Regional this weekend. The boys wrestling team had 5 wrestlers advance to Regional. The wrestling program is very thankful for their new mate that they were able to use at the Conference tournament held at Triton.

Congratulations to our Performing Arts Department for a great showing at the vocal solo and ensemble contest two weeks ago. Thank you for all the time and effort that was put in to earn such great results. Triton ended the day with 15 golds, 1 silver, 1 bronze and 7 entries are headed to the State ISSMA competition!!! The Winter Guard received a silver at their competition at the end of January.

IFSA State 2025 1A All State Team - Colten Reynolds (Defense) and Jaydon Overmeyer (Offense), Jaydon was also named to the Region 2 All Star Team

Football Academic All State Candidates include: Maddox Dennie, Jaydon Overmyer, Isaac Quintana, Colten Reynolds, and Gavin Riffle

Congratulations to 4 Varsity Lady Trojan Wrestlers for receiving the Indiana Academic All-State!! Bailey Nicely, Jazmin Lemler, Macy Carson, and Rilee Bemish

Congratulations to Sierra Hawley for being named the WB Hawkins Award winner at the Bi-County Tournament.

Jr. Forestry Team placed 10th out of 31 teams

Members were: Ellie Endres (placing 7th) Kelsey Frick (39th) and Skylar Hall (69th)

Senior Forestry Team placed 15th out of 50

Members were: Izzy Rettinger (32nd) Julianna Firestone (37th) and Kaitlyn Frick (75th)

Senior Crops Team 1 - placed 6th out of 41

Members Colton Large (4th) Brooke Kitch (28th) Brayden Nifong (53rd)

Team 2 - placed 25th out of 41

Members Sierra Hawley (37th) Savannah Hawley (94th) Sam Kistler (148th)

Jr. Entomology - Hailey Endres placed 3rd overall

Girls Basketball: JV Girls won the bi county tournament while the varsity played Culver in the Sectional Quarter Finals

Boys Basketball

- Lower level boys' basketball seasons were a success. The 6th and 7th grade won the conference tournament. 8th grade played really well and came up just short to an undefeated Pioneer team that hasn't lost in 3 years.
- The boys' and girls' JV Basketball teams both made it to the Bi-County Championship. The girls lost a hard-fought game, but the boys won their 3rd straight championship.
- The Boys Varsity Team earned at least a share of the HNAC Title by defeating Caston on Saturday. Caston and Triton were the leaders with undefeated records in the conference. Triton prevailed and will play its final conference game at North Miami on February 13th. Triton is seeking its 3rd straight HNAC conference championship in a row.

Alignment - Internship Spotlights, CTE Recognition, and college/workforce signings are welcome signs that our Juniors and Seniors continue to excel in their chosen field of study. Eight students graduated early, and as much as this is a double edge sword for funding, they should be celebrated. These opportunities allow student to make data driven decisions on their next steps in life and help them avoid the pitfalls of going into a career that they have found they do not enjoy.

Mr. Riffle also shared about the opportunity for a DECA overnight trip.

Patrons' Comments

None.

Building Reports

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

Mr. Riffle 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 8:13 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: March 09, 2026

President: *Lee Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Karen R. Boyer

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