

**Minutes**

Prior to calling the meeting to order, devotions were given by Bryan Murphy. All members were present, along with Brett Boggs, Superintendent; Dr. Daniel Kramer, Assistant Superintendent; Sherri Adamson, recording secretary; Stacie Hoffman and Susie Contreras, Student Representatives.

Mr. Murphy announced the upcoming meetings: February 9, 2009, regular meeting, Tippecanoe Valley Middle School, 7:30 p.m.; March 9, 2009, regular meeting, Tippecanoe Valley High School, 7:30 p.m.; April 20, 2009, regular meeting, Akron Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Mr. Murphy read the consent agenda. Mark Wise made a motion to approve the remainder of the consent agenda as follows: approved minutes of December 8, 2008, regular meeting and executive session; approved hiring the following: Chad Lewis, Maintenance, full time at \$10.00 (ten dollars) per hour for 40 hours a week; Matt Loober, part time custodian, TVMS; and Tracy Murphy, Instructional Assistant, Akron; accepted the resignation of the following: Cheryl Meyers, Director of Special Services; Renee Parker, Special Education Pre School Teacher; and Jack Shambaugh, Tennis Coach, TVHS; approved out-of-state conference request for Ben Rogers and Darren Parker to Madison, Wisconsin; and approve the appointment of Jill Runkle to Akron Carnegie Public Library Board. Rod Eaton seconded the motion. 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. Hal Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Boggs reviewed the Financial Report for the Board.

Being no items from the visitors, Angie Miller, Curriculum Director, and Lora Harp, TVSC Testing Coordinator, present Fall ISTEP results to the Board, along with timeline for spring testing, highlighting the following:

- ❖ Language Arts scores have made gains reflecting curriculum efforts to improve scores.
- ❖ Viking PASS Program, at the middle school, has contributed to improvements for student accountability of progress.
- ❖ Math – teachers are supplementing specific areas such as problem solving and number sense. Those areas will also be addressed during new curriculum adoption.
- ❖ High achievers are showing increases in test scores indicating those students are being challenged to exceed.
- ❖ Science format of test differs greatly from other portions resulting in low scores. Science teachers will re-format their test to resemble format of ISTEP questioning. Also, science teachers are building accelerated classes at the middle school to build higher level class enrollment in science at the high school.

Mr. Wise made a motion to appoint President Bryan Murphy and Secretary Dave O'Brien to the Board of Finance, President and Secretary, respectfully. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

The 2008 Investment Register was presented to be placed in the Board minutes per statute.

Mr. Hoffman made a motion to approve Transfer of Year-End Appropriations. Mr. Eaton seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Wise made a motion to award the Guaranteed Energy Savings Contract at Burket to A. Hattersley and Sons. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eaton approved the request to purchase school buses for 2010. Two buses will be purchased. A 2010 Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 model 72-passenger conventional school bus for \$74,121.00 (seventy-four thousand one hundred and twenty-one dollars) and a 2010 Thomas Saf-T-Liner C2 model 45-passenger school bus with rear entry and lift for \$85,402.00 (eighty-five thousand four hundred and two dollars) will be purchased from the lower bidder, Kerlin Bus Sales, Silver Lake, Indiana. The other two bidders were Cardinal Bus Sales and Midwest Transit Equipment. Trade-ins were valued at \$3500.00 (three thousand five hundred dollars) each. On-line auction services will be utilized in attempt to obtain a higher value than trade in. Mr. O'Brien seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Kirk Doehrmann, TVHS Principal; Dan Franklin, TVHS Vocational Teacher; and Bill Kovach, Area Vocational Education Director, reported to the Board their progress to utilize the printing program at the high school. The committee has met with local business individuals to investigate industry standards and potential funding/purchase of used equipment. The program would be part of the Area Vocational program allowing attendance from other school districts in the Area Vocational District along with funding from the state vocational program funds and the possibility of the Perkins Grant through the Area Vocational District. Plans are to open the program during the 2009-2010 school year. The program will have the capacity to accommodate up to 18 students.

In other new business, Mr. Wise made a motion to hire Lyndi Lancaster, Cafeteria Supervisor, and Scott Secrist, Instructional Assistant, Akron. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Mr. Eaton made a motion to approve the request for AAU Basketball (Non-school function) to have the use of the middle school facilities for a Sunday activity. Mr. Hoffman seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Susie Contreras, Student Representative, reported activities of the Peer Facilitators and Spanish Club at the high school.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

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Bryan Murphy, President

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Rod Eaton, Vice President

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Dave O'Brien, Secretary

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Hal Hoffman, Member

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Mark Wise, Member