

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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* * **BOARD MINUTES** * * *

Regular Session

September 14, 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 Sept 14, 2026. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

- Members Present:** Mr. Austin Davis, Mr. Wes Rettinger, and Mr. Steve Stichter
- Members Absent:** Mrs. Terri Barnhart and Mr. Kevin Boyer
- 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; Jacki Gorski; Janika Kemp; Makenzie Singleton; Allee Rohrer; Sally Matute; Emma Cook; Blayze Hensley; Gage Peltz
- Pledge of Allegiance** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- Consensus** Mr. Rettinger made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #87861-87863 and #87917-87958 and #87963-88028 in the amount of \$512,530.30, payrolls #17 and #18 in the amount of \$443,892.68, and voids/other in the amount of \$0.00 for a grand total of \$956,422.98; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on August 10, 2026. Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and it carried 3 – 0.
- Patrons' Comments** There were no comments from any patrons.
- Public Hearing** Mr. Davis made a motion to open the public hearing on the 2027 Bus Replacement Plan, Capital Projects Plan, and 2027 Budget. After hearing no comments, the hearing closed.
- Personnel** Mr. Rettinger moved, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Katelyn Kaufman and David Walter as Substitute Teachers. Mr. Rettinger made a motion to approve Karrie Haney as a Crossing Guard and Cafeteria Substitute, Mr. Davis seconded the motion, and it carried 3-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Davis made a motion to approve Terry Alderfer as an Elementary Cafeteria Dishwasher and Blake Walls as a Substitute Bus Driver, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 3-0. Mr. Rettinger motioned to approve the revised hourly wage scale for 26/27, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 3-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve Kandace Haines as Fall Drama Productions Director, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote was unanimous.

Personnel

Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the resignation of Cassandra Summe as 8th Grade Volleyball Coach, Bethany Bentley as 8th Grade Volleyball Coach, Laurie Thompson as JH Volleyball Supervisor, and Lisa Hammond as 6th Grade Volunteer Volleyball Coach, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 3-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve Bailey Nicely as Volunteer Girls Wrestling Coach, Kyrstin Alderfer as Volunteer Girls Wrestling Coach, and Jazmin Lemler as Volunteer JH Girls Wrestling Coach/Varsity Girls Wrestling Assistant Coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 3-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the resignation of Kaitlin Linville as JV Boys Tennis Coach, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 3-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve Anna Damron, Alexis Brunner, Jorie Yarber, Jessica Strevy, Brandon Strevy, Tenniel Harms, Mark Schwartz, and Barbara Schwartz as Band Volunteers along with Jennifer Brunner as a Band Volunteer, Show Choir Volunteer, and Assistant Director of the Fall Drama Productions, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 3-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve Stephen Fink, Aaron Haines, Michelle Gonzalez, and Jacob Gonzalez as Show Choir and Theater Volunteers as well as Matt Wyse as Marching Band Drill Writer and Raquel Tuetle as Color Guard Instructor for fall and winter, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 3-0.

Other Business

Mr. Davis moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 3-0 to approve the Student Council Fundraiser. Mr. Rettinger motioned to approve the sale of a bus in the December Bates Auction, Mr. Davis seconded, and the vote carried 3-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve the 2026/2027 Annual Financial Report, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the motion carried 3-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the 2027 Capital Projects Plan and Bus Replacement Plan, Mr. Davis seconded, and the motion carried 3-0. Mr. Davis moved to approve the annual review of Bus Routes, Student Transportation Safety Policy, and Transportation Handbook, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 3-0.

Superintendent's Report**Continuous Improvement, High Expectations, and Evidence Based Decision Making:**

- Triton students achieved a 96% pass rate on IREAD.
- 99% of Triton kindergarteners finished the year at or above grade level on end-of-year benchmarks.
- Triton students achieved the highest Biology scores in the region.
- Our graduation rates continue to demonstrate strong student outcomes: 100% in 2023, 98% in 2024, and 97% in 2025.
- Our cross country, tennis, and volleyball teams continue to experience great seasons, while all fall sports continue to demonstrate improvement.
- Congratulations to Hunter Arvesen, Luis Almendarez, and Carter Hodges, who completed their final high school course at the beginning of September.

Superintendent's Report

- The continued growth we are seeing academically, athletically, and in student participation reflects our commitment to getting better—not simply being good.
- Recent activities—from the HS Masked Singer and Homecoming Spirit Week to pep rallies and elementary kickoff activities—show that high expectations and school spirit can coexist with fun, relationships, and belonging.

Shared Leadership:

- Thank you to Megan Shafer for helping share the many successes taking place both on and off campus. Communication is an important part of telling the Triton story.
- Thank you to the Elementary PTO and High School PTO for their continued support and encouragement of Triton teachers.
- Thank you to our staff, coaches, sponsors, clubs, PTOs, administrators, and community partners who continually step up to provide opportunities for our students.
- We continue to see our students demonstrate leadership through athletics, clubs, service projects, and activities.
- It has been great to see our teams and clubs greeting elementary students on Friday mornings. Most recently, the volleyball team took time from their morning to greet, encourage, and take pictures with elementary students as they arrived at school.
- Congratulations to Brooke Kitch for representing Triton, our community, and ultimately Marshall County as the Blueberry Festival Queen.

Social Responsibility:

- Thank you to the Triton Student Life Foundation and all of those who attended the TSLF Derby for A Difference Gala and supported the following initiatives by word and deed:
 - Field trips - All Elementary Field Trips will be free of charge for Triton Students and families
 - September 25 Triton Gives Back
 - Performing Arts backdrops
 - Science/AG Combined Field Trip
 - 6th Grade College Visit - IUSB/Marion Univ. Plymouth led by Stacy Sheetz
 - CTE and Academic Awards Banquets and so much more
- Staff represented Triton at a Triton booth during the Marshall County Blueberry Festival, helping share the great things happening in our classrooms, on our teams, and throughout our community.
- Our students are preparing for Triton Gives Back, including the current food drive led by Mrs. Hammonds' SLC to support their upcoming experience at the Bread of Life Food Pantry.

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- The American Red Cross Blood Drive will take place Wednesday, September 23, at Triton Jr/Sr High School from 8:30–1:30.
- Thank you to our teachers and classrooms for making the remembrance of September 11 an impactful learning experience for our students.
- Both buildings will celebrate Constitution Day on Thursday, providing another opportunity to develop informed and responsible citizens.
- Our students continue to learn that being a Trojan means looking beyond themselves and finding ways to serve others.

Accountability:

- Our academic results demonstrate the collective accountability of **students, teachers, administrators, families, and support staff.**
- Our teachers and staff continue to take responsibility for student growth and achievement.
- Our coaches and student-athletes demonstrate accountability through preparation, effort, teamwork, and representing Triton with pride.
- PTOs, the Student Life Foundation, community partners, and volunteers demonstrate accountability by investing their time and resources in our students.
- The food drive and Triton Gives Back initiative provide students with an opportunity to put personal responsibility and service into action.

Alignment:

- Our academic, athletic, extracurricular, service, and community initiatives all contribute to the larger mission of student success.
- Our PTOs, Student Life Foundation, staff, coaches, community partners, and administration are working together to create opportunities for students.
- The continued partnership between our elementary and high school is evident when high school teams and clubs greet and encourage elementary students.
- Our Thursday two-hour delayed start professional development provides dedicated time for staff to work together, develop professionally, and align instructional practices.

Evidence-Based Decision Making:

- Athletic performance and continued improvement provide another form of evidence that can help coaches and staff evaluate preparation, participation, and performance.

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

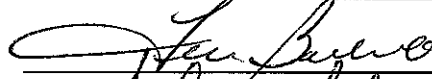
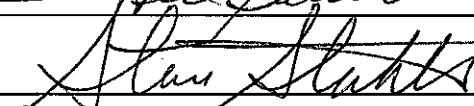
There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mr. Stichter declared the meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.
Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved:

October 05, 2026

President:

Secretary:



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