

TIPPECANOE VALLEY SCHOOL CORPORATION

May 12, 2014
Mentone Elementary School
301 E Jackson Street
Mentone, Indiana
6:30 p.m.

Minutes

Prior to calling the meeting to order, Rod Utter of the Cornerstone 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, Dr. Dan Kramer, assistant superintendent, Jessica McFarland, recording secretary, Anna Higgins, student representative.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: June 9, 2014 regular meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.; June 23, 2014, CPF Workshop, Administration Office, 7:00 p.m.; July 14, 2014 regular meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.; August 11, 2014, Regular Meeting, Administration Office, 6:30 p.m.

Mr. Murphy also announced other upcoming important dates: Building Trades Open House, Sunday, May 18 from 1:00-4:00 p.m.; Graduation at the Burket Educational Center on Thursday, May 22 at 10:00 a.m.; Political Economic Studies Class presentations on May 23 at 7:00 p.m. at TVHS, TVHS Graduation, Sunday June 8, Baccalaureate at 2:00 p.m., Commencement at 2:45 p.m.; Retirement open house for Dr. Kramer on Sunday, June 29, from 2:00-4:00 p.m. at Mentone Elementary School.

Spotlight on the Valley:

Mrs. Miller introduced the following groups:

- ❖ Mentone Student Council
- ❖ Mentone Elementary Office Helpers
- ❖ Journal Gazette Spelling Bee Participants
- ❖ IREAD 3 Perfect Scores
- ❖ No Bully Bulldogs
- ❖ Spell Bowl
- ❖ Math Bowl
- ❖ Mentone Running Club

Mr. Boggs acknowledged the Tippecanoe Valley High School Publications for winning a total of seven awards at the 59th Annual High School Journalism Day at Ball State University on April 15th. Sally Bales and Janet Morgan, 2014 retirees, were recognized for their years of service to Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation. Mr. Boggs acknowledged that TVHS topped area high schools in percentage of senior FAFSA forms filled. According to Mr. Boggs, 86% of TVHS seniors completed the form. Mr. Boggs reported that Tippecanoe Valley High School was recently determined to be among the areas "best high schools" according to U.S. News and World Report. Lastly, Mr. Boggs reported that the Tippecanoe Valley Board of School Trustees was recently honored as an Outstanding School Board by the Indiana School Board Association.

Approval of Consent Agenda:

- ❖ Approval of the minutes of April 21, 2014 regular meeting and executive session
- ❖ Accepted the hiring for the following personnel:
 - Christina Short, Cook, TVHS
 - Maria Baca, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Mason Veach, Technology Associate, TVSC
 - Raymond Jarvis, Summer Technology Assistant, TVSC
 - Devin Madeford, Summer Technology Assistant, TVSC
 - Jonathon Tinkey, Instructional Assistant, TVHS
 - Tori Quillen, Instructional Assistant, Little Vikings Preschool
- ❖ Accepted the resignation of the following personnel:
 - Doug Makula, English Teacher, TVHS
 - Susy Jurado, Cook, Akron Elementary
 - Sarah Moore, Instructional Assistant, Mentone Elementary
 - Ellen Schwendeman, Instructional Assistant, Burket Educational Center
 - Aimee Howard, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Jenea Keaton, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Letitia Leininger, Instructional Assistant, Akron Elementary
 - Connie Simons, Study Hall Supervisor, TVHS
- ❖ Approved the maternity leave for Ashley DuBois, Kindergarten Teacher, Mentone Elementary
- ❖ Approved leave of absence for Kristen Horrell, Instructional Coach, TVMS & TVHS

❖ Approved overnight trip by TVHS Cheerleaders to Purdue University for UCA Cheer Camp

Dave O'Brien made the motion to approve the above consent items. Mark Wise 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: Chris Morehouse inquired about the AP English class being offered at TVHS. Mr. Boggs indicated that Mrs. Mason would give a presentation on the AP class during the Old Business portion of the meeting.

Several community members were on hand to voice concerns regarding the former Tippecanoe Valley Middle School girls' basketball coach. Those concerns led to others voicing opinions regarding school lunches and concerns regarding the special needs for two individual students dealing with medical issues. Questions were asked regarding the policy regarding social media use and texting between players and coaches.

Old Business: During the April Board meeting, each administrator presented revisions to the 2014-2015 staff and student handbooks. Mark Wise wanted clarification on wording in the elementary student handbook. It was determined that commas needed to be added to part 6 of the bullying policy. It should read as follows: A violation of this rule, prohibiting bullying, may result in any appropriate disciplinary action or sanction, including suspension and/or expulsion. Dave O'Brien made a motion to approve the handbooks with the aforementioned change. Mark Wise seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously.

Mrs. Melanie Mason presented the syllabus for the AP English class that will be offered at TVHS for the 2014-2015 school year. This class will be offered as a stand-alone class but AP credits could also be earned by taking the Political Studies class. Mrs. Mason explained what would be covered in the class and her expectations of students participating in the class.

New Business: Mr. Keith Lang, Technology Director, provided a presentation of the new online registration process at TVSC for the 2014-2015 school year. This new feature will allow parents to register their students without coming into the school. The electronic data will update the current student information system, ultimately reducing data entry time and printing costs.

Mrs. Wilks, Director of Special Services, presented the Seclusion and Restraint Plan for initial consideration to the Board. Mrs. Wilks emphasized that restraint should only be used if a student is endangering him or herself or another person. Most importantly, seclusion and restraint should never be used as a form of punishment. The Board was asked to review the plan and approve it in June.

Mr. Boggs presented to the Board for initial consideration a revision to School Board Policy regarding vacation time for full-time, 12 month employees. Because the current policy is difficult to interpret, the new policy simplifies the vacation time awarded to full-time employees. The Board will be asked to approve the revision in June.

Mr. Boggs and the Board recognized Anna Higgins for serving as the High School student representative. She was presented with a card and an engraved Cross pen and pencil set.

In closing, Anna Higgins, student representative, reported that prom was held in Fort Wayne at the Botanical Gardens and was a success. Mr. Boggs also wanted to note that the Rachel's Challenge fundraising efforts seem to have reached the goal and will look forward to that program being brought to TVHS next year.

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