

## TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

April 21, 2014  
Akron Elementary School  
202 N. Rural St  
Akron, Indiana  
6:30 p.m.

### Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Terry Canfield of the Akron Church of God led devotions.

The meeting was called to order by President Bryan Murphy and revealed all members present along with Brett Boggs, superintendent, Dr. Dan Kramer, assistant superintendent, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary, Brandon Murphy, student representative.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: May 12, 2014, regular meeting, Mentone Elementary, 6:30 p.m.; June 9, 2014 regular meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.; July 14, 2014 regular meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.

#### Spotlight on the Valley:

Mrs. Mills introduced the following groups:

- ❖ Akron Student Council
- ❖ Akron Spell Bowl Team
- ❖ Akron Math Team
- ❖ Akron Spelling Bee Winner & Runner Up
- ❖ American Legion Essay Winners
- ❖ Circle the State with Song
- ❖ IREAD 3 Perfect Scores
- ❖ No Bully Flyers
- ❖ Target Field Trip Grant

Mr. Boggs presented Peggy Walters, Treasurer at Akron Elementary, the TVSC Pillar Award for Outstanding Support Staff. Mr. Boggs presented to Mrs. Walters a framed certificate honoring her as the recipient of this award.

Renea Salyer, YEA Program Manager from the Warsaw/Kosciusko Chamber, presented a status update from the TVHS pilot program of The Young Entrepreneurs Academy. According to Mrs. Salyer, the pilot program was a success this year with 11 student businesses started. The YEA! Class will be holding a graduation ceremony on May 27, 2014 at 6:00pm with the Lieutenant Governor as guest speaker.

The Tippecanoe Valley FFA Chapter presented their multimedia scrapbook of program activities for 2013. The scrapbook presented a chronological slideshow of the FFA's many activities that the Chapter participated in during 2013.

Jim Thompson & Lee Harman of Gibraltar Design presented the Preliminary Facility Assessment of the Akron Elementary School. After the presentation, Todd Glenn and Chrissy Mills provided building tours of Akron Elementary.

#### Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of March 10, 2014 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
  - Keith Lang, Technology Director, TVSC
  - Shelby Claxton, Cook, Akron Elementary
  - Amber New, Cook, Akron Elementary
  - Raymond Jarvis, Technology Intern, TVHS
  - Chris Waters, Cook, TVMS
  - Cory Cooper, Assistant Principal, TVMS
  - Pam Brower, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
  - Brittany Childers, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
  - Mary Estep, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved the following extra-curricular assignments:
  - John Gibson, Biddy Ball, Akron & Mentone Elementary
  - Chad Patrick, Biddy Ball, Akron & Mentone Elementary
  - Sally Ocock, Assistant Tennis Coach, TVHS

- Jeff Shriver, Varsity Assistant Football Coach, TVHS
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
  - Kirk Doehrmann, Principal, TVHS
  - Julia Reece, Cook, TVHS
  - Julia Hayes, Certified Instructional Assistant, TVHS
  - Melissa Howard, Cook, TVHS
  - Linda Hudson, Custodian, Mentone Elementary
  - Joshua Lozano, Science Teacher, TVHS
- ❖ Approved the maternity leave for Rachel Haney, Kindergarten Teacher, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved Sunday afternoon facility usage at Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved Sunday afternoon facility usage at TVHS
- ❖ Approved 2015 TVHS Senior Trip
- ❖ Approved overnight trip to Munciana Operation for the TVHS Volleyball team
- ❖ Approved 2014 Summer School & Summer Camps
- ❖ Tabled 2014-2015 Lunch Prices

After a brief discussion, Mark Wise requested that the approval of the 2014-2015 lunch prices be pulled out for further discussion. Rod Eaton made the motion to approve the above consent items except for the approval of lunch prices. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mark Wise made a motion to table the approval of the 2014-2015 lunch prices. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Items from Visitors: Joshua Petgen, a junior at TVHS, returned with information regarding forming a soccer team at TVHS. He indicated that Mr. Doehrmann wanted to know the financial impact of starting a soccer team. Joshua reported that it would take approximately \$4,784 to start the team which would include the uniforms, equipment and maintaining the field. He also indicated that the IHSAA approved of goals that could be made by TVHS which could potentially save money. After a brief discussion, Mr. Boggs agreed to meet with Josh and Mr. Burkhart to organize a "call-out" meeting and continue the process of starting a soccer team at TVHS.

Chris Morehouse inquired about the results of the Political Science survey. Mrs. Mason indicated that the students have just finished putting the analysis together and she is starting to go through the reports now.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Mr. Boggs presented the following Kosciusko Endowment Youth Services (KEYS) Grants:

- Ryan Adams, Akron Elementary, Chapter books for low level readers, \$471.60
- Lee Ann Rock, Mentone Elementary, Classroom Habitudes book study, \$394.40
- Michelle DeBaets, TVMS, Purchase copies of "Ashfall" by Mike Mullin, \$361.80
- Larry DuBose, TVMS, Purchase liquid nitrogen dewar, \$489.13

Mark Wise made the motion to accept the KEYS grants awarded and Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Mills presented the results from the Spring IREAD 3 results. Akron Elementary had 88% of students pass without exemptions (94% with exemptions) and Mentone Elementary had 80% of students pass without exemptions (95% with exemptions). Mrs. Mills explained the process for the students who did not pass the test which includes intense intervention and summer school.

Each school's administrator presented their School Improvement Plan for the 2014-2015 school year. School Improvement Plans are required to be submitted to the Department of Education by June 1, 2014. Tom Craft made a motion to approve the School Improvement Plans for the 2014-2015 school year and Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously. Mark Wise requested that each administrator provide an update in December 2014 on how the plans are comparing to actual data.

Mrs. Miller, Mr. Backus, and Mr. Hutton presented changes to student and staff handbooks for initial consideration. Final approval of the handbook changes from the Board will be obtained in May.

Mr. Boggs presented for the Board to approve the creation of a new class at TVHS. The class, Health Studies, will combine English 10 with Health & Physical Education. June Yazel & Brittani Bush-Garbers discussed the benefits of combining the classes and incorporating current topics in health and physical activity with reading, writing, and

presentation skills. After the Board heard concerns from parents, a motion was made by Mark Wise to offer the new Health Studies class as presented but also offer stand-alone Health & Physical Education and English 10 classes. The stand-alone classes will be offered to accommodate students who logistically cannot take the combined Health Studies class due to scheduling conflicts. Dave O'Brien seconded the motion. The motion was approved with a vote of 4-1.

In closing, Brandon Murphy, student representative, reported that the High School is getting ready for the senior trip and prom. Mr. Boggs noted that the Burket graduation will be held on May 22nd at 10:00. He also announced that the Building Trades Open House will be held on Sunday, May 18, from 1:00-4:00.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bryan Murphy, President

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Mark Wise, Vice President

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Dave O'Brien, Secretary

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Rod Eaton, Member

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Tom Craft, Member