

TRITON SCHOOL CORPORATION  
ADMINISTRATION OFFICE  
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BOURBON, IN 46504-1801  
\* \* \* **BOARD MINUTES** \* \* \*

**Regular Session**

**December 09, 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 December 09, 2024.

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

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Mr. Jeremy Riffle–Superintendent; Mr. Tom McFarland–Business Manager; Mr. Orion Lemler-Triton Social Media; Mr. Nate McKeand-High School Principal; Mrs. Christine Cook- Elementary Principal; Jazzalen Trusty; Irem Reichardt; Brant Blackford; Evan Amor; Koresin Smith; Andrew Gould; Andrew Yoho-Yoder; Wesley Reynolds; Courtney Shephard; Lola Irwin; Jacob Hudson; Gabriel Tobolski

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 #7280–#7285 and #7360-#7390 in the amount of \$705,992.24, payrolls #23 and #24 in the amount of \$576,918.54 for a grand total of \$1,282,910.78; and to approve the minutes of the executive and regular sessions held on November 11, 2024. Mr. Rettinger seconded the motion and it carried 5–0.

Patrons' Comments

None

Public Hearing

Mr. Boyer moved to open the public hearing for the Superintendent Contract, Mr. Rettinger seconded and the vote carried 5-0. There were no other comments. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the Superintendent Contract, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger motioned to close the public hearing, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the vote carried 5-0.

Personnel

Following Mr. Riffle's recommendation, Mr. Boyer moved, Mr. Stichter seconded, and the motion carried 4-0-1, to approve Gretchen Rettinger as FFA Volunteer and Activity Bus Driver. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Lisa Hammond and Lana Hostrawser as elementary student council sponsors, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Kim Stetzel as the boys' varsity wrestling supervisor, Jason Groves as the girls' varsity basketball supervisor, and Ashley Doll as the JH boys' basketball supervisor, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Bart Christian as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls' Basketball Coach, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve Lilee Stetzel as Volunteer Cheer Coach, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 5-0. Mr. Miller moved to approve Aimee Blue as an extended year services teacher, Mr. Boyer seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve Robbin Creighbaum as a high school cafeteria worker and Sarah Kauffman as an elementary cafeteria worker, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Rettinger moved to approve the TAG distribution and supplemental stipend; the vote carried unanimously.

Business

Mr. Stichter moved to approve the 2025-2026 School Year Calendar, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 5-0. Mr. Boyer moved to approve providing transportation for Nappanee Missionary Church students to summer camp, Mr. Miller seconded, and the vote carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve purchasing a 14 passenger activity bus from Kerlin Bus Sales, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 5-0. Mr. Stichter moved to approve the tennis court repairs, Mr. Miller seconded, and it carried 5-0. Mr. Riffle mentioned it's currently ongoing to find the most qualified company to complete the repairs. Mr. Miller moved to approve blind quotes, Mr. Rettinger seconded, and it carried 5-0.

Superintendents  
Report

**Continuous Improvement-** A letter from Mrs. Kandace Haines expresses thanks to Mr. Yarbrough and Mr. McKeand for their investment in her and the internship she has completed for her classes in Educational Administration.

This is our inaugural season of Triton Girls Varsity Wrestling where we have 11 young ladies competing. They continue to improve and are really enjoying themselves in this new venture. Thank you Coach Jason Arvesen for being willing to share your expertise with these young ladies.

**Shared Leadership** - Internship spotlights and college commitments have consistently been posted to make people aware of the great opportunities Triton Scholars have taken advantage of. Thank you to our counselor and Kim Stetzel for consistently highlighting these students.

**Social Responsibility** - Thank you to the Triton Elementary Shining Stars that performed at the Bourbon Tree Lighting and also performed Elferrela last week. Thank you to Mrs. Alderfer and her supporting cast for the time and effort put into these nearly 50 scholars who have chosen to be part of this outstanding group of young musicians.

**Accountability-** I was able to share the incredible progress that some of our fourth graders made on the middle of the year reading assessments. This is not by accident and it takes the school and parents working together to reach these benchmarks. I want to thank Mr. Shively's class who excitedly shared this progress but I also want to thank the time and effort put in at home to maximize our students' potential. It truly takes a joint effort to reach school and community goals.

**High Expectations-**

- Congratulations goes out to Mia Davis for making the 1A/2A North All Star Team (Over 60 players tried out and only 14 made the squad) She has signed her national letter of intent to play at Shippensburg University in Pennsylvania!
- Dante' Workman accomplished the same for football while Jayden Overmyer achieved Junior Indiana Football Coaches Association All State Honors as a Junior
- All Hoosier North Athletic Conference Honors: Esaias Lemler, Jayden Overmyer, Dante Workman, Vincent Prater, Colton Reynolds, and Wayne Reichert

**Alignment-** The leadership team met a couple of weeks ago to finalize the priority list for the 2024 Bond. This bond is able to be spent over a three year period and will consist of several preventative maintenance measures, completion of some projects from the last bond, and some more efficiency improvements. The list of items includes but is not limited to: new roof on Triton Elementary, tennis court crack fill and paint, teacher and student devices, new risers for the auditorium, new blinds for both buildings, matching desk and cabinets in the elementary from previous bond, Wifi upgrades, HS Fire Suppression upgrade. Other items will continue to be considered as these punch list items get completed. It is our hope to be fiscally responsible, completing items now but also saving some money back for a rainy day or unexpected costs. Items completed since last meeting include: Elem gym sound for convocations, auditorium railing, and accepted bids on the hardware replacement in the performing arts center (pulley and cord upgrades), wellness room access for all staff as a benefit.

**Evidence Based Decision Making-** Senior Scholarship Bootcamp Day was held last Tuesday where students were given the opportunity to set aside time during the school day to complete applications with the help of our school counselors and Trinity Robinson from the MC Community Foundation. This is year two for this outstanding opportunity and we are happy to say there were a lot of applications completed.

Reminder: The FAFSA meeting originally scheduled for tonight has been postponed, FAFSA Night is now January 13th at 6 PM in the library. If you have questions about the FAFSA in the meantime, please contact Sarrah Arvesen or Ashli Faulkner in our Guidance Department at 574-342-6505.

Patrons' Comments

There were no comment patron comments.

Building Reports

Mr. McKeand gave a brief building report for the high school. Mrs. Cooke 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 7:29 P.M.

Mr. Steve Stichter, Secretary

Approved: January 13, 2025

President: *Leif Barnhart*

Secretary: *Steve Stichter*

*Kevin R. Bogen*

*Wm. M. ...*

*Ken ...*