

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

February 12, 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 February 12, 2024. 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. Melissa Lashure; Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media; Collin Dill; Jennifer Snyder; Hannah Snyder; Kalynn Coop; Cheyenne Hawley; Damon Kuntz; Danica Kuntz; Jenna Bules; Elijah Hernandez; Sierra Poff; and Brandon Young.

Pledge of
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #6310-#6313, #6363-#6398 and #6411-#6471 in the amount of \$610,663.85, payrolls #1 – #2 in the amount of \$483,811.29, and voids/other in the amount of -\$483.42 for a grand total of \$1,093,991.72; and to approve the minutes of the finance meeting, reorganization session and regular session held on January 08, 2024. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 4 – 0.

Patrons'
Comments

There were no comments from any patrons.

Personnel

Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to accept the resignation of Kathy Anglemyer as HS evening custodian. Mr. Stichter made a motion to accept the resignation of Susan Shaffer as English teacher at the Jr./Sr. High School. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 4 – 0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Kathy Anglemyer as substitute café worker, custodian, and instructional assistant. This was followed by a second from Mr. Boyer. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Riley Linville as full time HS evening custodian, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Riffle recommended Abby Dreibelbis as an elementary instructional assistant, Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Aaron Haines as a volunteer special purpose bus driver, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Sam Stutzman as an 8th grade girls basketball volunteer coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve Andrew Bass as a volunteer JH wrestling coach and Rick Yarbrough as the 5th Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, Mr. Stichter seconded and it carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter recommended the approval of Mikayala O'Dell as an elementary instructional assistant, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried unanimously. Mr. Boyer recommended the approval of Paul Williams spreading two unpaid days over 4 pay periods, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0.

Other
Business

Mr. Sean McGill of Baker-Tilly made a financial presentation. Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 4-0 to approve the 2024/2025 180 day instructional waiver request. Mr. Boyer made a motion to approve the 2024/2025 Indiana ESC Food Co-op Agreement. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mr. Stichter motioned to approve purchasing 220 Chromebooks from Tafera, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the motion carried 4-0.

Superintendent's
Report

Continuous Improvement - The Triton Student Life Foundation is set to host its first gala on April 6th at the Wooded Knot in Tippecanoe. The purpose of this event is to raise funds for the Triton Student Life Foundation. If you are interested in sponsoring a table or have a silent auction item that you would like to donate, please contact us at 574-342-2255. We are live on Facebook at Triton Student Life Foundation. Currently, we are selling tables and looking for an underwriter for the event, soon we will go live with individual tables for the event. If someone is interested in sponsoring a table for their business or family, please contact Connie Lemler, Kevin Boyer, Dora Bortal, Patti Kitch, or myself for more information.

Thank you to Sean McGill and Baker Tilly for coming tonight to discuss how best to proactively plan for operational needs, and how to accomplish those needs within our current and future bond structure.

Tonight we approved one of the final pieces to the performing arts center by updating the curtain system.

Shortly after the basketball regional, Sweetwater will be installing an updated sound system in the trench and on the football field.

Shared Leadership - Thank you to the town employees in the morning and our evening crossing guards who continue to make it a priority to provide a safe route to school for our students who walk. I also want to thank Roger Terry who helped salt the Triton parking lot a few weeks back when we were experiencing the extremely cold temperatures and ice.

Last week was National School Counselor week, we celebrated our incredible counselors for their dedicated service to our students, school and community.

Social Responsibility - I want to give a huge thank you to Lori and Brent Cooper for their cooperation and help with the vision to host the Triton Student Life Foundation Gala at the Wooded Knot and for their passion to support Triton School Corporation students and staff. They have been incredibly generous ever since sharing the vision of the Gala.

Accountability - Reminder, this Thursday, February 15th, Triton School Corporation will have a delayed start to provide professional development to its staff. The day will begin after a two hour delay.

Also a reminder, Triton School Corporation will be in session on Presidents Day, February 19th to make up for one of the three days that were canceled a couple of weeks ago. This will allow us to miss two more days due to weather without having to add days to the end of the school year. Both of these reminders were sent out via School Messenger today at 1:30pm.

High Expectations - Congratulations to the following students going to State for band & choir!!! Rayna Dickson, Camryn McIntyre, Zoe Gonzales & Arianna Walters for choir and Brady & Alexis Young, Dolan Berkeypile, Emma Tobolski, Darrin & Brendan King and Wesley Reynolds for band

Last week our girls' basketball team represented in the Sectional Championship vs Michigan City Marquette. They played hard and came up just short of victory.

Currently our boys' basketball team is 13-4 and working hard to win the HNAC conference. Only a couple more weeks before Triton will host both the sectional and regional tournaments on campus, this is always a great time to show hospitality, utilize our incredible facilities to host, and provide a great experience for our guest schools and their fans.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

Reminder that ticket sales for the hall of fame end on Friday, Feb 16. Tickets are \$30. Also, if you could, share the reminder through the Triton Corp Facebook. Orion should be sharing it through the athletics Facebook.

Alignment - PATHS - Plymouth, Argos, Triton, Helping Students - Time and effort is being put into hiring staff and preparing for the launch this summer. It is our hope that partnering with three schools will allow for more efficiency, better use of resources, and hopes of providing better service.

Evidence Based Decision Making -We are fortunate to have received three AED's from our partnership with the Lutheran Health Network, to be placed around campus and available for our playing fields or areas of activity. They will be donating one more in the new year giving us great coverage for our campus. I have also purchased Life Vac devices (choking prevention) to be placed in our cafeterias, and nurses' stations. I have made the cafeteria and nurses aware of this tool and they will train front office staff and food service personnel how to use the devices. It is easy and could help save a life.

Patrons' Comments

None.

Building Reports

Mrs. Lashure provided an update 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 7:34 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ March 11, 2024

President: _____

Secretary: _____

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Kevin R. Boyer

Wayne M. Poirier

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