

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

**\*\*\* BOARD MINUTES \*\*\***

**Regular Session**

**June 12, 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 June 12, 2023. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Kevin Boyer

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

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 #5481-#5542 and #5550-#5631 in the amount of \$471,942.17, payrolls #10 and #11 in the amount of \$515,174.77, voids & other in the amount of \$0 for a grand total of \$987,116.94; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on May 08, 2023. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 4-0.

Comments

Patrons'  
None.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve the resignation of Heather Sell as the special needs bus aide, the resignation of Wendy Ickes as the 6<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach, and the resignation of Tracie Knisley as the High School Business Teacher, Junior Class Sponsor, Prom Sponsor, and DECA Sponsor. Mr. Miller moved to approve the resignation of Geri Newman as the Corporation Nurse, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Joshua Taylor as a Second Grade Teacher, Tenneil Harms as Jr.-Sr. High School Chemistry Teacher, Kerry Kennedy as Jr. - Sr. School Business Teacher, Kayla Gunnels as an elementary instructional assistant, Kathryn Nelson as an elementary instructional assistant, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Logan Lynd as a part time summer custodian, Kathy Anglemyer as part-time high school custodian, and Alvin Chupp as a crossing guard, Mr. Stichter seconded and it carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Justina Faulkner, Rachel Watkins, Steve Watkins, and Nick Kindig as weight room supervisors as well as Nick Kindig as the Varsity Girls Golf Head Coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded and it carried 4-0. Mr. Rettinger recommended the approval of Kevin Smith as JH Volunteer Baseball Coach, Mr. Miller seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Raquel Tuetle as the Color Guard Instructor, Madolyn Scott as a volunteer color guard staff member, Trynidy Milton as a volunteer band staff member, Karah Nelson as a volunteer band staff member, in addition to Mark and Barb Schwartz as band parent volunteers, Mr. Miller seconded and it carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Ali Rohrer as the instructional assistant special needs bus aide and Brandie Cottrill as a substitute instructional assistant special needs bus aide, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Lisa Hammond and Lana Hostrawser as elementary ACES sponsors, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote was unanimous. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve hourly staff wage increases, Mr. Stichter seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve bus driver wage increases, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Mr. Stichter moved to approve salary employee wage increases, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve directors wage increase, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve administration contract rollovers, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the fall coaching staff, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve effective July 1, administrator and spouse contribution rate for health insurance as \$8,000/single and \$16,000/family. Previously hired employees will be grandfathered at the approved rates. Mr. Rettinger seconded the vote, and it carried 4-0.

#### Business

Mr. Miller moved to approve NIESC RFP for trash service awarded to HIMCO, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve the security firm quote from Sun Control Center, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the Jr. - Sr. high school fundraisers, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Miller motioned to approve Jr. - Sr. high school book rental and fees, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve handbooks for Jr. - Sr. high school, elementary school, volunteers, substitute teachers, administrators, classified employees, athletic department, and transportation department, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

#### Superintendents Report

**Continuous Improvement** – A lot of projects are in the works around campus. More handicap access has been added at the baseball diamond, the pad has been poured for the band tower, both the elementary and high school office renovations are underway, ceiling tiles are being replaced in the trench, and a new cafeteria floor is in the process of being poured this week. The performing arts center will begin to be renovated the last week of June into July in preparation for the beginning of the year.

Summer School is underway. We have 75 elementary students and nearly 20 high school students taking classes to either sharpen their skills or open up room in their schedules as they work toward graduation.

**Shared Leadership** – The maintenance team, under the direction of new maintenance director, Barry Baker, is doing a great job on the deep clean of the buildings and assisting contractors on all of the projects that are currently going on. Our grounds looked really great for graduation and the dry weather is having Brian working hard to keep our playing surfaces well kept.

**Social Responsibility** – The Triton Jr-Sr High School weight room will be open to the public during the designated times. If you have any questions contact Rodney Younis at 574-342-6505 Ext 309.

Summer Weight Room Hours: June 5th - Aug 3rd Monday - Thursday

July 3rd - July 6th Weight Room will be closed  
Available time: 6:00pm - 8:00pm

Please sign in for our records. Enter through Door #9 to get to the weight room.  
15 years or younger must be accompanied by their parent/guardian.

I think it is important to thank those business partners who went above and beyond the call of duty to mentor Triton students who worked alongside them during the school year.

#### **Accountability** - Congratulations:

- Addyson Viers on qualifying for the State Championship in the shot put
- Triton baseball on continuing to improve - defeated Marquette 1-0
- Drew Bingamon - breaking the single season stolen base record
- Triton Softball - reached the sectional championship
- Triton Tennis - Ana Lemler - academic all-state

- Girls Track 4x800 - Rory Heckaman, Macy Carson, Jocelynn Faulkner, and Katie Reichard made it to regionals
- Boys golf placed 2nd in conference 13 shots behind Winamac

**High Expectations** - Congratulations to Ana Lemler - Valedictorian and Brayden Cunningham - Salutatorian

Congratulations to the 2023 graduates for their dedication to completion. They accomplished a record number of dual credits, internships, and had the most students ever involved in CTE classes.

**Alignment** - May 17th physical night was a huge success. A huge THANK YOU to all who made this possible for our students!!! We provided 156 sports physicals in a little over 2 hours. A special thank you to Nurse Newman, Nurse Mulligan, Mrs. Davis, Mrs. Stetzel, Mrs. Lindsey, Mrs. Firestone, Mr. Callahan, and Mrs. Younis, we greatly appreciate your efforts!

**Evidence Based Decision Making** - A lot of time and effort has been put into internships and CTE Classes due to the research that shows that students are more successful when they have the opportunity to apply what they have learned in a skill or work setting:

Congratulations to the so many Triton scholars who received certificates or awards in the CTE Programs: Students include but are not limited to:

- Sean Stinson and Tyler Gladioux - signing work place letters of employment
- Aidan Ford, Kendrick Jones, and Zak Greer have worked hard in their precision machining class at Plymouth this year. They have earned the following certifications: measurement, materials, and safety, CNC lathe operations, NIMS, and CNC mill operations.
- Mitchell Powell graduated from SCILL this evening as he was part of the Auto Program! He was awarded the Top Gun award, the Leadership and Attitude Award, and the Hoosier Old Wheels Scholarship!
- Pierce Brookins, Brady Snyder and Mitchell Powell have worked hard in their Automotive Tech class at SCILL in Knox this year. The young men earned certificates in automobile brakes, maintenance and light repair, suspension and steering. Pierce also earned electrical/electronic systems. Mitchell also earned electrical/electric systems, automatic transmission & transaxle, manual drive train & axles, engine performance and engine repair, and heating/air conditioning.

Patrons' Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building

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

Other

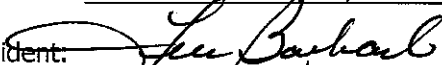
There were no other comments.

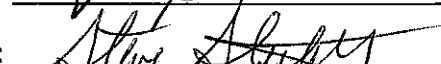
Adjournment

There being no other business to come before the Triton Board of School Trustees, Mrs. Barnhart declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ July 10, 2023

President:  \_\_\_\_\_

Secretary:  \_\_\_\_\_

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