

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

**Regular Session**

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

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mr. Mason McIntyre- Elementary Administrative Assistant; Mr. Nate McKeand- Jr. Sr. High School Principal; Mr. Orion Lemler– Triton Social Media; Jacki Gorski; Sean McGill and Lauren – Baker Tilly

Pledge of  
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus  
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #87229-#87231 and #87299-#87398 in the amount of \$621,858.87, payrolls #4 and #5 in the amount of \$498,240.62, and voids/other in the amount of \$0 for a grand total of \$1,120,099.49; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on February 09, 2026. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, and it carried 5 – 0.

Public Hearing

Mrs. Barnhart gave a statement as to agenda and time for public input. Mr. Riffle explained the purpose of the hearing. Mr. McFarland communicated information about the process of determining and communicating the project to the community and the need for the project. Mr. Riffle discussed how the proposed projects meet the needs as just described. Mr. Sean McGill addressed how the proposed project will be financed, as well as information about the effect on the typical property taxpayer. Mrs. Barnhart opened the public hearing. There were no patron comments. Mr. Stichter made a motion to adopt the Project Resolution, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger made a motion to adopt the Preliminary Bond Resolution, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the Reimbursement Resolution, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mrs. Barnhart adjourned the public hearing.

Patrons'  
Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the 2026 Spring Coaching Staff. Mr. Rettinger made a motion to approve Rachelle Meister as a Substitute Custodian, Mr. Stichter seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Rettinger made a motion to approve Cynthia Stichter as a Substitute Teacher. It was followed by a second from Mr. Davis. The vote was 4-0-1 as Mr. Stichter recused himself.

Other  
Business

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the quote from Trafera to purchase 165 Chromebooks. Mr. Boyer motioned to approve the Trojan Cheerleading Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser to attend Cheer Team UCA Camp at Ball State, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve changes to the Transportation Department Driver Handbook to not use the rear seats during ECA trips for safety reasons-Section 4 and to approve changes to the Transportation Department Driver Handbook Drug & Alcohol Testing to coincide with Corporation Policy #4162-Section 6, Mr. Stichter seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve selling items that are no longer useful at the FFA Auction, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's  
Report

**Continuous Improvement** - With the upcoming bond issuance, Triton School Corporation Maintenance/Grounds Department, Technology Department, Transportation, along with Building level leaders and admin personnel will continue to look at our campus with a critical eye. We will look to proactively update, repair, and continue to preventatively maintain our buildings, technology, and campus in order to serve out students and community to the best of our ability.

Items to be updated this summer include but are not limited to: Final Tornado damage repairs (Football Light pole), whole parking lot reseal, HS classroom Floor tile, Elem Ceiling tile, Ag Shot updates, playground fencing, sidewalk replacement/repair, HS Locker room wash and refinish, HS Hallways Speakers/PA, bus replacement, and teacher/student devices.

**Shared Leadership** - Triton Skill Builder is a monthly time set aside to invest in Triton Jr/Sr High Scholars. This month's Skill Builder focused on a initiative spearheaded by Mr. Bass. This focus and initiative are closely aligned with Project Adam that seeks to train, upskill, and prepare both staff and students to react to a health emergency in the building, specifically cardiac arrest and the need to utilize an AED. Mr. Bass has created a student emergency team, a staff emergency team, and is currently working through the steps to certify with the Project Adam Team. This month's skill building introduced Adam's dad, his passion to avoid losing more lives to cardiac arrest if possible, some helpful hints on how to respond to an emergency, and an introduction to how Triton will handle these types of emergencies if heaven forbid it happens within our halls.

**Social Responsibility** - Thank you to Chad Stepp and multiple fire departments for making the Boys Sectional win even more special by giving them an escort from Argos to Campus. What a fun tradition!

I think it is a great time to also thank the Triton Trojans Sports Network, Andy O'Hara, Kenny Barnhart, the Hall of Famer Orion Lemler, Kayden Hummich and Kaitlyn Frick for their coverage of all things Triton. Their broadcast is second to none! Thank you TTSN Crew for the time and energy it takes to run a first-class broadcast and for the personal touch you bring to games!

**Accountability** - Second and Third graders are taking IREAD this week. This is one portion of their accountability. If you recall, all who do not pass get the opportunity to take the assessment again and have to do so until they pass or until 6th grade. 2nd graders are now taking this assessment as well, when they pass they do not have to retake it.

**High Expectations –**

- Congratulations to the Boys Varsity Basketball Team on their Sectional 51 Title. They will play Michigan City Marquette on Saturday evening at 5pm at North Judson.
- Girls 6th Grade went 9-0 and were HNAC Champs
- Elementary and Jr. High Robotics competed well in the Caston Buzzer Beater
- Congratulations to Colten Reynolds on placing sixth at 1A/2A State Wrestling Meet
- Performing Arts Band and Choir have successfully competed at the State ISSMA Competitions and done very well. Congratulations to Daren King and Dolan Berkeypile
- Congratulations to Jim Shively and the 2001 Triton Baseball State Champions on their induction into the Triton Athletic Hall of Fame
- Daughter of the American Revolution Essay Winners: Lexy Sellers, Galen Harms

Superintendent's  
Report Continued

**Alignment** - I want to remind our public that tickets are on sale for the Derby for a Difference. This is the 2026 theme for the Triton Student Life Foundation Gala. The purpose of this organization is to remove barriers from and add life to the Triton Scholars and teachers. They have funded such items but not limited to: Field Trips, Academic Awards and CTE Banquets, funded drones for Project Lead the Way classes, funded robotics equipment, sent DECA Students to their state competition, they have purchased items for the performing arts department, funded Triton Gives Back T-shirts for all students and staff as they went to serve our community, and the list goes on. Consider joining us on April 4th, at the Wooded Knot for The Triton Student Life Foundation Derby For A Difference. Tickets are \$100, sponsor tables are \$1000. Justin Vining is planning on being there and auctioning off a painting that he will be doing live during the event. Many auction items will be available for this once every two-year fundraiser for Triton Scholars and Teachers. Don't miss the opportunity to dress up, enjoy some brisket from Chubby Buddies, get a wild suit or derby hat and enjoy the fun. April 4th, doors open at 5pm, meal begins at approximately 5:30, it will be a great evening of celebrating and supporting Triton Scholars!

**Evidence Based Decision Making-**

Dates to Remember:  
April 4 TSLF: Derby For A Difference  
April 11 FFA Consignment Auction

Patrons'  
Comments

None

Building  
Reports

Mr. McIntyre 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 7:42 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: April 13, 2026

President: *Lee Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

*Kevin R. Boyer*

*Wen M. Furr*

*And M. J.*