

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

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

Regular Session

December 11, 2023

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 December 11, 2023. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle–Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland–Business Manager; Mrs. Christine Cook–Elementary Principal; Mr. Nate McKeand–Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mr. Kayden Hummitch–Triton Social Media; Mr. Orion Lemler–Triton Social Media; Ms. Jackie Gorske–Times Union; Ms. Maylee Mckeand; Mr. Levi Rettinger

Pledge of Allegiance

Mrs. Barnhart called the Regular Session to order at 7:00 PM, and the Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #6087 –#6093, #6171-#6198, and #6202-#6271 in the amount of \$606,055.59; payrolls #23 and #24 in the amount of \$582,710.98 for a grand total of \$1,188,766.57; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on November 13, 2023. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion, and it carried 5 – 0.

Patrons' Comments

None

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Sierra Hart as a part time cafeteria dishwasher/clerk, Logan Lynd as a substitute custodian, Madeline Doll as a substitute teacher, Ashley Arneigh as a substitute teacher, Lacy Martin as a substitute teacher and cafeteria worker, and Tayla Lynd as a substitute teacher. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Susan Stackhouse as a 4th grade substitute teacher for Diane Murphy's medical leave, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Casey Yarbrough as a volunteer JH cheer coach, Jaela Meister as boys track head coach, and Bryon Overmyer as the winter weight room supervisor, Mr. Boyer, seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Riffle recommended the approval of Samantha Phenix's resignation as high school Drama Productions Co-Director, and Megan Atkinson as the Auditorium Supervisor, Mr. Stichter approved, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0.

Business

Mr. Boyer moved to approve the Tag distribution on 12/15/2023, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Miller made a motion to review the agreement for the Plymouth, Argos, and Triton students' special education cooperative, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve the first reading corporation policy special update-July 2023 and Corporation Policy Volume 35, 2 April, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0.

Superintendents Report

Continuous Improvement – Since we last met there have been a lot of great things happening:

- Bus signage is in place.
- Tennis court lights electrical box is complete- lights will be installed when the ground is solid enough to run trucks over it.
- Education/scholarship endowment organization/planning is underway for an April 6th Triton Education Foundation Gala to raise funds for the Triton Student Life Foundation.

Shared Leadership – Triton Elementary and Triton Jr/Sr High School continue to seek out ways they can meet the Strategic Plan objectives:

- Academic Success- Staff and students are completing middle of the year assessments to see what growth has taken place and how we can continue to make progress second semester.
- Invest in teachers and staff success/fostering social and emotional growth by:
 - Learning more about trauma informed classroom with Lesson 8 - move it or lose it- introducing movement in our day to help us understand the role of utilizing our senses to be more centered. Our senses play a huge role in our day-to-day lives. Our senses alert the body and brain to important cues, protect our body and brain from being overwhelmed, select which things we should be paying attention to, and organize all of this info in our brain automatically.
- Invest in teacher and staff success - New teacher check ins are scheduled, fun activities for the holidays help lighten the mood of the day, and cheesecake will be served to our staff next Thursday to go along with their building level carry in. Teacher appreciation grant funds along with supplemental pay for all non-certified staff will be handed out on December 15th, as a continued thank you to our teachers and staff for their service and dedication.

Social Responsibility – It has been an extremely hard weekend for Plymouth, our thoughts and prayers go out to them in this time of incredibly difficult loss. The counselors, upon hearing of these difficult times in our neighbor's weekend, have asked the Triton School Community to step up and prepare items for the staff of Riverside and Webster who both experience the loss of students this week. Again, our heart is heavy for our fellow educators at Plymouth and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank you to our Triton Elementary Shining Stars for singing at the Bourbon tree lighting downtown on December 2nd.

Accountability - 100% 2023 Graduation Rate is attributed to our staff, students, parents/families and community stakeholders.

High Expectations – Our learning organization requires that we maintain high expectations for one another and for self.

- Congrats to our junior welding team of Colton Scarberry and Sam Kistler on placing 2nd at the district welding contest, which qualifies them for the state contest in January!!!
- Triton Elementary high ability learners participated in a half day activity on beekeeping by guest speaker Cassidy Riddle. They learned a lot about bees, beekeeping, and pollination. They were able to participate in interactive games. They will expand on their knowledge in two more enrichment days in the second semester.
- Congrats to Cole Shively - IFCA Senior All-State Selections
- Thank you to our counselors and Jen Felke from North Central CTE for providing an opportunity for our future CTE Students to attend the CTE Fair at Plymouth High School
- Triton FFA sent 20 students to the state crops, forestry, and entomology contest on December 9th at Purdue University. Please help me congratulate these individuals: Travis Barnhart, Colton Large, Brayden Nifong, Brooke Kitch, Sierra Hawley, Cheyenne Hawley, Natalie Mevis, McKenna Emenacker, Savannah Hawley, Esai Lemler, Cameron Emenacker, Rory Heckaman, Julianna Firestone, Annie Creighbaum, Addy Lemler, Izzy Rettinger, Jayden Werley, Eli Lucas, Jazzy Trusty, and Emma Orlowski.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building Reports

Mr. Mckeand gave a brief building for the high school. Mrs. Cook gave a brief building report for the elementary.

Other
December 11, 2023

There were no other comments.

BOARD MINUTES

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:22 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ January 8, 2024

President: Jan Barnhart

Secretary: Steve Stichter

Heidi Boyer

Wanda M. [unclear]

Kenneth W. [unclear]