

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

March 10, 2014
Tippecanoe Valley High School
8345 S State Road 19
Akron, Indiana
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Tim Bradley of the First Baptist Church of Mentone led devotions.

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Murphy and revealed all members present along with Brett Boggs, Superintendent, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary, Brandon Murphy & Anna Higgins, student representatives.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: April 21, 2014, regular meeting, Akron Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; May 12, 2014, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; June 9, 2014 regular meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.

Spotlight on the Valley:

Mr. Kirk Doebrmann introduced the following groups:

- ❖ Student Council provided an update on activities and fundraising efforts
- ❖ Michael Thacker presented an update on bringing Rachel's Challenge to TVHS
- ❖ The Political Science class provided an update on the marketing plan for TVSC
- ❖ Scott Smith recognized Devin Childers for his wrestling accomplishments
- ❖ Abby Schwendeman presented an update on the Special Forces Cheerleading team recently started at TVHS

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of February 10, 2014 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Marie Tutorow, Custodian, TVHS
 - LeeAnn Vick, Custodian, TVHS
 - Kari Thompson, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Courtney Eaton, Bus Driver, TVSC
- ❖ Approved the following extra-curricular assignments:
 - Scott Bibler, Head Football Coach, TVHS
 - Joshua Lozano, Key Club Sponser, TVHS
 - Justin Montel, Boys & Girls Golf Coach, TVMS
 - Paul Deeds, Success Coach, TVMS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Abby Turner, 4th Grade Teacher, Akron Elementary
 - LeAnna Bell, 7th & 8th Grade Cheerleading Coach, TVMS
 - Ashley Hohman, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Caitlin Mersch, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Kimberly Lewis, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - David Hoagland, Bus Driver, TVSC
 - Rachel Stambaugh, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
 - Whitney Jackson, Cook, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved the maternity leave for Karissa Cody, 1st Grade Teacher, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Accepted the retirements of the following personnel:
 - Janet Morgan, 3rd Grade Teacher, Akron Elementary
 - Sally Bales, 2nd Grade Teacher, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Appointed Corporation Physician
- ❖ Accepted donation from K21 Health Foundation in honor of Rosy Jansma

Mark Wise made the motion to approve the above consent items. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Tom Craft made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Items from Visitors: Lisa Paxton inquired as to why Advanced College Project English is no longer offered at the high school. She indicated that the class made a big difference in her child's college career and wanted the same opportunity for her younger child. After a brief discussion, Mr. Doehermann indicated that there is currently a teacher being trained to teach an Advanced Placement English class. The goal is to offer the class for the 2014-2015 school year.

Aimee Hoffman wanted to know if Economics and Government classes will be offered during the summer break. Mr. Doehermann responded that the current plan is to offer a dual credit Political Science class that will provide credits in English, Government and Economics.

Joshua Petgen, a junior at TVHS, inquired about getting a soccer team started. He indicated that there are several students that play soccer before school starts each morning and thought that there was significant interest for a team. Mr. Boggs encouraged him to meet with Mr. Burkhardt and Mr. Doehermann to develop a plan to introduce soccer to TVSC.

Old Business: Mr. Boggs presented for approval an updated mileage reimbursement policy. The updated policy will require employees to submit mileage reimbursement quarterly. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the updated mileage policy and Tom Craft seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

New Business: Mr. Boggs presented the 2014-2015 master calendar for Board approval. He briefly summarized that the calendar includes 180 student days, 185 teacher days, and the elimination of fall break for an emergency make-up day on February 2, 2015. Rod Eaton made a motion to approve the 2014-2015 master calendar as presented. Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs presented for the Board to approve "Sustainable Energy Alternatives" an additional agricultural class to be offered at the high school. Lisa Paxton gave a brief overview of what the Sustainable Energy Alternatives class would cover. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the new class and Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Tony Kuykendall of Performance Services, Inc. made a presentation on the second year of production for the wind turbine. Mr. Kuykendall explained that the turbine has underperformed based on expected production amounts for three reasons: below average wind speeds, turbine availability/downtime, and the expected amounts were too aggressive. He warned that until there are several years to compare, the reasons for the production shortfall will be hard to pinpoint.

Mr. Boggs presented for the Board to approve Tara Beck, a TVHS Senior, to attend an overnight trip to compete in the JAG state competition for financial literacy. Mark Wise made the motion to approve the overnight trip and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs asked the Board to approve the termination of Dave Swanson, TVSC Technology Associate. Tom Craft made the motion to terminate Mr. Swanson's employment and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion passed 5-0.

In closing, Anna Higgins, student representative, provided her opinion on the extended school days at TVSC. Mr. Boggs also noted that there will be a QPR for Suicide Prevention training, specifically for community members, held on March 18, 2014 at 7:00 p.m. at TVMS. He also wanted to announce that the Adult Community Education classes will begin next Tuesday, March 18 and continue until April 24, 2014.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Bryan Murphy, President

Mark Wise, Vice President

Dave O'Brien, Secretary

Rod Eaton, Member

Tom Craft, Member