

Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Dave O'Brien and revealed all members present; along with Brett Boggs, Superintendent; Daniel Kramer, Assistant Superintendent; Sherri Adamson, recording secretary; and student representative Stephanie Shriver.

Mr. O'Brien announced the upcoming meetings: February 8, 2010, regular meeting, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, 7:30 p.m. and March 8, 2010, regular meeting, Tippecanoe Valley High School, 7:30 p.m.; April 19, 2010, regular meeting, Akron Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

During Spotlight on Valley, Teacher Micah Lukens reviewed the current Alternative Education Program and recognized students Andrew Wagoner and Cody Miller.

Donna Lehmann, Director of Special Services presented an oversight of the Special Services indicating character education, leadership, and literacy are the focus of the program. Mrs. Lehmann indicated future options for the Adult Education Program are being discussed.

Mr. Boggs highlighted the following achievements:

- ❖ *Increase in graduation rate for the past three (3) years at Tippecanoe Valley High School. The Graduation Rate for 2008-09 is 75.4%*
- ❖ *Implementation of the Automated Emergency Notification System for all parents of Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation students*
- ❖ *Opportunities for Health and Fitness at Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation facilities.*

Hal Hoffman made a motion to approve the consent agenda as follows: approved the minutes of the December 14, 2009, regular meeting and executive session; approved the following personnel: Nyssa Gore, Grade 6 Math, TVMS (half time) and Dusti Netherton, Program for English Language Learners, Akron; approved the following extra curricular assignments; Rachel Haney, Grade 8 Girls' Basketball Assistant and Blaine Hartzler, Grade 7 Girls' Basketball Assistant, TVMS; accepted a donation from Grossnickle Eye Care Center; and approved the appointment of James Mitterling to Akron Carnegie Public Library Board. Bryan Murphy seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed claims and payroll and asked for approval. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the claims and payroll, as presented. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. Being no further discussion, motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Paula Spolski and Tiffani Adams, parents of Tippecanoe Valley High School students, addressed the Board with Core 40 issues. Understanding, some of the mandates are driven by the Indiana Department of Education, the parents have been receiving inconsistent communication from the high school regarding pre requisites for Geometry and the consequences of lower than a "C" grade for Algebra 1. Mr. Boggs will have the guidance department at the high school contact the parents to address their concern.

In old business, Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve the new School Board Policy – Registered Sex Offenders. Mr. Wise seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The Board discussed the 2010-2011 School Calendar as presented. The Board asked Mr. Boggs to return to the teachers and address the following areas that were of importance to the Board:

- ❖ *Beginning school on August 20th*
- ❖ *Ending the first semester prior to Christmas Break*
- ❖ *Ending the school year prior to Memorial Day*
- ❖ *Eliminating Fall Break*
- ❖ *Scheduling of eight (8) days at Christmas break*

Mr. Murphy made a motion to appoint the current president and secretary, Dave O'Brien and Mark Wise, as Board of Finance for 2010. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wise made a motion to enter the 2009 Register of Investments in the School Board minutes. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the Resolution to Transfer Appropriations. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs spoke to the Board about the recent State Tuition Support Funding Reduction for 2010. Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation will see a decrease in state revenue of nearly \$600,000 in 2010 as compared to the estimates that were utilized when building the 2010 Budget. Although, Tippecanoe Valley School Corporation has been fiscally responsible for the past several years, with a 120 student decline over several years, reductions in staff will be assessed through attrition.

Mr. Murphy made a motion to approve an out-of-state conference request for several of the football coaches to Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried 3-2 (Opposed: Mark Wise and Hal Hoffman)

Student Representative Stephanie Shriver reminded the Board of the Donkey Basketball game to be held this Thursday at the high school.

There being no other business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

Dave O'Brien, President

Hal Hoffman, Vice President

Mark Wise, Secretary

Rod Eaton, Board Member

Bryan Murphy, Board Member

