

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801

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

Regular Session

March 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 March 11, 2024. The meeting was live streamed on social media as well.

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

Members Absent: Mrs. Terri Barnhart

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle – Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland – Business Manager; Mr. Nate McKeand – Jr./Sr. High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Cook – Elem. Principal; Mr. Orion Lemler – Triton Social Media; Jacob Pitney; Lucas Kaufman; Madison Poe; Mia Stokes; Jocelynn Faulkner; Kendrick Jones; Kohan Hensley; Ciara Howell; Brandon Young; Adam Haran; Marta Horrillo

Pledge of
Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Consensus
Agenda

Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve accounts payable vouchers #6399-#6410, #6472-#6497 and #6512-#6558 in the amount of \$488,731.79 and payrolls #3 – #4 in the amount of \$507,985.19 for a grand total of \$996,716.98; and to approve the minutes of the regular session held on February 12, 2024, Mr. Rettinger 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 approve Kathryn Nelson and Isaiah Stockman as substitute teachers. Mr. Rettinger made a motion to approve Paula Meredith as a bus driver trainer, Tori Kistler as a full time bus driver, and Kris Berger as a substitute bus driver. Mr. Miller seconded the motion and it carried 4 – 0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve Micah Kistler as a bus garage volunteer which was followed by a second from Mr. Rettinger. The motion carried unanimously. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Kerry Kennedy as the DECA Sponsor, Mr. Stichter seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Riffle recommended Linzi Polk as a part-time corporation nurse, Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve Ashley Wright as a volunteer tennis coach and Joe Soriano as a volunteer junior high/elementary wrestling coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter made a motion to approve spring sports coaches, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Other
Business

Mr. Stichter moved to approve permission to advertise the Annual Performance Report, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Miller made a motion to approve old or surplus items for the FFA Auction. Mr. Stichter seconded the motion, and it carried unanimously. Mr. Miller motioned to approve the All Pro quote for the high school auditorium curtains, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the motion carried 4-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter motioned to approve Hensley Concrete's quote for sidewalks, Mr. Miller seconded, and the motion carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve moving forward on the General Obligation Grant, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

**Superintendent's
Report**

Continuous Improvement - Since we last met there have been a lot of great things happening!

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. We have 139 tickets remaining and have raised nearly \$37,000 to go towards student initiatives such as but not limited to field trips, dream day, Triton Gives Back, academic and CTE awards banquets, classroom project, etc. We are live on Facebook at Triton Student Life Foundation. Individual tickets are now available for this evening. If someone is interested in sponsoring a table for their business or family, which is still available please feel free to contact Connie Lemler, Kevin Boyer, Dora Bortal, Patti Kitch, or myself for more information.

April 22-24th the new curtains will be installed at the High School Performing Arts Center. We are looking forward to putting the final touches on this space. There will be some smaller improvements coming to this space this summer.

Work on the sound updates for the trench, TAC, and football field will begin late March or early April.

Shared Leadership - It takes a lot of people to hold such a well-run sectional and regional basketball tournament. I want to thank Rodney and his team for doing everything they can to provide incredible customer service to the schools that were in attendance. We had a packed house on Saturday evening for the regional. I have heard a lot of compliments about Rodney's communication throughout the week, the hospitality room, the crews that were working supervision, and finally our security response to a couple concerns during the game. I am really excited to see our football team dive into leadership and accountability with the study of the book Flock by Tom Roy. This is sure to be a great study of how to lead well. The book outlines how to lead your tribe, feed your team, and protect your people.

Social Responsibility - Triton continues to see our internship and Career and Technical Education numbers increase. We are getting great feedback from the student placement advisors in regards to our student work ethic, initiative, and soft skills.

Made in Marshall County was held last week, and Triton had 12 students attend. This was another great opportunity for them to meet local employers, hear more about what they offer our community and decide if those might be a good fit for future employment.

I personally want to thank the two very generous individuals who made it possible for students to attend the sectional and regional games free of charge. The students section was definitely high energy and created a wonderful sectional tournament atmosphere.

Accountability - Triton 3rd grade students took IREAD last week. Preliminary scores are trickling in and they will be shared when we are allowed to do so. In the meantime, parents whose son or daughter do not pass will be personally contacted to come up with a plan of action.

High Expectations - Thank you to our winter coaches for their time, effort, and investment into our scholar athletes.

Congratulations to the Jr. High Choir! They did an outstanding job at the ISSMA Organization contest this past Saturday and received a gold rating from the judges. Not only did they get gold, they were also awarded the "With Distinction Award" which I believe is the first time in the history of the school! Any group that receives this award is recognized by the ISSMA community to all the music educators in the state.

Alignment - PATHS - Plymouth, Argos, Triton, Helping Students - Time and effort is being put into hiring staff, building programs, creating a budget, and ensuring our students have the same, if not better services moving forward. I thank Ned Speicher and Mitch Mawhorter for partnering in this journey to service our special needs population.

Superintendent's Report (Cont.)

Evidence Based Decision Making - Kindergarten Registration will be April 9th 4-6pm at Triton Elementary School. This evening is a great way to learn more about our high quality program and it does give us great information as to staffing needs for the following school year.

On April 8, 2024 a large part of the state of Indiana will experience a total solar eclipse. The solar eclipse in the Triton Communities will not be total, but we will experience over a 90% totality. This is a once in a lifetime event!

The solar eclipse will begin around 1:00 p.m. and be at its peak around 3:00 p.m. The eclipse will be over before 5:00 p.m. This is a rare event and a great opportunity for all to learn about a solar eclipse (the moon blocks the sun's light). During the school day on April 8th, we will educate all students on the eclipse and how to protect your eyes when viewing the eclipse. Triton School Corporation has purchased state approved solar safety glasses for eclipse viewing for all students and staff.

Because of the scheduled arrival of the eclipse, Triton School Corporation will have a 2 hour early dismissal at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, April 8, 2024. This will make it possible for all students to be safely home before the eclipse reaches its maximum coverage.

Please remember not to view the eclipse without using the state approved safety glasses to protect your eyes!

If you would like more of the most up to date information regarding the eclipse in Indiana, please visit the state of Indiana's Total Solar Eclipse webpage.

Please enjoy this awesome event safely!

Patrons' Comments

None.

Building Reports

Mrs. Cook 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, Mr. Boyer declared the meeting adjourned at 7:35 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: _____ April 08, 2024

President: Lee Bahamb

Secretary: Steve Stichter

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