

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

Regular Session

November 11, 2024

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 November 11, 2024.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Kevin Boyer (Present Virtually)

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle–Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland–Business Manager; Mr. Orion Lemler–Triton Social Media; Mr. Nate McKeand–High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Cook- Elementary Principal; Maya Damron; Trinity White; Alexis Johnson; Samantha Middaugh; Lilly Doss

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 #7242–#7279 and #7286–#77359 in the amount of \$301,395.69, payrolls #21 and #22 in the amount of \$507,883.83 for a grand total of \$1,109,279.52; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on October 07, 2024. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 4–0.

Patrons' Comments

None

Public Hearing

Mr. Stichter moved to open the public hearing for the Superintendent Contract, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. McFarland explained the Superintendent Contract. There were no other comments. Mr. Rettinger motioned to close the public hearing, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve Josh Alcindor as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach and Rodney Younis as Varsity Football Coach. Mr. Miller moved to approve the Master Teacher Contract and Administration Contracts, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter recused himself from Mrs. Stichter's contract, and the vote was 3-0-1. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the resignation of Zach Whittaker as a teacher and as Varsity Football Coach effective October 14th, 2024, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve Amy Overmyer as the Jr. Sr. High School Math Teacher, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the resignation of June Klotz as an instructional assistant effective December 31st, 2024 and the resignation of Sierra Hart as a high school cafeteria worker effective November 30th, 2024, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Jacqueline Schaetzle as a substitute teacher, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Business

Mr. Stichter moved to approve the second reading and approval of Policy Volume 36, No.1-March 2024, Mr. Miller seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve the 2025-2026 Indiana ESC Food Co-op Member Annual Contract, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve FFA members to attend the National Farm and Machinery Show in Louisville, Kentucky February 13th through the 15th, 2025, Mr. Miller seconded, and it carried 4-0.

Superintendents Report

Continuous Improvement- HAPPY VETERAN'S DAY!!!

Triton's reputation in the Career and Technical Education/Internship arena is solid. The hard work put in by our counselors and administrators to find the best placements, but ultimately our students giving their best and performing when given the opportunity is what has continued to grow Triton's reputation in the area as a solid placement and oftentimes worthy of a placement after high school.

Fall Variety Show was a success - Over 30 students were involved in the November 2nd "Silver Scream" Variety show produced by Mrs. Atkinson. All those in attendance had a good time.

Shared Leadership -During this segment of shared leadership I want to thank and pay tribute to Tony Ross. He was a fan of Triton athletics, but more importantly of Triton Students. He accepted multiple internship opportunities for our students, spoke at CTE Banquets, loved visiting Triton Football and Basketball games and could be heard saying positive things about our students at all times. Thank you Tony Ross for your leadership and promotion of our local schools and ultimately our students. You will be missed.

Thank you to our seniors in each fall sport and extracurricular event. Seniors play an important role to establish a culture of continuous improvement and hard work. This year's seniors have grown up a lot and have done their best to lead well in their sphere of influence.

Social Responsibility - Today, both the Elementary and Jr/Sr High School performed a Veterans Day program. There was a great turnout and the students did a wonderful job of being respectful and sharing their thanks with our Veterans.

Triton FFA made it a point to thank Farmers for their work in our community by taking them lunch during harvest. The many farmers have reached say thank you for thinking of and supporting their efforts.

Accountability- Tom and the business office just completed their most recent audit. I personally want to thank Tom McFarland, Ashley Stayton, Ashley Doll, and Mendy Davis for their conscientious work and care for Triton School Corporation Finances. An audit closing meeting will happen in the coming weeks but Crowe was thankful for our team's organization and prompt reporting.

High Expectations- Congratulations to the Triton Volleyball Team for winning the conference championship and making it to the sectional championship game. Mya Davis, Avery Viers, Sierra Hawley, and Allie Westafer achieved All Conference Recognition. Clara Doll achieved Honorable Mention.

Congratulations to:

- The Spirit of Triton Marching Band on reaching ISSMA Semi-State
- FFA Soils Teams who placed 27th and 46th in the state contest while Colten Large placed 15th as an individual!
- Caden Large qualified for the Varsity CC Regional where he saw some incredibly stiff competition
- Travis Barnhart and Caden Large - 1st Team Academic All State in XC, Rory Heckaman achieved Acad All State Honorable Mention
- Andrea Ford placed 1st overall in the 125lb weight class in the inaugural year of IHSAA Girls Wrestling.

Alignment- October 9th Triton Jr/Sr High School brought in 17 Colleges, 30 businesses, and 2 military branches to meet with our students for what we call "Dream Day". These businesses get the opportunity to interact, share what they do, and try their best to give our students opportunities in their place of employment. This enhances the efficiency and effectiveness for our students knowing their options and hopefully one day leading to the college of their choice or the work placement of their passion.

Manufacturing day took place on Oct 29th where our students were introduced to Faulkner Fabricating, NISCO, and Southwire. These are great connections that align with internship opportunities and possible future job opportunities.

Feed My Starving Children, held at Nappanee Missionary Church, invited over 160 Triton Jr High Students to pack meals. The event exceeded its goal of packing over 1 million meals to be sent to many food insecure countries around the world.

Evidence Based Decision Making- I want to thank Melissa LaShure and our teachers for utilizing the data from the ILEARN checkpoint assessments, to reteach and continue to look for ways to better our students' mastery on assessed skills. I would also like to thank Mr. David Cook and Mrs. Murphy for their work on creating a junior high intervention for ELA. They are working together to continue to grow students capacity and drill down on skill development.

Patrons' Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building Reports

Mr. McKeand gave a brief building report for the high school. Mrs. Cooke gave a brief building report for the elementary.

Other

There were no other comments.

Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:26 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: December 09, 2024

President: *Lee Baird*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Kevin R. Boyer

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Ken White