

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

Regular Session

October 07, 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 October 07, 2024.

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

Members Absent: Mr. Ken Miller

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

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 #7147–#7184 and #7185–#7241 in the amount of \$521,817.55, payrolls #19 and #20 in the amount of \$510,345.37 for a grand total of \$1,032,162.92; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on September 09, 2024. Mr. Boyer seconded the motion and it carried 4–0.

Patrons' Comments

None

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Stichter moved, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the motion carried unanimously, to approve band volunteers: Jay King, Ted Westafer, Larissa Moore and Brandon Strevy as well as the winter coaching staff. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the resignation of Mark Elliott as Junior High Math Teacher, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the resignation of Kim Kelley as Preschool Teacher and Ralph Berkeypile as Substitute Bus Driver, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Allison Stuart as Preschool Teacher and Brittney Hessler as Preschool Instructional Assistant, Mr. Boyer seconded and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the preschool teacher hourly rate, Mr. Boyer seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Trevor Bolt as a substitute teacher, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Business

Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the 2025 budget, Mr. Stichter seconded, and it carried 4-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve the Appropriation Reduction Resolution, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and the vote carried 4-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the first reading of Policy Volume 36, No. 1 March 2024, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 4-0. Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the FFA trip for State Soils Competition, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 4-0.

Superintendents Report

Continuous Improvement- The Triton Junior Miss Contest was a success. Prizes were given out in the form of scholarship money and our contestants did a wonderful job making their families, school, and community proud. Congratulations to Individual Category Winners:

Artistic Ad - Nadia Stetler

Ticket Sales - Samantha Middaugh

Spirit of Junior Miss - Naida Stetler

Talent - Samantha Middaugh

Self-Expression - Samantha Middaugh

Fitness - Rory Heckaman

Interview - Rory Heckaman

Interview Runner-up - Jazzalen Trusty

Scholastic Achievement - Rory Heckaman

Directors Choice - Samantha Middaugh
First Runner-Up - Samantha Middaugh
2025 Junior Miss of Triton - Rory Heckaman
Junior Mister - Travis Barnhart

The fence along Pansy Court is complete, new railing will begin being installed in the performing arts center, the athletic entry doors are complete, and the fitness center door is now fob access controlled for staff use and community use during designated hours.

The Junior High Girls Track Team won the HNAC title on Saturday. The boys took second. A huge thank you to Nancy Nordmann and Jenny Mevis for their investment in this talented group of runners and for encouraging their continuous improvement.

Triton Tennis had a tremendous year. They advanced to the sectional championship with a convincing win over conference foe, North Judson. They eventually lost in the championship after facing an always tough Culver Academy Squad.

Congratulations to the football and volleyball teams who are coming off good conference wins and continue to be in competition for a conference title and sectional run.

Triton FFA State Soil Contestants: Camron Emencker, Ben Firestone, Colton Large, McKenna Emenaker, Brayden Nifong, Owen Waymouth and Brooke Kitch. The teams placed 4th and 5th overall. Brayden Nifong placed 5th overall as an individual.

Shared Leadership -Two companies, along with Barry Baker, are working on a facilities audit in the coming months. This audit will take a deep dive into our campus facilities to ensure we are able to prioritize items that may need updating or replaced in the coming years. Specific items to be audited include but are not limited: HVAC, HS/Elem Roofs, HS Retaining Wall, Sump Pumps, Sidewalks, building structures, etc.

Social Responsibility - Triton Gives Back took place on September 27th. TGB mobilizes over 920 students and 140 staff members proved to be a valuable time of giving back and helping our community and surrounding communities.

Accountability- I simply want to thank the Triton Students, their parents, and our community for their support at sporting events, extracurricular activities, and of our students in general as they support them in the classroom and the many activities they are involved in.

High Expectations- The Spirit of Triton Marching Band continued their success on Saturday at the ISSMA Contest held at Plymouth HS where they received a gold rating and distinction in effect. They will once again compete next week at the Regional with the goal of making it all the way to the state contest at Lucas Oil Stadium.

Alignment- The first round of Trojan PRIDE T-shirts were handed out on Friday. This is a wonderful time to reward those who show the utmost integrity from the start of the year and have earned the right to wear the first shirts handed out exemplifying their commitment to the positive character traits of Personal Responsibility, Respect, Integrity, Determination and Enthusiasm.

Evidence Based Decision Making- The decision was made, based on the information we have about the damaging effects of Hurricane Helene on North Carolina, The Triton FFA purchased over \$1000 of products to donate to Appalachia during their time of need. Students included Juliana Firestone, Travis Barnhart, Brooke Kitch Gavin Trusty, and Hunter Trusty. A special thanks to Steve Feldman for the use of his truck and trailer/Smith Farm Store for discounted items, and for helpers Jessica Firestone, Austin Weissert, and Erin Trudy for their help.

Patrons' Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building Reports

Mr. McKeand gave a brief building report for the high school. Mrs. Riffle 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 7:31 PM.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: November 11, 2024

President: *Lucy Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

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