

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

February 10, 2025

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 February 10, 2025. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Ken Miller

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Cook- 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 #7497-#7589 and #7590-#7634 in the amount of \$627,744.59, payrolls #1 – #3 in the amount of \$737,813.63, and voids/other in the amount of -\$2,600.00 for a grand total of \$1,362,958.22; and to approve the minutes of the finance meeting, reorganization session and regular session held on January 13, 2025. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 4 – 0.

Patrons' Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to accept the resignation of Teresa Watkins as 6th Grade Teacher. Mr. Boyer made a motion to accept the resignation of Cynthia Stichter as a Jr. Sr. High School Math Teacher. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 3 -0-1. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Josh Alcindor and Terrin Meister as 7th grade basketball volunteers. This was followed by a second from Mr. Stichter. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Jason Thompson as the JH Wrestling Supervisor, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Riffle recommended Rachel Watkins as the Jr. Sr. High School PE/Health Teacher, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve, Mr. Stichter seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Jason Arvesen as JH Girls Wrestling Coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Patric Riewoldt as Substitute Teacher, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve concession manager wages, Mr. Stichter seconded and it carried 4-0.

Other Business

Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the second reading and adopt – Policy Volume 36, No.2 September 2024, EDGA UGG Policy-September 2024 & Policy Volume 37, No. 1- November 2024, and to approve the Trafera Quote for 294 Chromebooks.

Superintendent's Report

Continuous Improvement - Committees who are consistently looking for ways to help Triton School Corporation to continue to improve consist of but are not limited to: Building Level Discussion Teams, Corporation Discussion Teams, Leadership Teams, Principal Team, Grade/Department Teams, Emergency Preparedness Teams, Textbook Adoption Teams, SLC Accountability Teams, PK Alliance, Student Assistance Teams, Student Councils, Triton Student Life Foundation, Board of School Trustees, and so many other individuals who make it a point each day or at least monthly to contribute oversight to making Triton, our systems, procedures and decisions fiscally and ethically accountable and continuously seeking to improve.

Superintendent's
Report (Cont.)

Shared Leadership - The Triton Student Life Foundation presents: COMEDY FOR A CAUSE, Starring David Dean!!! Triton Scholars (Triton Elementary Shining Stars, Preview of the Addam's Family) will open for our headliner, the clean and hilarious, David Dean. You are not going to want to miss this night of laughter, all the while continuing to support Triton Scholars and many opportunities that provide them a great experience at Triton School Corporation. Similar to the Triton Gala, all proceeds from the Triton Student Life Foundation go straight back to students, their classrooms, and special recognitions!

Get your tickets, starting tomorrow night at the girls' varsity basketball game. Tickets will also be sold at the Triton Administration Building and The Bourbon Town Clerk's Office. This event will fill up fast, get your tickets for the April 5th event!!!

Social Responsibility - Pop up for a Purpose was advertised through our social media outlets. This is an opportunity to come alongside Sierra Hawley, Clara Doll, and Macy Carson, members of the Kosciusko Youth Leadership Academy. Donations will be accepted through February 17th and all collected items will go on to bless Cardinal Services in Kosciusko County. Items that are being collected: Adult and kids clothing, hygiene items, craft supplies, toys. Hygiene products and undergarments must be in packaging. There are several drop off locations around Kosciusko County but also at both Triton Elementary and Triton Jr/Sr High School.

Accountability - Winter weather is hard to predict, especially when creating a calendar a year in advance. Our corporation's stance on digital learning days has been and remains that day of digital learning is not great instruction, this is why our response to days that need to be made up are to plan a digital learning day on a Saturday, but give student time to complete their assigned tasks for 3-5 days after the assigned day. This is not "Saturday School, but an asynchronous day that will be counted towards the corporation's 180 day requirement. Planning this ahead of time allows for continuation of instruction, gives families the ability to plan ahead, and gives a greater chance our younger students will have the support at home, unlike if it is a day of e-learning where they may not have wifi or family to help guide them through. More information will be forthcoming about possible designated days for asynchronous digital learning. This will be communicated through school messenger email and likely reinforced by classroom teachers with individual, more detailed instructions for your child.

High Expectations - Congratulations to Connor Stetzel on his 3rd place finish at Regional and his bid to the IHSAA Semi State Wrestling meet at East Chicago. Congratulations to Coach Matt Arvesen for the time and effort put into these young men, 5 of which made it to Regional this year!

Alignment - I want to take this portion of our core values to thank the textbook committee, led by Melissa LaShure, for their work on trying to find the best curriculum possible for our students, and going the extra mile to gather data to support a good curriculum and make sure there are not red flags moving forward.

Evidence Based Decision Making - Shortly after our students graduate in June, we will begin work on the Triton Elementary roof. This is not in ill repair, however it has been showing signs of wear and in proactive need of replacement based on the age of the current roof solution and two facility audits that have been done since our board retreat in June where it received the top priority for this summer's work and bond funds. The entire roof will be removed and replaced with a similar system that the high school received a few years back. Instructional areas will be worked on this summer, the remainder of the roof will be completed in the fall if that much time is needed. Timelines for completion of sections 1 and 2 (primary and intermediate wings will be June 1- August 4, while the remainder of the roof (office, gym, cafeteria, music, boiler room) will be scheduled to be completed by Oct 1.

Patrons'
Comments

None.

Building
Reports

Mrs. Cook 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 7:32 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ March 10, 2025

President: *Tom Richards*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

Kevin R. Bays

Wm. M. Smith

Ken Will