

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

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

Regular Session

August 10, 2026

The Board of School Trustees of Triton School Corporation, Marshall and Kosciusko Counties, Regular Session at 7:00 PM, in the administration building, 100 Triton Drive, Bourbon, Indiana, on Aug 10, 2026. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mr. Nate McKeand- Jr. Sr. High School Principal; Mr. Mason McIntyre- Elementary Principal; Mr. Orion Lemler– Triton Social Media

Pledge of
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #87751-87756, #87820-#87860, and #87864-87916 in the amount of \$845,157.04, payrolls #14, 15 and 16 in the amount of \$617,212.19, and voids/other in the amount of \$0.00 for a grand total of \$1,462,369.23; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on July 13, 2026. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion, and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Public Hearing

Mr. Stichter made a motion to open the public hearing on the Superintendent's contract. After hearing no comments, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the contract, seconded by Mr. Davis, and passed 5-0.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Jedidiah (JD) Feaster as seasonal grounds. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Riley Linville as a substitute teacher, Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion, and it carried 5-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Jack Johnson as a bus driver, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer motioned to approve the resignation of Mikayla O'Dell as an instructional assistant and approve Paul Helstern as an instructional assistant to replace her, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve the resignation of Rachelle Meister as a café cook, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Brittany Neff as a substitute teacher, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve Lisa Bemish as a part-time secretary, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the resignation of Sierra Hart as a crossing guard, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Alyssa Wyrick as an instructional assistant, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Amanda Shively as a substitute bus driver, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Sarah Nunemaker as Math Teacher, Lisa Andrews as a Mentor Teacher, Graham Chapman as a PE/Health Teacher, Michelle Waymouth moving to JH English/Language Arts, Christen Ritchison as a 2nd grade teacher, Terri Large as a Mentor Teacher, and the resignation of Lexie Albright as an Elementary Teacher, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Davis made a motion to approve the teacher contracts based on the Master Teacher's Agreement, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

- Personnel Continued Mr. Boyer moved to approve Jerad Crooks as JH Boys basketball volunteer, Carrie Feaster as girls' basketball volunteer, Kevin Summe as JH volleyball volunteer, Graham Chapman as a varsity assistant football coach, Jared Jacobs as a volunteer football coach, and Rodney Younis as a volunteer football coach, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve the ECA schedule and fall supervisors, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.
- Other Business Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried 5-0 to approve the Substitute Handbook. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve a fundraiser for the girls' basketball team, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the Hostetler Lawn and Landscape for the softball project, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the motion carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the Indiana Online FlexEd Contract, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the transfer of funds regarding the Supplemental Homestead Credit Reallocation, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter made the motion to approve the 2nd reading and adoption of the AI June 2026 policy, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the motion passed 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved, seconded by Mr. Rettinger, and passed 5-0 permission to advertise the 2027 Budget, Capital Projects Plan, and Bus Replacement Plan on the corporation website. Mr. Boyer motioned to approve the Elementary and Jr/Sr HS 25/26 Financial Reports, seconded by Mr. Stichter and passed 5-0.
- Superintendent's Report Welcome to a new school year. There is something special about the first day. It gives us the opportunity to begin again—with renewed purpose, renewed energy, and renewed commitment to the students and families we serve. Whether this is your first year at Triton or your twentieth, thank you for choosing to invest your gifts and talents in something that truly matters. Our theme this year is **Forward Together**. Those words remind us that our greatest accomplishments are never achieved individually. They happen when we work alongside one another, support one another, challenge one another, and remain focused on the mission we all share—providing every student with an exceptional educational experience. As we move **Forward Together**, I want to challenge each of us to embrace three simple words: **Learn. Refine. Serve.**
- Learn.** Learning is not just for our students. The best educators are lifelong learners. We learn from professional development, from one another, from our successes, and even from our setbacks. Every day presents another opportunity to grow.
- Refine.** Excellence isn't found in perfection; it's found in continuous improvement. We don't have to change everything overnight. We simply need to be willing to take the next step—to improve our instruction, strengthen our relationships, communicate more effectively, and become just a little better than we were yesterday.
- Serve.** Service is at the heart of education. Every interaction is an opportunity to make a difference. We serve students by believing in them. We serve families by earning their trust. We serve one another by offering encouragement, extending grace, and carrying the load together. Those three words align naturally with who we are at Triton.
- When we choose to **learn**, we demonstrate **Continuous Improvement** and make **Evidence-Based Decisions** that benefit students.
- When we **refine** our practice, we hold ourselves **Accountable**, maintain **High Expectations**, and ensure **Alignment** in the work we do together.
- When we **serve**, we embrace **Shared Leadership** and fulfill our commitment to **Social Responsibility**, recognizing that every member of this corporation has an important role in helping students succeed.
- Our core values are not simply words printed on paper. They are the foundation of our culture and the standard by which we lead, teach, and serve every day.
- As superintendent, I want you to know that I don't expect perfection. I do expect commitment. I expect us to care deeply about children, to support one another, to remain open to growth, and to continually move our corporation forward.

Superintendent's
Report Continued

One of my favorite passages of Scripture comes from Philippians 3:13-14, where the Apostle Paul writes:

*"Forgetting what is behind and **straining** toward what is ahead, I press on toward the prize of the high calling"*

Paul wasn't suggesting we ignore the past. He understood its value. We celebrate our successes, and we learn from our challenges. But we don't stay there. We press forward with purpose.

That is my hope for Triton this year.

We honor the foundation that has been built before us. We appreciate the accomplishments that have brought us to this moment. We learn from every experience. Then we move forward—together.

This year, there will be opportunities to celebrate. There will be obstacles to overcome. There will be moments that require resilience, creativity, and patience. Through each of those moments, let's remember that we are stronger together than we are apart.

Our students deserve adults who continue to learn.

They deserve educators who continually refine their craft.

They deserve a school community committed to serving with compassion, excellence, and integrity.

Every classroom matters.

Every conversation matters.

Every relationship matters.

Every student matters.

So today, I ask each of you to join me in making this commitment:

Let's continue learning.

Let's never stop refining.

Let's serve with humility and purpose.

And above all, let's move **Forward Together**.

Thank you to our staff for your dedication, your professionalism, and your heart for children.

Thank you to our parents and guardians for your support, encouragement and accountability of our scholars. It is an honor to serve alongside you, and I cannot wait to see what we accomplish together.

Let's make this our best year yet.

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 7:29 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ September 14, 2026

President: _____

Secretary: _____

[Handwritten signatures]
Wick M. R.
Aunt M. 2