

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

Regular Session

June 08, 2026

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, met in Executive Session at 6:15 PM and Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the Jr. Sr. High School, 300 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on June 08, 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 Principal; Mr. Nate McKeand– Jr. Sr. High School Principal; Mr. Orion Lemler– Triton Social Media; Jacki Gorski; Tyson Horter; Stephen Fink; Laura Hepler; Max; Allen Hall; Dan Stichter; Nate Gephart; Bobi Gephart; Steve McBride; Joshua Taylor; Brett Nordmann; Jeremy Hepler; Marion Eborsole; Paul Williams; Nancy Nordmann; Marcile Lindsey; Michelle Waymouth; Kim Riddle; Karyn Van Houten

Pledge of
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #87537-#87542, #87598-#87638, and #87641-87701 in the amount of \$1,478,952.24, payrolls #10 and #11 in the amount of \$510,496.34, and voids/other in the amount of \$0 for a grand total of \$1,989,448.58; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on May 11, 2026. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion, and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Alex Howdeshell stepping down as a full time Bus Driver to Substitute Bus Driver and to approve Rachelle Meister as a full-time Bus Driver. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve summer school instructional assistants: Lisa Kreft, Grace Pierson, Johna Synder, Casi Painton, and Beth Linvill, Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Rettinger made a motion to approve Anika Spangle as Elementary Instructional Assistant. It was followed by a second from Mr. Davis, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve to approve the cancellation of contract for Megan Atkinson as Jr-Sr High School English Teacher, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve summer school teachers: Curt Kreft, Victoria Hughes, Emily McQuade, Adam Heckaman, Lisa Andrews, and Josh Taylor, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried unanimously. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Josh Taylor as 1st Grade Teacher (move), Samantha Phenix as 5th Grade Teacher (move), Lexie Albright as 2nd Grade Teacher (move), Laurie Thompson as Jr-Sr High School Language Arts Teacher, and Laurie Thompson as Jr-Sr High School Language Arts Teacher, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Terri Large as New Teacher Mentor for Jill Rackley for the second semester of the 25/26 school year, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

Other
Business

Mr. Rettinger moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the 26/27 Triton Elementary Student-Parent Handbook. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve the 26/27 school year meal prices, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve providing The Church of Christ/Nathan McKeand with a special purpose bus to transport students to a Christ in Youth Camp June 21-26, 2026, Mr. Davis seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Superintendent's
Report

Continuous Improvement – Although the conversations of the past few weeks have been difficult and the manner in which some of them have unfolded has been disappointing, I believe there is still an opportunity for us to learn, reflect, and grow.

I remain and our team remains fully committed to and confident in the scholars, teachers, staff, administrators, Triton School Corporation, and the broader community we serve. I truly believe our best days are ahead. Because Continuous Improvement is our corporation's top strategic priority, we will continue seeking ways to improve and will use the feedback we have received to strengthen our organization and move FORWARD in a positive direction.

A lot of work has been completed on campus since students' last day on May 22nd. The Elementary ceiling tiles project is making great progress, the parking lots look great after seal, recoat, and new lines, The Elementary gym floor is sanded down and will begin to work towards completion over the next two weeks, the classroom floor tile project is moving a little slower than hoped but looking nicer nonetheless. The high school locker rooms shower, clean up, and paint begin this week. The HS Track is scheduled to begin to be patched and resealed this week and will be locked for community use until completed. The HS gym floor will be buffed out and resealed the week of July 15th.

One area we hope to continue to improve in this upcoming school year is communication. The soft transition to ParentSquare at the end of this school year has been overall successful. Over the summer and during registration, it will be important to get updated demographic information from parents and guardians in order to maximize the new system's impact for broad corporation communication all the way down to teachers and coaches direct communication.

Shared Leadership - Triton Elementary Summer School Teachers and students have had a successful first week, students are making progress, and teachers are working hard to implement small group instruction on identified skills needed for growth. Just over 70 students are attending the first three weeks of this month.

Thank you to our custodial crew for working hard to clean rooms, rearrange instructional areas for better use of space, and continue to prepare for students to return in August. Many projects will continue to work to make all of our buildings a safe learning environment for our staff and students.

Social Responsibility- 81 Students walked at the Triton Jr/Sr High School Commencement Exercises on Sunday, May 31st. It was a great ceremony that highlighted so many important academic, athletic, and extracurricular accomplishments of our senior class. This is a large class that will leave a huge void but will also make a large impact on their place of employment, secondary institution, and communities they live in.

In the coming month, many activities will take place on Triton's Campus. The Bourbon Summer Basketball League, Touch a Truck, Bourbon Summer Fest, Basketball/Volleyball Scrimmages and camps and practices of all kinds. I am thankful we can continue to partner with our community as the hub of activity and entertainment.

Superintendent's
Report Continued

Accountability - Congratulations to Andy Bass for receiving the Trojan PRIDE Service Award as voted on by the Senior Class. Mr. Bass was recognized at graduation for the time and effort he puts into building relationships but also producing results in his Biomedical Science Classes. Mr. Bass continues to produce the highest Biology Scores of any high school in the area. He helps coach, mentor new teachers, championed Triton HS Heart Safe School initiative through the Project Adam initiative, and is always looking for ways to make his classroom and our school better. Mr. Bass continues to be an asset AND in our corporation, and we are so grateful for his leadership, passion, and commitment to our students and school!

High Expectations – Thank you to our spring coaches and athletes who represented their families, school, and community well. Baseball had a tremendous season and Trojans softball competed. Track set school records throughout the year while having multiple regional qualifiers: Men's 4x100 Relay Cayden Bradley, Isaac Quintana, Jayden Overmyer, and Cam Callahan, Shot Put - Brady Schuh, 300 Meter Hurdles - Vinny Prater, High Jump - Cam Callahan, 400 Meter - Isaac Quintana, Rilee Bemish qualified for Regional in Pole Vault, both men's and women's track won their respective HNAC Title, Ladies Junior High Track won a portion of the HNAC Title, Baseball won the HNAC Conference outright, Braxton Kaufman - Set Career pitching Wins for career and doubles record for his career, Drew Bingamon - Set all-time hits record and all-time strikeout record for a career

Evidence Based Decision Making-

Dates to Remember:

- Triton Board/Leadership Retreat - June 18th
- 2026-2027 School Year Registration - July 29 and 30th as well as the corporation calendar were shared through ParentSquare last week.

Patrons'
Comments

Mr. Stephen Fink, Mr. Tyson Horter, Ms. Laura Hepler, Mr. Steve McBride, Max, Mr. Allen Hall, and Mr. Paul Williams shared feedback with the board regarding a prior Triton School Corporation teacher.

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 7:54 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ July 13, 2026

President: _____

Secretary: _____

Len Barnhart
Steve Stichter
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